

**March 19, 2023**

*Lent 4*

**PRELUDE**

**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 Praise the One Who Breaks the  
Darkness Red 843**

**GREETING**

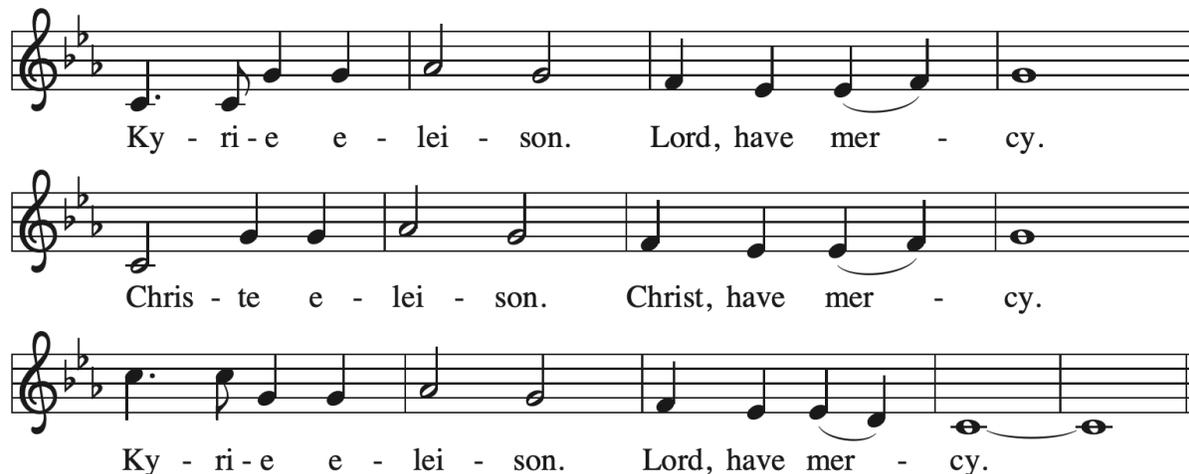
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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.

Bend your ear to our prayers, O Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said,

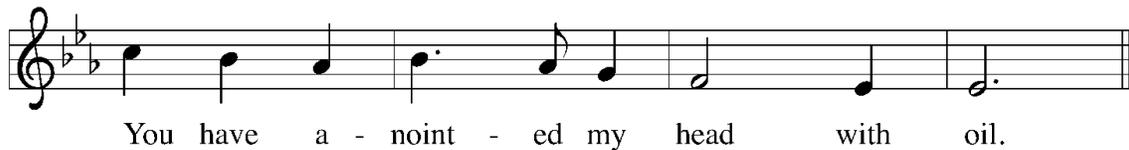
"Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 23** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse with sung refrain*)



(*non-bold print = choir side*)

(**bold print = ambo side**)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. R**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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.



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## GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He

kept saying, 'I am the man.'<sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?'<sup>11</sup> He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.'<sup>12</sup> They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.'<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

<sup>18</sup> The Judeans did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.'<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Judeans; for the Judeans had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.'<sup>25</sup> He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'<sup>26</sup> They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' <sup>27</sup> He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do

not know where he comes from.' <sup>30</sup>The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' <sup>34</sup>They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' <sup>36</sup>He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' <sup>38</sup>He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

The gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    He Come to Us As One Unknown**  
**Red 737**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We pray today especially for our sister Klare Purfurst as she marks her baptismal anniversary this week, that she would be uplifted and sustained by her baptismal promises. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

By your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

All power, political and otherwise, come from you. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials throughout the world. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. 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 before you in our hearts (*silence...*). We pray too for Ron Armstrong and all who mourn the passing of his wife, Jane Anne. Grant them peace and consolation through this difficult time. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbours. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us.  
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.

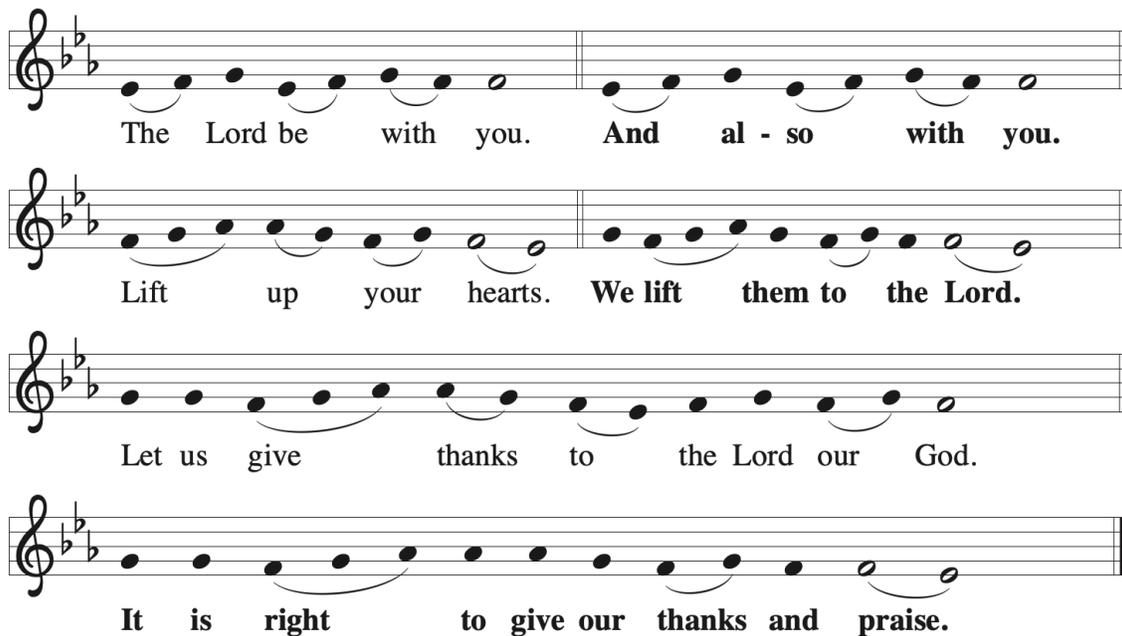
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

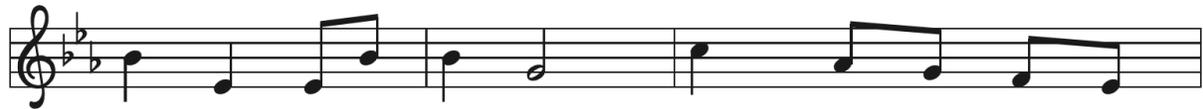
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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***

***Come My Way, My Truth, My Life***

***Blue 569***

***Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up***

***Blue 543***

## **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    Tell Out, My Soul**

**Blue 362**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**