

**September 10, 2023**  
*Season of Creation – Land  
Sunday*



## **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

**All Things Bright and Beautiful  
Blue 416**

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
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¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

2 Glory to God,  
glory to God,  
glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,  
gloria a Dios,  
gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,  
glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,  
gloria a Dios,  
gloria al Espíritu!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God, our Creator, we celebrate your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the soil, the fields and the land. Help us to empathise with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the land, the flowers of the field and all the creatures of the countryside. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. **Amen.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:14-19**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,  
'Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
    and you will strike his heel.'

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,  
'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;  
    in pain you shall bring forth children,  
yet your desire shall be for your husband,  
    and he shall rule over you.'

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said,  
'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
    and have eaten of the tree

about which I commanded you,  
"You shall not eat of it",  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.'

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 139:7-10**



LORD, you have searched me out and known me.

<sup>7</sup>**Where can I go then | from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee | from your presence?**  
<sup>8</sup>**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**  
<sup>9</sup>**If I take the wings | of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,**  
<sup>10</sup>**even there your | hand will lead me  
and your right hand | hold me fast.**  
<sup>11</sup>**If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,  
and the light around me | turn to night,"**  
<sup>12</sup>**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as  
the day;  
darkness and light to you are | both alike. R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12–17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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: Matthew 12:38–40

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.' <sup>39</sup> But he answered them, 'An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was for three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

The gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      O God, Beyond All Face and Form  
BLUE 412**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **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-bles 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.

## PREFACE

...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.



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.

## **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.**

*(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa  
for the 2022 Season of Creation Curriculum. This version of the Lord's prayer was  
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

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

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O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

## Eat This Bread

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### The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es  
2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its  
3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's



up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant  
song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -  
glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine  
verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and  
word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -  
joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -  
grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.  
tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.  
er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

## For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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### 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 For the Beauty of the Earth RED 879**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving  
Earth!

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

