

March 12, 2023

Lent 3

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.



GATHERING SONG

GLORIOUS THINGS...

RED 647

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always.

Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The

LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse with sung refrain*)



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

(non-bold print = choir side)

(bold print = ambo side)

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. R**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's
pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

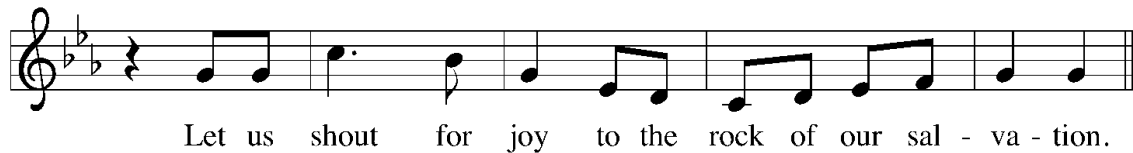
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

⁸**Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do
not | know my ways.'**

¹¹Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" **R**



SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband";¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.'²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?'²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps."³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did

not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.'⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

(Tune: Kingsfold)

1. When Jesus sat by Jacob's well
About the noon of day,
A woman came, water to draw;
She stooped, heard Jesus say,
"Give me a drink." She turned and said,
"Why should I talk to you?
Samaritan I'm birthed and bred,
But you were born a Jew."
2. Jesus replied, "I say to you,
Know you to whom you speak?
If you but asked, I could provide
Living water you seek.
You will not find it in this well
Whose water lies so deep.
But it can quench your soul's great thirst
And it is yours to keep."

3. She said to Jesus, "How may I
Find living water, tell,
So every day I do not have
To draw from this deep well."
He told her, "Water from a well
Can none alone sustain,
For with that drink, you can be sure
That you will thirst again.

4. But living water for the soul
Is an unceasing spring
That gushes upward from within
Eternal life to bring."
She said, "I wait for the Messiah
Who will make all know to me."
Jesus responded, "Woman, know
This truth: that I am he."

- Text: Nigel Bunce

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians
and inter-faith dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational
and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for
the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the
depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe
and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls
that separate us from our international neighbours. Form us into
your beloved community where diversity of gender, race,

language, sexuality, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness, giving them your living water always. We pray especially for: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Ross and Karen and their family, Christa and Ken, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation, especially those marking their baptismal anniversaries this week: Jette Thomas, Madden Ronconi, and Brooke Coleman. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared 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.

Confession

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.

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!

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY SEED THAT IN EARTH IS DYING RED 330

- 1 Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness, life in our night and death.
- 2 We were baptized in Jesus, into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise: praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here
where you yourself are near us, deep in our night and death.
- 3 Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table, give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.

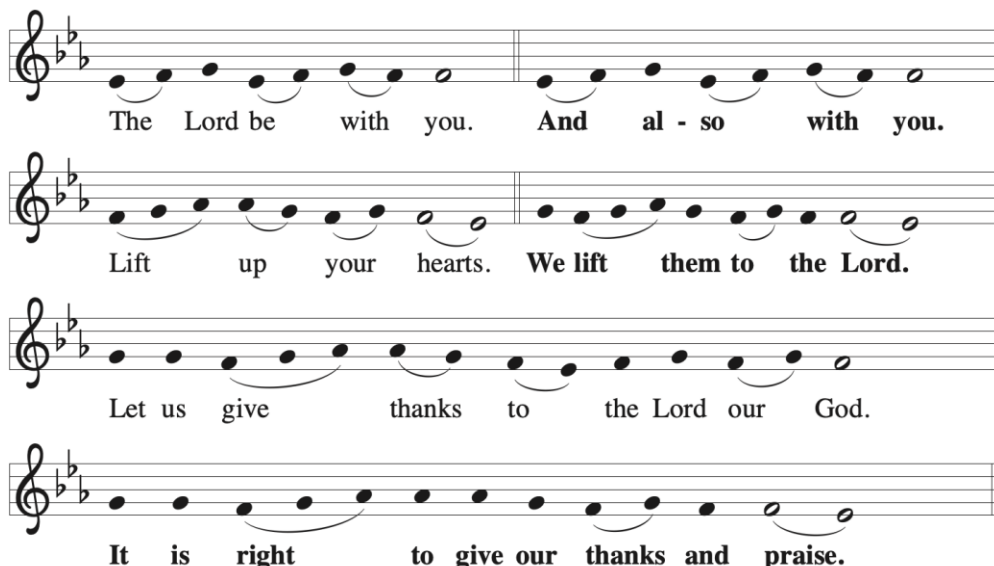
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

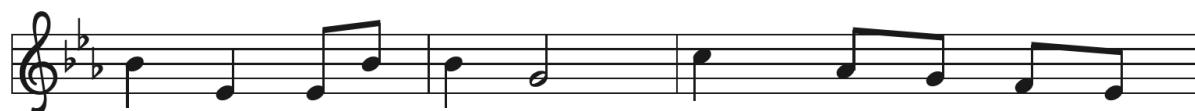
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

... 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 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



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.

Take, Oh Take Me As I Am

Red 814

O Christ Was a Good Guest

Blue 58

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Blue 63

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

BLUE 266

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

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
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 SURELY GOD IS MY SALVATION



1 Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion,
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry,



I will trust and shall not fear. God the Lord is
from sal - va - tion's wells and springs. Sing your thanks to
make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the



strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.

Refrain



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE