

September 17, 2023

Season of Creation 3

Wilderness Sunday

(Outdoor Worship)



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.

INTROIT (Psalm 19:1-4)

Low voices: The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

High voices: Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

All: **Listen to creation declare the glory of God,
listen to God's Word in scripture.**

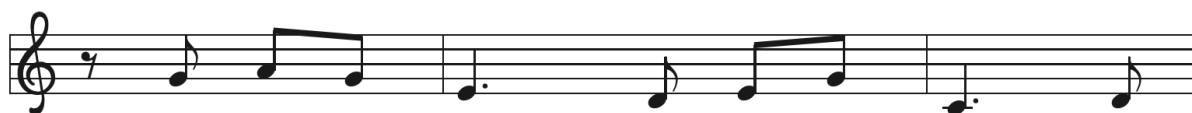
Low voices: They have no speech; they use no words;
they are not heard.

High voices: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

All: **Listen to creation declare the glory of God,
listen to God's Word in scripture.**

GATHERING HYMN

In Sacred Manner



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -
 2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the
 3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the
 4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the



on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in
 lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with
 sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give
 pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We
 awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The
 grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The
 sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The



stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.
 heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.
 trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
 morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

5 In sacred manner may we live
 among the wise and loving ones,
 sit humbly, as at sages' feet,
 by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.
 The animals will teach.
 The animals will teach.

6 In sacred manner may we walk
 upon the fair and loving earth,
 in beauty move, in beauty love
 the living round that brought us birth.
 We stand on holy ground.
 We stand on holy ground.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us, especially in the wonders of the wild in wilderness areas. Help us to be in solidarity with your wilderness creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the wild world of the wilderness. We ask this in the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Joel 1:8-10, 17-20

⁸ Lament like a virgin dressed in sackcloth
for the husband of her youth.

⁹ The grain-offering and the drink-offering are cut off
from the house of the LORD.

The priests mourn,
the ministers of the LORD.

¹⁰ The fields are devastated,
the ground mourns;
for the grain is destroyed,
the wine dries up,
the oil fails.

¹⁷ The seed shrivels under the clods,
the storehouses are desolate;
the granaries are ruined
because the grain has failed.

¹⁸ How the animals groan!
The herds of cattle wander about
because there is no pasture for them;
even the flocks of sheep are dazed.

¹⁹ To you, O LORD, I cry.
For fire has devoured

the pastures of the wilderness,
and flames have burned
all the trees of the field.
²⁰ Even the wild animals cry to you
because the watercourses are dried up,
and fire has devoured
the pastures of the wilderness.

This is the word of God.
Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22–27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9–13

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY ROOTED IN FAITH

Chorus:

Rooted in faith. Grounded in love.

Growing together in this holy space, gathered as one.

Rooted in faith. Grounded in love.

Growing together exper'encing grace, sharing God's love.

1. In this place we offer thanks.
For God's word and the forms that it takes.
Thanks for the power and beauty of life.
Thanks for the God who bring passion alive.
Thanks for the gifts that are wond'rous expressions of love.
refrain
2. In this place we practice faith.
Share our lives and the journeys we make.
Supporting each other in times that are tough.
Praying together when words aren't enough.
Christian community builds up the body of Christ. *refrain*
3. In our world we're offered grace,
as we serve with hearts ablaze.
Working for justice 'til all people thrive.
Connecting our worship to the rest of our lives.
Led by the Spirit we boldly respond to God's call. *refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-les set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. **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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the second measure. The third staff has a double bar line after the third measure. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

PREFACE

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Therefore, with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

SANCTUS



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking
for his coming again and again to each of us and to all
creation, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
**as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the
earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, Jesus
Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy
Church, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the
universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!**

