February 26, 2023 *Lent 1*

PRELUDE AND CHOIR ANTHEM

WELCOME



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land.

Confession and Imposition of Ashes

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,

we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others,

we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,

we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,

we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,

we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm,

we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the movement of Jesus in our lives, negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love and grace,

we confess to you, O God.

Restore us, O God, restore our relationships with you, with our neighbours and with creation, and renew a right spirit within us. **Amen**

Most High God, you created life out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a reminder of mortality, humanity, and humility. It is not for length of days that Jesus came and taught and died, but for wholeness and fullness and abundance of life. May the receiving of these ashes remind us again of what wholeness, fullness and abundance really is. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

You are invited to come forward, forming two lines up the centre aisle, to receive the ashes. As the forehead of each person is marked with a cross of ashes, the minister says:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Hymn During Imposition of Ashes

Just Ĩ am. with - out one plea, but that thy blood was as 1 Just Ι though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, 2 am, as Ι thou wilt 3 Just as am, re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don, Just as Ι am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry 4 for bidd'st me shed me. and that thou come to thee. man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, cleanse, re - lieve; cause prom - ise Ι be - lieve, be thy bar - rier down; yea, a - lone. now to be thine, thine 0 Lamb of God, I Ι come, come. Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Just As I Am, without One Plea

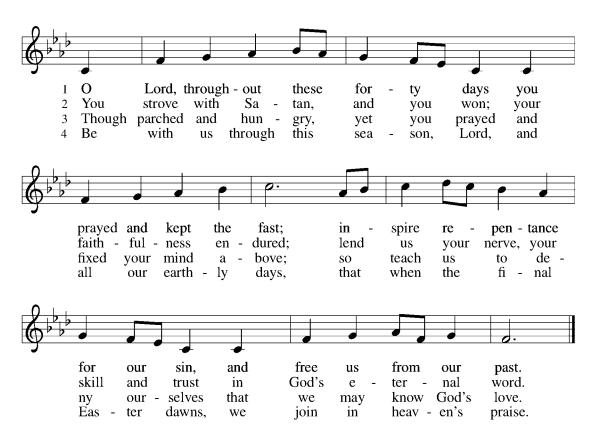
After those who desire ashes have received them, all stand. The service continues with the Dialogue:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of your Son, our Saviour, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG O LORD, THROUGHT THESE FORTY DAYS... RED 319



Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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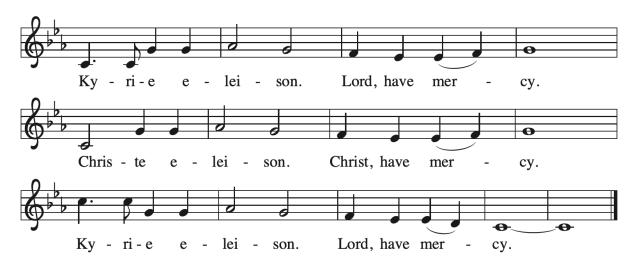
GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32 (Spoken responsively by whole verse with sung refrain)



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¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! ²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. R



⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye. R

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

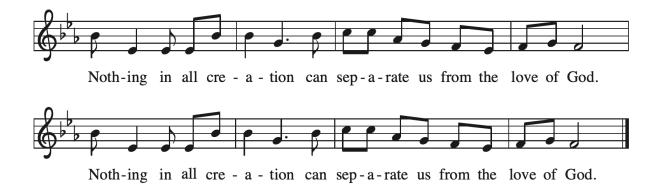
¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY



When We Are Tested

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labour. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Ross and Karen and their family, Christa and Ken, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those we remember in our hearts (*silence...*) Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You offer abundance to all. Bless our ministries of hospitality. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially ushers and greeters, and coffee hour hosts. And we pray today for Joan Hicks as she marks her baptismal anniversary this week, that she would be upheld in the gifts and promises of her baptism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all! And also with you.

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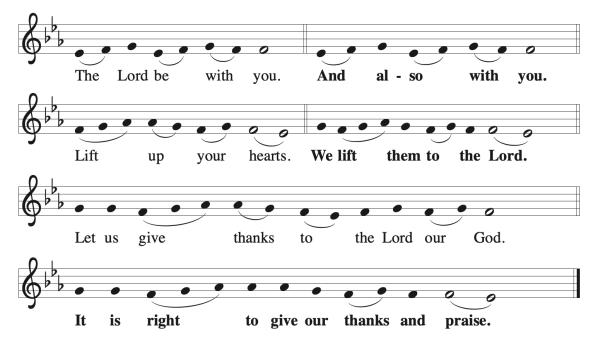
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

...and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our rock and our water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

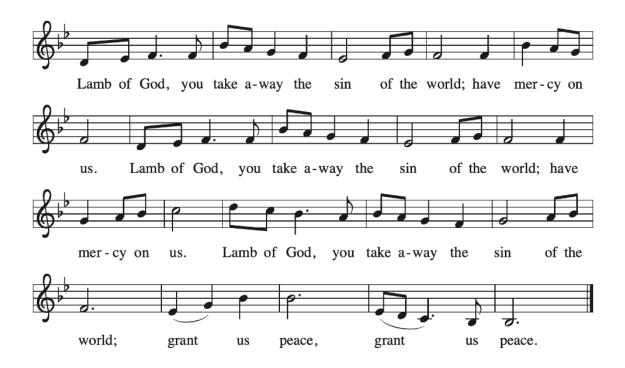
We break this bread, Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness! Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS



Take, Oh Take Me As I Am

Red 814

Blue 175

Forty Days and Forty Nights

When Peace Like a River

Red 785

BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1. Lord, let your servant go in peace; your promises have been fulfilled; your saving power has been displayed before the face of all the world.

2. My eyes have seen salvation's dawn; the Sun of life ascending bright; your people's glory evermore, the nations' everlasting light.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the God of life be ours. The blessing of the loving Christ be ours. The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours, To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

SENDING SONG GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT... BLUE 565

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE