St. Davids-Queenston United Church

April 21, 2024, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Humour Sunday

Land Acknowledgement

There were people here long before we came to live on this land as settlers and descendants of settlers. We acknowledge these many Nations of Indigenous people who first lived and currently live here. We give thanks to this land, the territory(s) of these Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We do this to acknowledge our responsibility to enhance and promote peace among all who now share this land, as well as good stewardship of it and its resources.

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU# 232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.) Each new day reminds us of the light that dwells within us—the light God has placed deep within our hearts.

We light the Christ candle, remembering that we are made of light and love, remembering that we are called to bring joy and laugh to others and the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome on this Holy Humour Sunday! Holy Humour Sunday was celebrated by the early Christians. It was their tradition to share laughter and song on the Sunday after Easter.

As we continue to celebrate the Season of Easter, let us also celebrate the time when God played a joke on death by raising Jesus from the cross!

Let us share the joy and laughter! Christ is risen. Halleluja

GATHERING PRAYER

On this Holy Humour Sunday, we come to giggle, laugh, and sing!

Alleluia! God Creator! Alleluia! Christ the King! Let the Spirit of the laughter push away our doubts and sin! Dear God, we recall the Easter story; death has lost its fearful sting! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #960

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT:

Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace,

Grow in Christian Faith and Go in Community Service.

LEARN TOGETHER: "I Love It"

(Youth and Children's time)

I Love It (X 4) Jesus Said, Let the Children Come to Me Do Not Stop Them I Love It (X 4) Jesus, Took the Children in His Arms Blessed Them!

I Love It (X 4) I Love you Jesus, I Love It (X 5)!!!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Samuel 6:12-19

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God!

SACRED MUSIC: 'My Grace is Sufficient'. (Choir)

SERMON: "Joy That Cannot Be Hidden"

HYMN: VU# 477 "I Come with Joy"

SHARING JOY AND LAUGHTER

(responsive hymn VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me)

"I am gonna laugh so God can use me anywhere Lord anytime"

PRAYER FOR JOY AND LAUGHTER: A Clown's Prayer

OFFERTORY HYMN:VU#356"Seek ye first the kin'dom of God" (v1)

Seek ye first the kin'dom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we express our thanksgiving for your blessing through these offerings. May they further our work in the Christian church, community, and beyond. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: MV#157 "I am a Child of God"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Keep on asking those questions so that you may discover God's world and God's word. Keep on joyfully renewing and transforming your faith, for, as long as we remember him, Jesus still remains among us. Hallelujah! Amen.

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see;
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning.

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, to Bob Prentice for being the Lay Reader, to the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

The flowers on the alter this morning are placed by George and Joan Dunn who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary today. Joan's bouquet consisted of white and pink carnations.

Please come together as we send best wishes for this very celebratory and significant anniversary to George and Joan.

Today is Youth and Sunday School Funday + Bowling.

The Trustees invite any and all to join in our Cemetery Spring cleanup this Saturday, April 27th 9:30-noon. Mainly cleaning up branches and trimming bushes.

The Spiritual Care Committee will meet this Wednesday, April 24th at 4pm in the CE Hall.

May 5th is anniversary Sunday and there will be a Congregational potluck lunch following the service.

Bell has installed a new Internet accessible network at our church. The old one is no longer available. If you have a need to be connected to the Internet while at the church doing church business, please see Steve Hardaker or Darlene Romanowsky to obtain the new log-in credentials.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Derrick Herriott, Bob Kerr, Owen Calhoun, Isobel Griffiths, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Neil Foss, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, Margaret Ballantyne, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Marcia Tyrrell.

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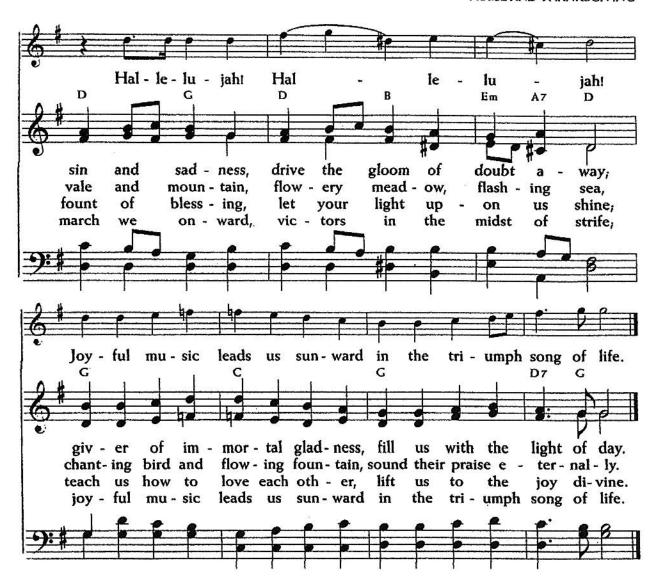
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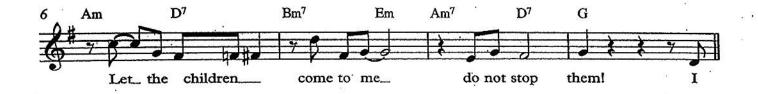


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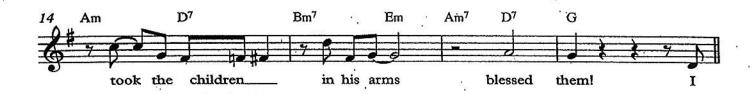


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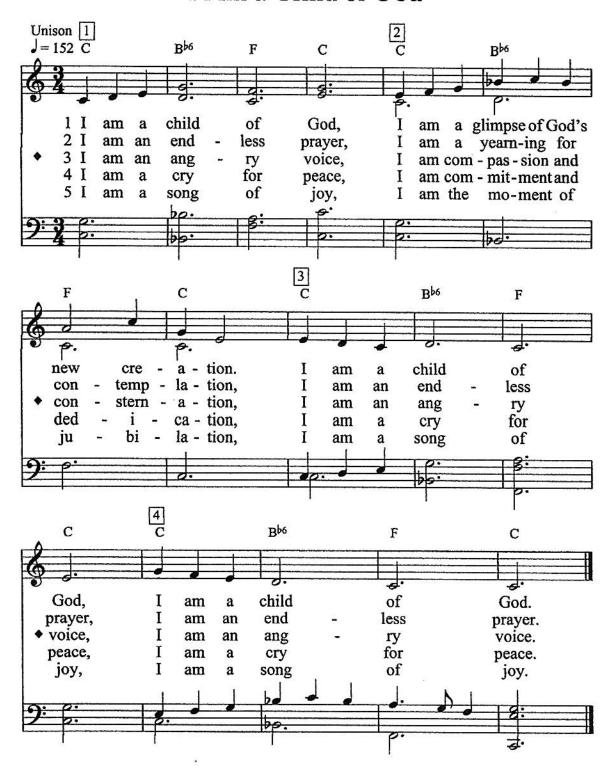
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I Am a Child of God



This song may be sung as a unison hymn or as a round with entries as indicated by the numbers above the staff.