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

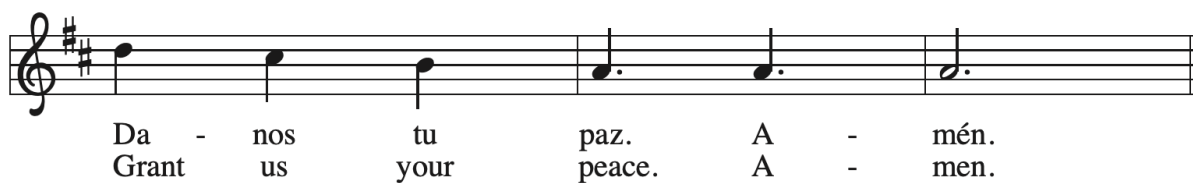
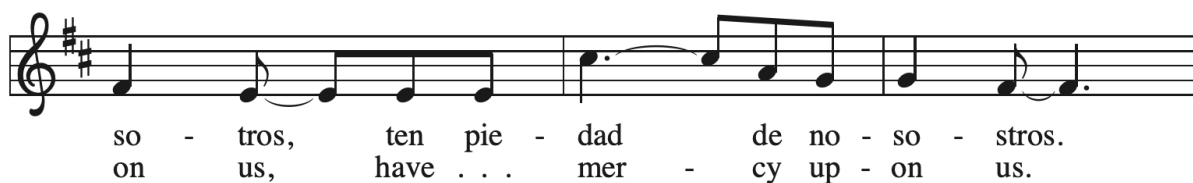
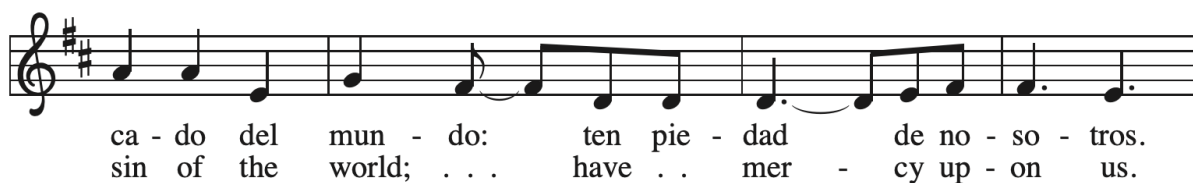
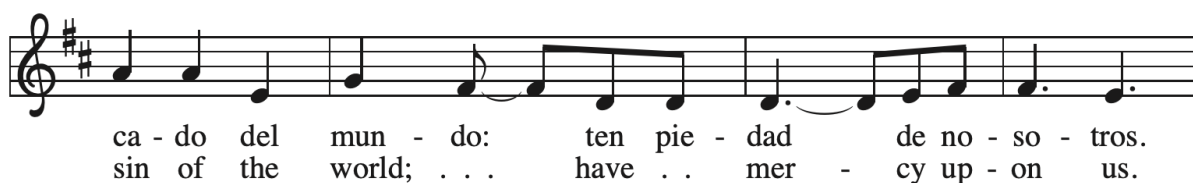
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influenced by Maori theologians.)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

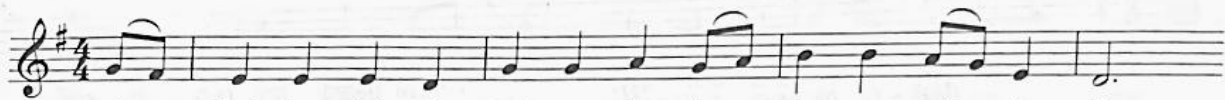
Come, for all things are now ready.
Come to the table with all your kin,
and share with all in need:
the gift of healing for those in pain,
the gift of forgiveness for those in sin,
the gift of assurance for those in doubt,
and the gift of hope for those in tears. P

**May we who share these gifts share Christ with one
another and all our kin.**

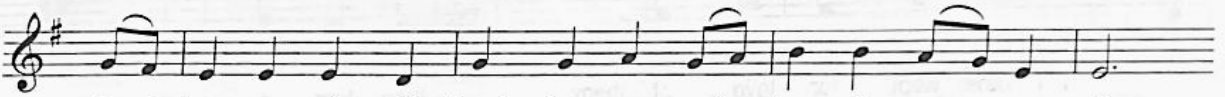
COMMUNION HYMNS



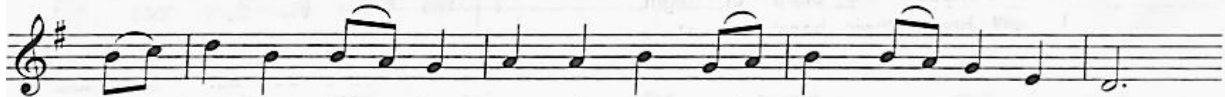
I Feel the Winds of God Today



1. I feel the winds of God to - day; to - day my sail I lift,
2. It is the wind of God that dries my vain re - gret - ful tears,
3. If ev - er I for - get thy love and how that love was shown,



though hea - vy oft with drench - ing spray and torn with ma - ny a rift;
un - til with brav - er thoughts shall rise the pur - er, bright - er years;
lift high the blood - red flag a - bove; it bears thy name a - lone.



if hope but light the wa - ter's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
if cast on shores of self - ish ease or plea - sure I should be,
Great pi - lot of my on - ward way, thou wilt not let me drift.



I'll seek the seas at his be - hest, and brave an - o - ther cruise.
God let me feel thy fresh - 'ning breeze, and I'll put back to sea.
I feel the winds of God to - day; to - day my sail I lift.

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the One who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa, pue - des de -
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing, you let your

jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz. Por - que mis
ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace. With my own

o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor, a quien has
eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion you have pre -

pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los pue - blos: . . .
pared . . . in the sight of all of the peo - ples: a

luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na - cio - nes, y
light that will re - veal you to the na - tions, and the

glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the Spirit of God,
who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in the Earth
and the impulse of + Christ within you. **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 HYMN Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



From Bishop Susan Bell: In recent months, Bishop Susan and our diocesan leaders have been engaging in careful study and planning to strengthen our parishes and missions in a way that will position us well in the years ahead. On September 25, a planning study will begin across our entire diocese to gather feedback. Part of the study involves a survey, and you're invited to participate! The bishop wants to hear what you believe are most important priorities for our ministries, where you see the Spirit leading this diocese, and to gauge support for a major parish-focused fundraising campaign. Your participation in the survey is essential for the success of this planning process. In the next few weeks, we will share more details about the study, the projects, and about the possibility of a major fundraising effort to support our parishes and missions responding missionally to the needs of God's world.