St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 24, 2024, 10:30am, Palm 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# 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hossana"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.)

As we enter Holy Week, we are drawn to the flickering flame. It burns brightly in our hearts. Yet, we know that amidst the celebrations of this day, there are those who want to extinguish the light in us and in Jesus. May the radiance of Christ's glory shine brightly, this day and through the coming week.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here he comes! Who?

The Messiah! The Christ! God's chosen One! Hosanna! Hallelujah!

He's at the gates now. He'll be arriving any minute. Have your palm branches ready! Hosanna! Hallelujah! That's right! Here comes our king! Hey, ho, away we go, Riding on a donkey.

Wait! Why is a king riding on a donkey? Why does he look so quiet in the middle of our parade? Where is his army? Has he come to save the people?

Riding on a donkey. No shouts of rebellion. No army. Just a message. "God's kin'dom is coming and God's kin'dom is here."

Just a message. "Love one another as I have loved you."

Let us worship this, Servant King. Let us worship our God.

GATHERING PRAYER

God of celebration, we line up with the crowd to herald the coming of your chosen one. May the enthusiasm we feel on this day continue into the shadowed and difficult days of Holy Week. Journey with us on this Palm Sunday so that we are strengthened for the most holy of weeks. With voices of hope, we shout, "Hosanna!" 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: VU#577 "I've Got Peace like a River"

(Youth and Children's time)

I've got *peace like a river, I've got *peace like a river, I've got *peace like a river in-a my soul. (Sing Once, *2, Love, *3, Joy)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

Matthew 21:6-11

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

SACRED MUSIC: Hosanna In Excelsis! (Choir)

SERMON: "Q&A: Palm Sunday!!!"

* HYMN: VU# 124 "He Came Riding on a Donkey"

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Marilyn Fox-Calhoun)

HYMN #400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*OFFERTORY HYMN "Hearts Full and Ready"

We bring to you Lord, our hearts full and ready Because of Your grace and provision All of creation, it cries for redemption The heartbeat of Your love's inclusion

The hands of one join hands with the many Our time, our talent, our treasure We pray to you Lord, receive these our gifts And use them in Your love's good measure.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed Healer, you transform lives. The hungry are fed, the lonely are befriended, and the broken are restored to wholeness. May these gifts be part of the transformation. We offer them with humility and hope. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN VU# 135 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

May Christ lead you on a path of passionate discipleship that abounds with the joy of the spirit and the love of God, to be enjoyed and shared. As you go into the world, may you know the love of God surrounds you, the grace of Christ enfolds you, and the Holy Spirit gives you guidance, each day. **Amen.**

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

Feb 14(Wed) ~ Mar 30(Sat), 2024, Lent in 2024: Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar.

Mar 25(Mon)-March 30(Sat): Holy Week

-Mar 28(Thur) at 7pm: Maundy Thursday (Hand Washing Service)

-Mar 29(Fri) at 10:30am: Good Friday Service

Mar 31 at 10:30am: Easter Sunday, Communion Sunday

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE Hall following the Worship service this morning.

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, to Marilyn Fox-Calhoun for being the lay reader, to Lisa and the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

The Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School teachers will meet following the worship service this morning.

Mar 27(Wed), 2024: the Spiritual Committee Meeting, at 2:00pm.

Our Easter Food Drive continues up to and including Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

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.

