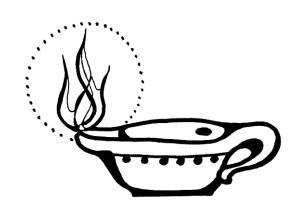
## **February 5, 2023**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### 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.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen**.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We praise you for the waters of life: for the streams and oceans, lakes and estuaries, and for the rain and snow that gives life to every living thing.

From the waters above and the waters below, you made sacred our bond with water. Through the waters of the flood and the parting of the seas, you showed your promises to be true.

In the waters of baptism, you claimed us and called each of us by our true name. Through baptism into the body of Christ, you transformed our lives and made us whole.

Send now your Spirit to move in our midst and immerse us with your gifts of mercy, love, and grace.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen** 

#### **GATHERING SONG** YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH BLUE 502

#### **GREETING**

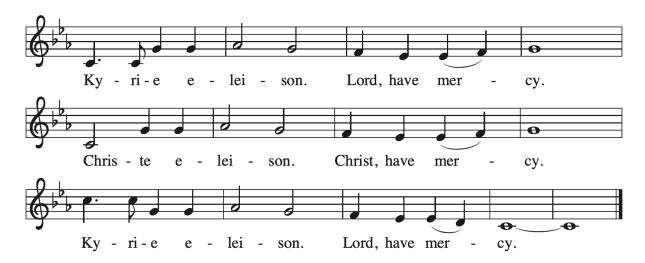
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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**



### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



### 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 for ever. **Amen** 

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice.

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

# "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say,

Here I am.

<sup>9b</sup>When you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>when you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10** 



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- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who I fear the LORD and have great delight in I God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
- <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house, and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.
- <sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. R
- <sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup>For they will nev- | er be shaken;

# the righteous will be kept in everlast- ing remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,** until they see their desire up- on their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;

they will hold up their I head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;

the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

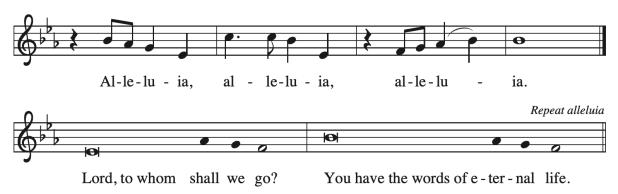
<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's

except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of

these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

#### **HOMILY**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Loose the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Bring healing to those afflicted in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Deacon Chris, Anna-Lissa, Ross, Karen and their family, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those we remember before you in our hearts... Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbours. Merciful God,

## receive our prayer.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all the saints whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.** 

### **PEACE**

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

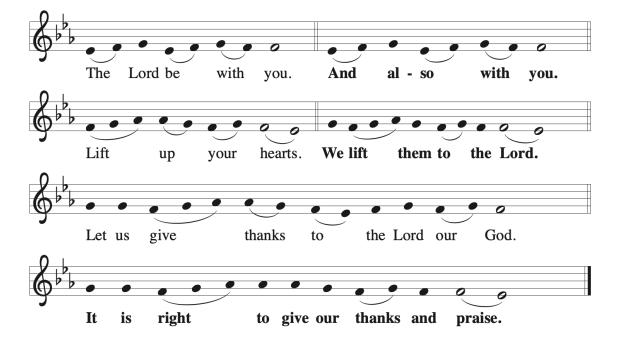
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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray:
Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Saviour,
Amen.

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



### **PREFACE**

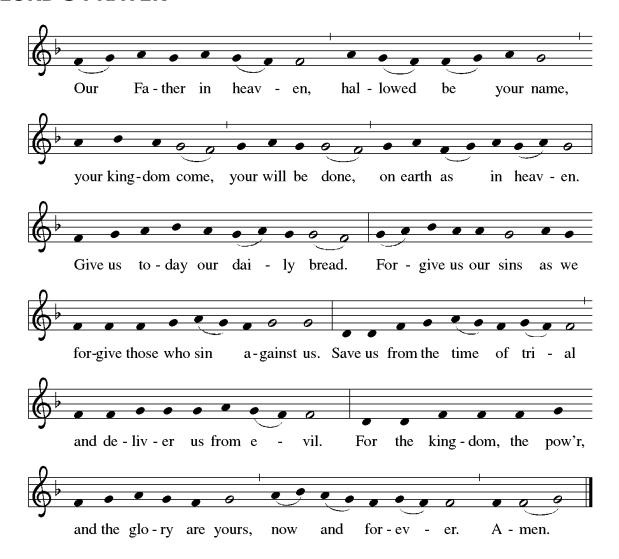
... and join in their unending hymn:

# **SANCTUS**



# **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

# **LORD'S PRAYER**



### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

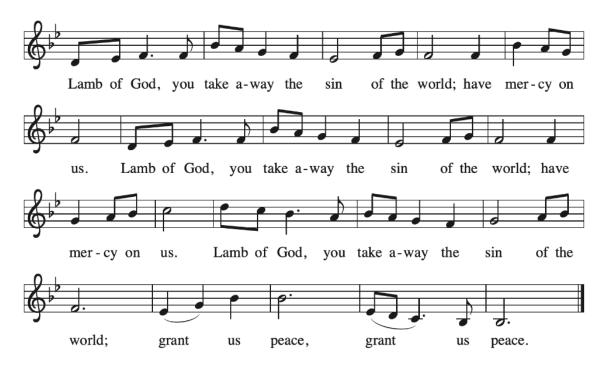
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

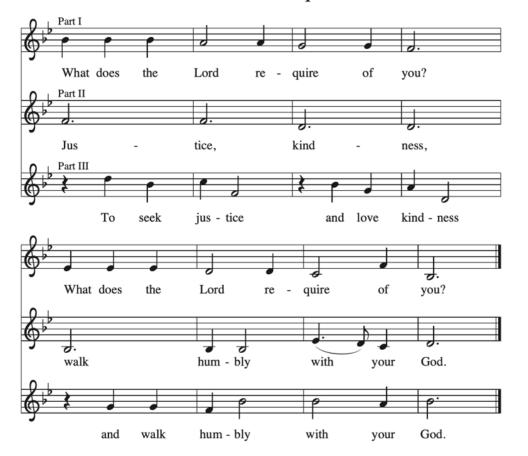
Come and taste the joy of God!

Thanks be to God!

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**



# What Does the Lord Require of You?



## Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

**Blue 500** 

# Where Cross the Crowed Ways of Life

**Blue 592** 

### **BLESSING**

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

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen** 

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**RED 206** 

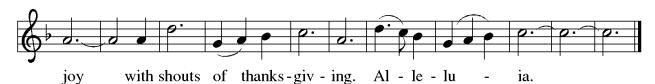


Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.





### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BENEDICTION**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod 

→ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

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** 

O GOD OF LIGHT

**RED 507** 



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

### Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**