

January 29, 2023

Reconciling In Christ Sunday

**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

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving Creator, you knit us together and created our innermost beings. You created us loved, worthy, and unique. You created us male and female, binary and non-binary, 2SLGBTQIA+, BIPOC, neurodiverse, physically diverse, culturally diverse and ethnically diverse. Help us to find our wholeness in you and live into our divinely inspired purpose. Guide us to unfold your story of love, for we worship as we live in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1- 4, 6-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against the people Israel.

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with the people,
and will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam."

⁶ **"With what shall I come before the LORD,**

and bow myself before God on high?

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?**

⁷ **Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?**

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"**

⁸ God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15



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(bold print = ambo side)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart; R**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor
those who | fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not
take | back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY – BELLA HARRIS

HYMN OF THE DAY

LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE

BLUE 575

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence...

We pray for our pastors, priests, deacons, bishops, and church leaders, that they may lead us to be a loving and welcoming community in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for ReconcilingWorks and all our Reconciling in Christ partners throughout North America, that the whole church may someday be a refuge for all of our 2SLGBTQIA+ siblings. Merciful God, **send wholeness to our church.**

We pray for change; for the dismantling of systems rooted in oppression and discrimination. Make us bold in our proclamation that the lives, loves, and gifts of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Aromantic, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Incarcerated, Disabled, and Migrant people matter to you, and so they matter to all of us. Teach us to see and celebrate the stunning beauty in all you have made. Merciful God, **send wholeness to your people.**

We pray for the sustainability of our Earthly home. Guide us to care for creation, be mindful of waste, carbon emissions, and the impact of these sins on poor and marginalized communities. Merciful God, **send wholeness to our Earth.**

We pray for our siblings all around the world. We pray that governments enact laws that protect and defend the poor, marginalized, and persecuted. We pray that your hand of justice intercedes for us. Merciful God, **send wholeness to the nations.**

We pray for those that have chaos swirling in and around them. We pray for those that have been told they are "less than", or "wrong", or "an outcast" for who they are. We pray that all of us find our true peace and wholeness in you. We pray for those that are victims of violence at the hands of

homophobia, transphobia, racism, and ableism. And we pray for those who desire our prayers for wholeness in their lives: Deacon Chris, Anna-Lissa, Dale, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those we remember before you in our hearts... (*brief silence...*) And we pray today for Orland Green as he mourns the death of his sister Darlene. May all her family and friends who mourn her passing find peace and consolation in you. Merciful God, **send wholeness to your children.**

We pray that our faith community of All Saints and its ministries uplift and care for all your diverse created beings. We pray for those of our church marking their baptismal anniversaries this week, that they would be especially mindful this week of their call to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for peace and justice in all the earth: Ann Sanders, Elaine Maguire, Pastor Brian, Anna-Liisa Dean, Laura B. Mann, Deb Edwards, Adriana Ronconi, and Emma Wolfram. Merciful God, **send wholeness to us.**

We pray for 2SLGBTQIA+ saints, all those have gone before us in the fight for justice, freedom, and peace. Those that have boldly stood as themselves, showing the substance you created even when the world told them to hide. Merciful God, **receive our saints in peace.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

WE ARE ALL ONE IN MISSION

RED 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of all creation, you have given us life, love, compassion and hope. We offer the gifts of our very beings to your holy calling. Strengthen us through these gifts to be the arms of mercy and justice for the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

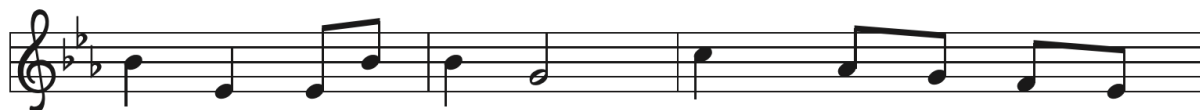
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and
praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for you sent your child to be the light and life for the world,
through him you showed us how to love and be loved, how
to enact justice and pray for peace.

And so, with the glorious company of the saints, with earth
and sea and stars, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts
of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, just, and merciful God. In the intersection of the waters above and the waters below, you created life out of the void.

We thank you for the gift of creation.

Through Miriam and Moses, you lead your people from oppression into liberation.

We thank you for your gift of liberation.

You sent the prophets to warn to love not hate, and guide us to your faithfulness in your promises.

We thank you for your promise to love.

In the intersection of the divine and humanity, you made us whole through Jesus Christ.

We thank you for the gift of Christ.