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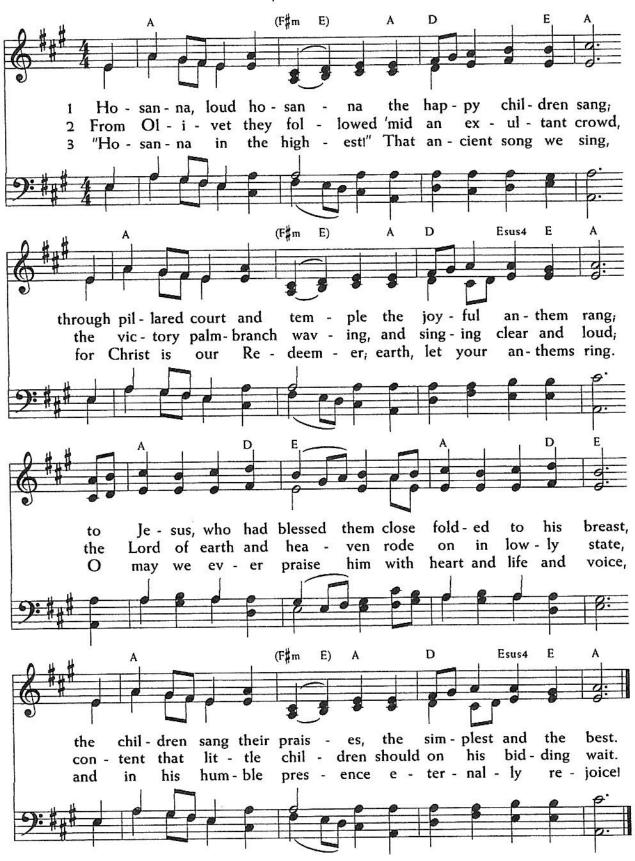
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He Came Riding on a Donkey



3 In our fasting, and our feasting, called to follow in his way, called to walk his road to Easter, called to live his cross today.

Hosanna to the Son of David

Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna in the heavens above;

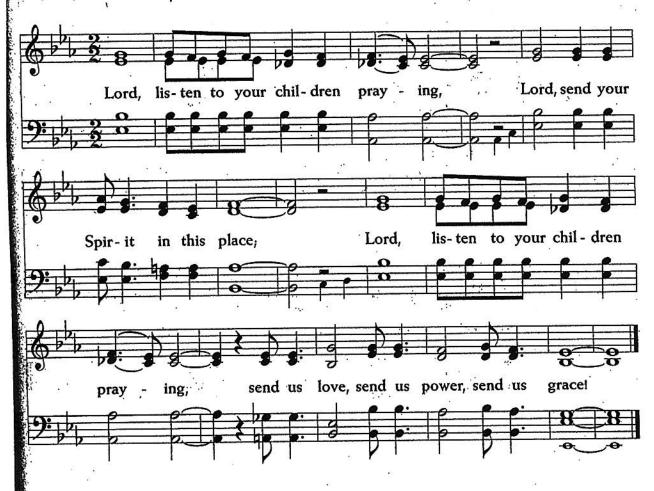
blessed is he who comes to save us, blessed is he who brings his love.

Let us join to sing his praises, open hearts and souls to God, he is with us, Son of David, God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.



Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying





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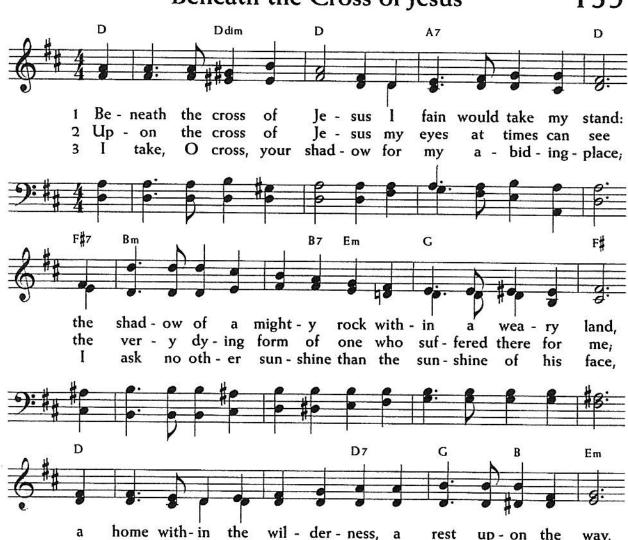
CHILDREN PRAYING

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a home with-in the wil-der-ness, a rest up-on the way, and from my smit-ten heart, with tears, two won-ders I con-fess, con-tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat and the bur-den of the day.
the won-der of his glo-rious love, and my un-wor-thi-ness.
my sin-ful self my on - ly shame, my glo-ry all, the cross.

