

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

*Lent 2*

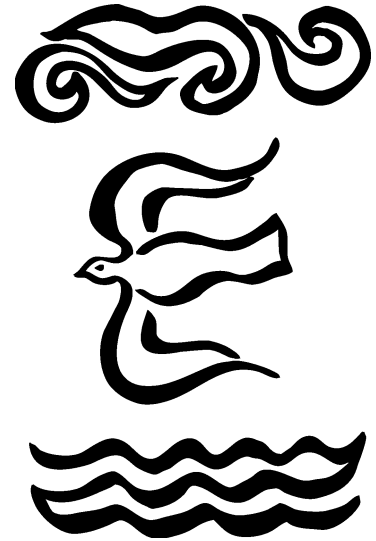
**PRELUDE AND CHOIR ANTHEM**

**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** (next page)



## Womb of Life and Source of Being



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less  
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond  
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our  
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have  
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing  
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we  
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er  
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man  
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the  
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing  
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en  
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of  
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

## GREETING

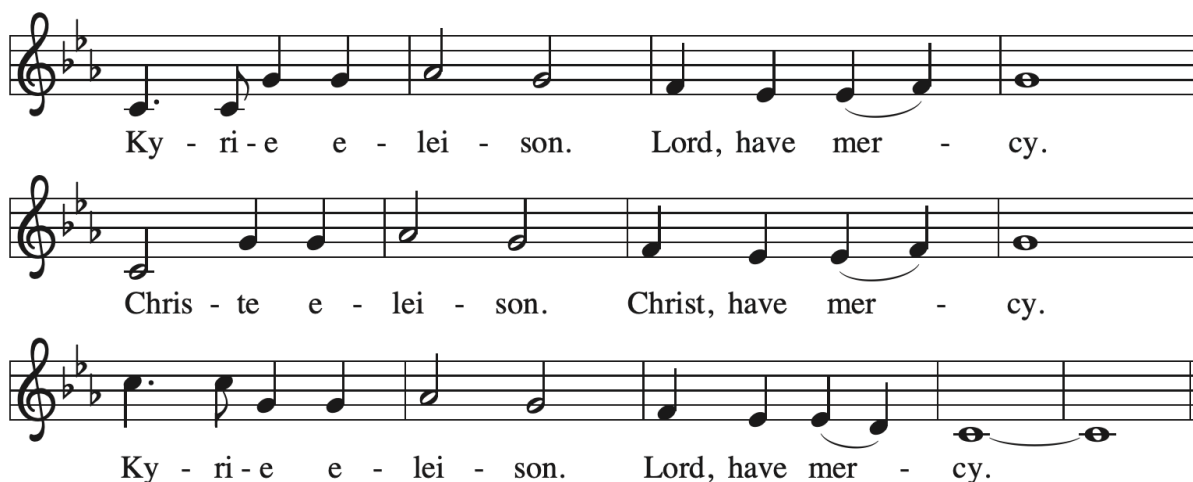
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

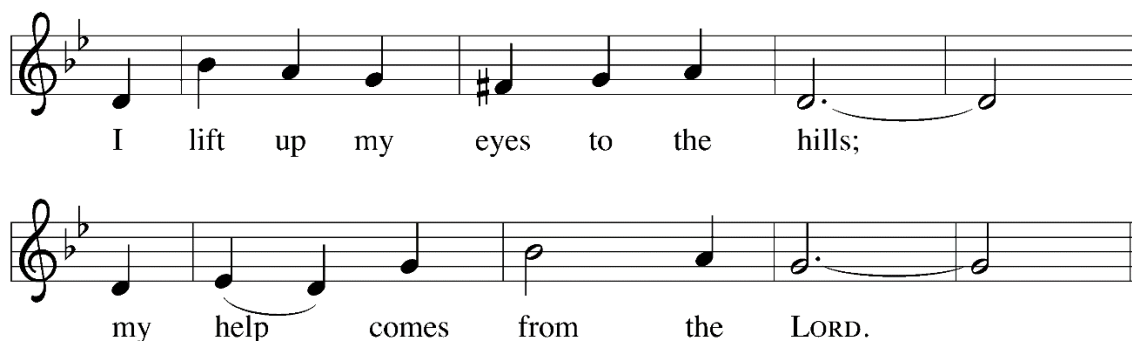
<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 121 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)



I lift up my eyes to the hills;

my help comes from the LORD.

