May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honour to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

I Come with Joy

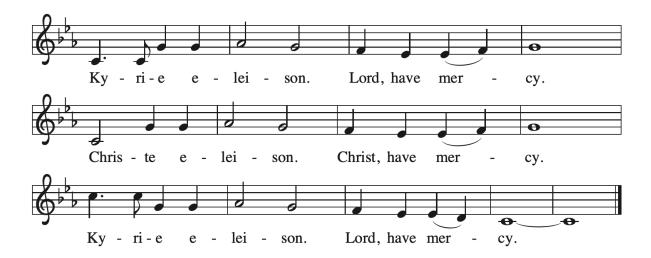
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35



- ¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered; let those who | hate God flee.
- ²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
 - as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.
- ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God; let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
- ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who ∣ rides the clouds;
 - I Am is that name, rejoice | before God! R
- In your holy habita- tion, O God, you are a father to orphans, defend- er of widows;
- •you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

- ⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people, when you marched | through the wilderness,
- *the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.
- 'You sent a bountiful | rain, O God; you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
- 10 Your people found their | home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor. R
- ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth; sing praises | to the Lord.
- ³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

- 34Ascribe pow- | er to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.
- 35 How wonderful you are in your holy places, O □ God of Israel,
 - giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God! R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,

protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life RED 816

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of harmony, as you drew Jesus to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Today we pray for the people of the Diocese of Ottawa and their bishop, Shane Parker; for the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. We pray especially for: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Ross and Karen and their family, Bud and Joanne, Ruth, Richard, Susan, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, Zoilita, Margaret, Florence, Molly, Emmanuel, and those we name before you in our hearts (brief silence...). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide All Saints leaders as they seek your will, especially our new Council members: Brian Janzen, Ena Sookraj, Chris Heaney, and Ann Sanders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all the saints in our lives who gave us glimpses of your redeeming love and now rest in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, most high and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

BLUE 61

(verse 1 and 2 only)

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

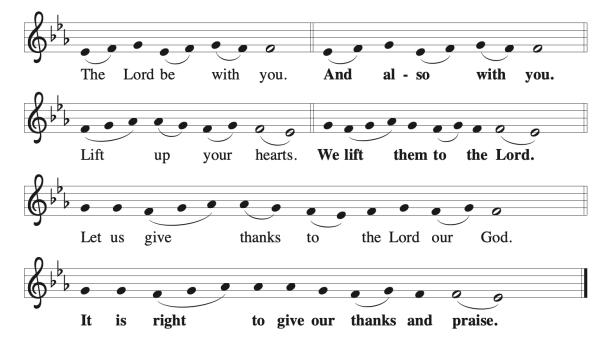
 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LEAD SHEET

The Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother

Words: Parker J. Palmer

This music is dedicated to the memory of Larry Boychuk, whose radiant light and love will always shine through the darkness. Music: Chellan Hoffman and Stephen D. Miller, 2017



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION HYMNS



Be Not Afraid RED 388

Let There Be Light BLUE 572

For the Bread Which You Have Broken BLUE 74

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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 On Our Way Rejoicing RED 537

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE