

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

April 7, 2024, 10:30am

Second Sunday of Easter

"Never regret a day in your life: Good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and best days give memories." Unknown.

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#79 "Arise, Your Light is Come"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Today is the second Sunday of Easter – Two Sundays in which we have celebrated the hallelujah of resurrection and new life as members of the family of God.

All: We light the Christ candle knowing with certainty that it is Christ who draws us together.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as people on a journey.

All: We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and are still beloved by God.

One: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

All: We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

One: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

All: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

One: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

All: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions.

GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of the prophets and apostles, come to us in the power of the Risen Christ. Remove from us disabling doubts and fears. Inspire us, through your Holy Spirit, to lives of love and service, for the sake of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) VU #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: (Jackson Travers will be playing 'Gavotte')

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

"The purpose of John's Gospel"

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

"God is light: journey in the light"

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SACRED MUSIC: "Everytime I Feel the Spirit" (*Choir*)

SERMON: "Purpose"

*HYMN: VU#282 "Long Before the Night (This Ancient Love)"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN VU#236 "Now Thank We All Our God"
(verse 3)

All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*OFFERING PRAYER

All: **Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN: VU#187 "The Spring Has Come"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

*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 and fellowship in the CE Hall following the Worship service this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *cont'd...*

Thank you to Florence Turner for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk for being the Lay Reader, to Lisa and the choir for their musical contribution, Jackson Travers for playing 'Gavotte' during Learn Together and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

The Worship and Faith Life committee will meet today following the Worship service.

The Property Committee will meet today following the Worship service.

Today is Tooney Sunday. There is a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected will go to support local mission outreach projects.

The UCW will meet this Wednesday, April 10th at 1:30 pm.

Beef-on-a-Bun **this Friday**, April 12, 2024 at 6pm. Adults \$13.00, Children (12& under) \$5.00. Please let Doug McArthur know if you are able to donate a pie.

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

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

The Niagara Festival of Performing Arts will be held at St. Davids Queenston United Church on the following days and is open to the public at no charge.

Sunday April 7th -**Strings** - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday April 8th - **Strings** - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday April 8th - **Classical Voice** - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 9th - **Classical Voice** - 9:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday April 12th - **Classical Piano** - 1:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday April 13th - **Classical Piano** - 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Musical Theatre will be held at Trillium United Church in St. Catharines on Wednesday and Thursday April 10 and 11th from 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

We hope you can drop by to see some of the amazing performances by Niagara's young musicians!

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Arise, Your Light Is Come

Descant

4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up! Rise

A D (A) D A E B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey, show
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door, pro -
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

A (E) D (A) Bm B7 E (A) D (A) Esus4 E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Words: Ruth Duck 1974

Music: William H. Walker 1872, desc. Diana McLeod 1995

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FESTAL SONG

6 6 8 6

960 - The Lord's Prayer

F Dm C F C(7) Dm C7 F C

Our Fa - ther, who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

C Gm D7 Gm C F Bb F C F

come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line continues on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Dm C F C7 Dm C7 F C Gm D7

our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line continues on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Gm C F Bb F C F Dm C F

them that tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line continues on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

C7 Dm C7 F C

but de - liv - er us from e - vil: for thine is the king - dom and the

Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth staves of music. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line continues on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Gm D7 Gm C F Bb Csus4 C7 F Bb Bbm F

power and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Detailed description: This system contains the eleventh and twelfth staves of music. The melody continues on the treble staff, and the bass line continues on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Long before the Night

(This Ancient Love)

Unison

G D/F# Em Bm/D C

1 Long be - fore the night was born from
 2 Long be - fore the grass spot - ted green the bare
 ♦ 3 Long be - fore a chain was forged from the
 4 Long be - fore the name of God was
 5 Wake ful are our nights and slum - bers our

G G D/F# Em Bm/D

dark - ness Long be - fore the dawn rolled un -
 hill - side Long be - fore a wing un -
 ♦ hill - side Long be - fore a voice ut - tered
 spo - ken Long be - fore a cross was
 morn - ing Stub born is the grass sow - ing

C D G Bm C

stead - y from fire Long be - fore she wrapped her
 fold - ed to wind Long be - fore she wrapped her
 ♦ free - dom's cry Long be - fore she wrapped her
 nailed from a tree Long be - fore she laid her
 green wound - ed hills As we wrap our heal - ing

Am D G D/F#

scar - let arms a - round the hills there was a
 long blue arm a - round the sea there was a
 ♦ bleed - ing arms a - round a child there was a
 arm of col - ours 'cross the sky there was a
 arms to hold what her arms held this an - cient

Musical score for 'This Ancient Love' in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score includes the following lyrics: (vv. 1-4) love this an-cient love was born (v. 5) love this ach-ing love rolls on. The score includes the following chords: Em, Bm/D, C, G. The score includes the following dynamics: p, f. The score includes the following articulation: slurs, accents, and a fermata.

Words: Carolyn McDade 1988, v. 5 alt. 1995

Music: Carolyn McDade 1988, arr. David Kai 1994

THIS ANCIENT LOVE

Irregular

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Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest who dwell in high - est heav - en,

who from our moth - er's arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ill in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

The Spring Has Come

Unison

D G (D) G (D) G (D)

1 The spring has come, let all the church be
 2 The sun is warm, let all God's chil - dren
 3 The spring has come, new peo - ple are the

D G (D) G (D) G (D)

part of it! The world has changed, and God is at the
 play in it! The world ex - pands, let's spread the Gos - pel
 flowers of it. Through wind and rain, new life is in the

D Em7 Dmaj7 Cmaj7 F#m7

heart of it! New light, new day,
 way in it! New leaf, new thrust,
 showers of it. New bud, new shoot,

Em A7 D

new col - our af - ter win - ter grey.
 new green - ing for the love of Christ.
 new hope will bear the Spir - it's fruit.

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Music: Colin Gibson 1990

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VERVACITY
Irregular

187 Pg 2

Em7 Dmaj7 Gmaj7 F#m7

New light, new day, the spring has
New leaf, new new thrust, the sun is
New bud, new new shoot, the spring has

A7sus4 A D

come, let all the church be part of it!
warm, let all God's chil - dren play in it!
come, new peo - ple are the flowers of it!