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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this holy sustenance we are made new creatures in the covenant of your son, Jesus Christ. Together we remember his life, death, and resurrection in this meal and await a new and unending life in you.

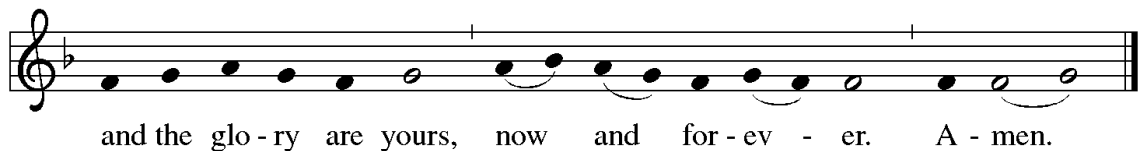
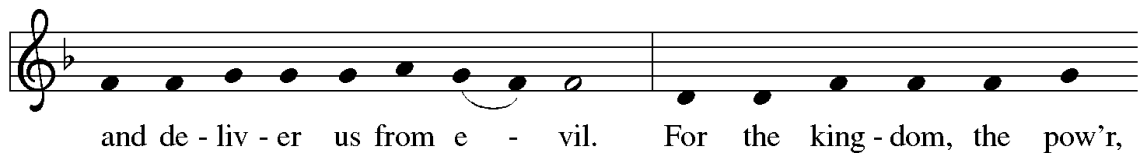
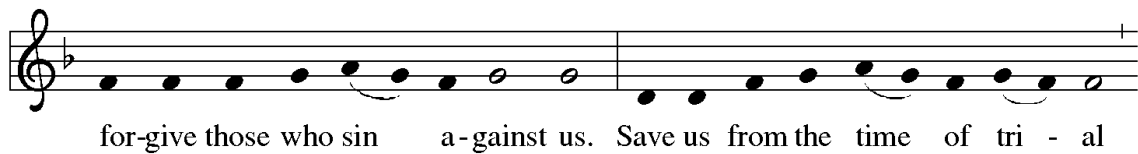
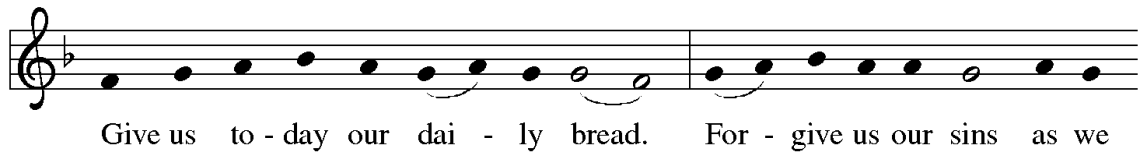
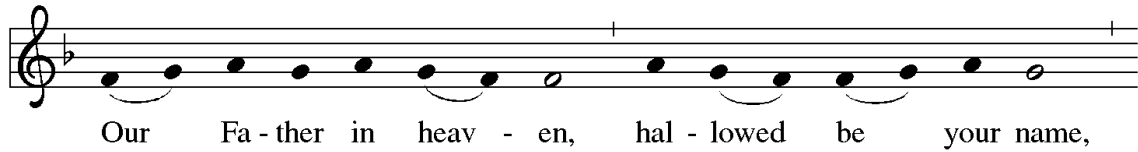
Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Spirit to this place, to this meal, and to your church. May her life-giving wisdom be upon us now renewed and nourished in your holy promises to be creators of justice, wholeness, and freedom.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With the birds of the air and fish in the sea, with the flora and fauna, with saints of all time and space, we praise you always, O God, blessed Trinity, to the very end of the age. **Amen.**

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 you who are weak and weary.

Come you who are persecuted and abandoned.

Come you who are cast to the margins.

Come you who search for love and wholeness.

Come you are 2SLGBTQIA+ and an ally.

Come as you are for yours in the kin-dom of God.

These are the gifts of God given for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

What Does the Lord Require

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Blue 439

When God Restored Our Common Life

Blue 583

BLESSING

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
We give thanks to you, God of mercy and love. We thank you for the nourishment that sustains our living spirits. We ask that you guide us and bless us on our journey to strive for peace, justice, and wholeness for all, for we pray in the sacred name of Jesus our Redeemer. **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.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the God of creation bless you and claim you.
May the Saviour give you peace and wholeness.
And may Spirit guide you and lead you to mercy + and
justice. **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 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE
RED 729**

DISMISSAL

Go now in wholeness to love and deliver the justice of God.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE