## **November 12, 2023** 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

#### **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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the 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.

Assisting Minister pours water into the font

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning, you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus'

wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## GATHERING SONG AWake! Awake! Fling Off the Night BLUE 599

#### **GREETING**

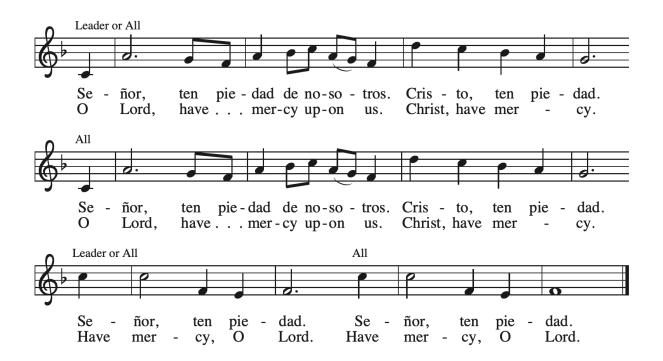
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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**



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of Jesus. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen** 

## **CHOIR ANTHEM** Keep Your Lamps

## FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

The Reading: ¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³aThen I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered,

C: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹/for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹8and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua,

## C: "No, we will serve the LORD!"

<sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said,

## C: "We are witnesses."

<sup>23</sup>He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua,

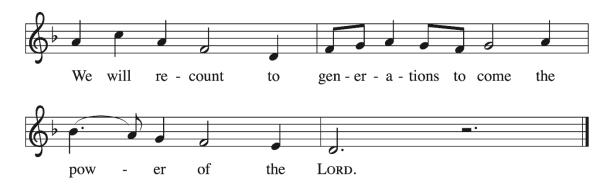
# C: "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

<sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 78:1-7**



¹Hear my teaching, ¹ O my people; incline your ears to the words ≀ of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth | in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times— <sup>3</sup>that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- | bears have told us,

we will not hide I from their children.

<sup>4</sup>We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the LORD, and the wonderful works | God has done. R

**5**The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a 1 law in Israel,

commanding our ancestors to teach it 1 to their children;

6 that the generations to come might know, and the children 1 yet unborn;

that they in their turn might tell it ' to their children; 'so that they might put their ' trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep ' God's commandments. R

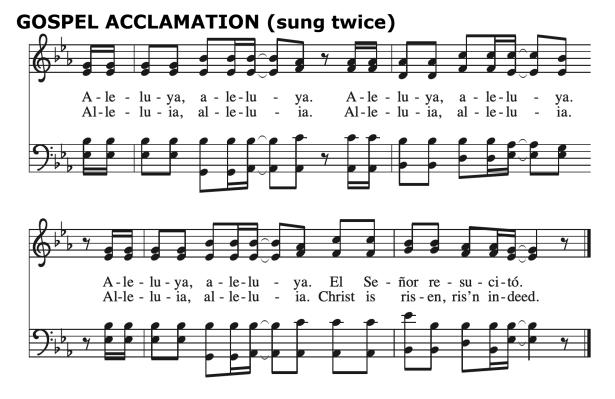
#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so, we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13** 

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung once)** 

**HOMILY** 

HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying... Red 436

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. We pray today for the members of the Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, and the National Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation and provide clean water to all. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. As the echoes of Remembrance Day remain with us, we pray today for the veterans of this community and for all who have given up much for the freedoms we enjoy in Canada, that they are supported and loved and those who have died are remembered and honoured. (silence...) Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Cathy, Orland, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John

and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, and those we name before you in our hearts (silence...). Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you (silence...). Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.** 

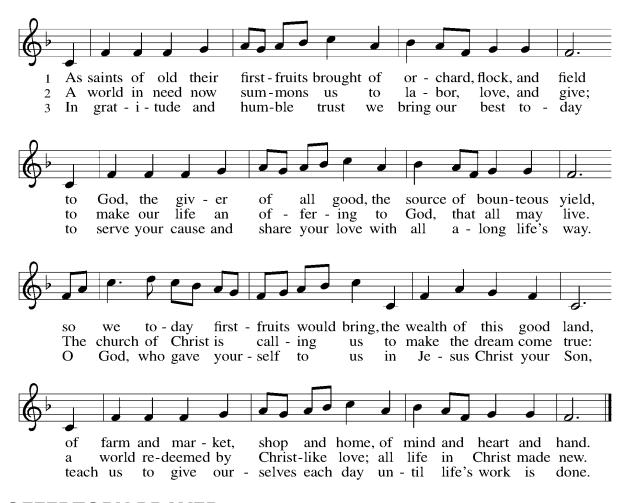
#### **PEACE**

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

#### OFFERTORY

#### As Saints of Old



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

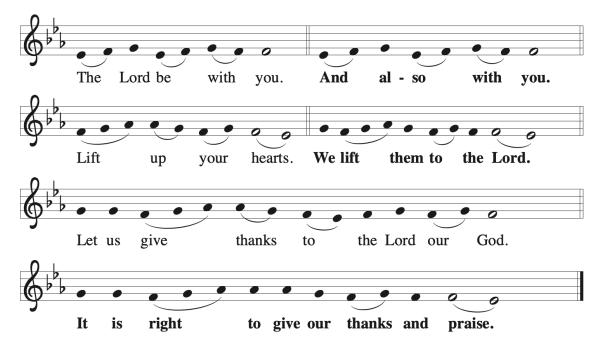
Let us pray:

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



## **PREFACE**

... and join in their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of Jesus: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **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.

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come, and feast at Jesus' table!

Thanks be to God!

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**



## If We Live



We Eat the Bread of Teaching...

**Red 518** 

Let All Mortal Flesh...Keep Silence

Blue 48

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

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

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey,

strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

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**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**