(*non-bold print = choir side*)

(**bold print = ambo side**)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and  
your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God. Word of Life.

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## 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 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from



and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world.

*(sung)* **O living Breath of God...**



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

O God, you love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes.

*(sung)* **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress or illness, especially: 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.

*(sung)* **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Inspire us to revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship.

*(sung)* **O living Breath of God...**

O God, you love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us.

*(sung)* **O living Breath of God...**

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.

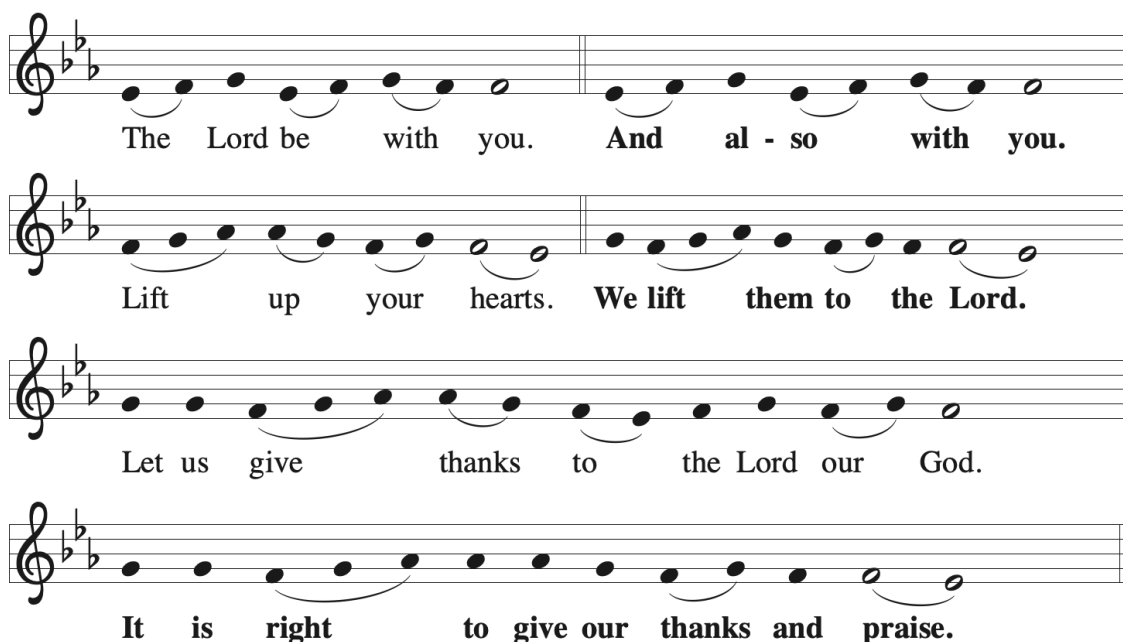
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

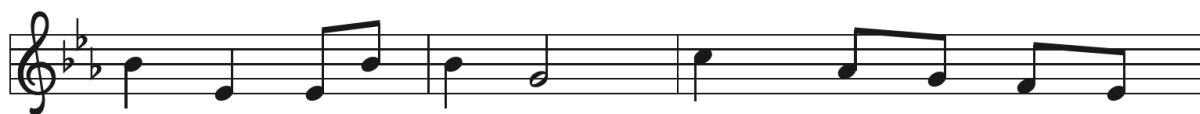
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## **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***

***Wind Upon the Waters***

***Blue 408***

***God of the Sparrow***

***Blue 414***

## 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**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Be with us now as we dedicate this audio-visual system to your glory and praise. May it serve to enhance our prayer, our song, and our proclamation of your gospel not only here in our church building, but to all who participate in our worship at home or wherever they may be. Grant us faith to see your gracious hand at work in all things, and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **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    REJOICE IN GOD, ALL...    BLUE 351**

1. Rejoice in God, all earthly lands,  
and lift your hands in song and prayer.  
Delight to live by God's commands;  
sing joyful praises everywhere.
2. Know this: we serve the Holy One,  
to whom our restless souls belong.  
We have our breath through God alone,  
to whom we raise our grateful song.
3. Like sheep, we wander without aim  
unless our shepherd's voice is heard.  
In trust we call upon God's name  
for daily bread and gracious word.
4. On God, our Maker, we depend  
for love that's gracious, strong, and sure.  
God's faithfulness shall never end;  
from age to age it shall endure.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**