St. Davids-Queenston United Church

April 28, 2024, 10:30am, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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# 264

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.) Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that God, through Jesus, is always with us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather together, people of God! Come to this sacred space, this building, these pews, these floors, and this ceiling. Recognize the work of those who came before us!

Yes, recognize ALL that those who came before us have left for us: the love of this community, the shared sacred story, the ministry in the world we have shared.

They shaped the world. We are shaping the world of today!

Yes, you have shaped the world we live in. You've contributed to God's kin'dom. Now let us explore how we shape the world of tomorrow, how we might use our worship to bring God's dream into reality, how we might plan for the future.

We come to encounter the divine presence and to let it transform us!

GATHERING PRAYER

Having experienced the strains of your voice, we come to worship you, Good Shepherd. Where you lead us, may we follow and know who you are and who you would have us become. Be with us as we worship this day that it may be a time that moves us a little further on our journey with you. 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.

<u>LEARN TOGETHER:</u> "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: Job 6:24-30

Romans 8:1-5

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

SACRED MUSIC: 'Lead Me Lord' (Choir)

SERMON: "When Empathy is Needed"

HYMN: VU# 600 "When I Needed a Neighbour"

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Larry McRae)

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: "Seek Ye First the kin'dom of God" (v1)

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of questions and answers, of doubt and belief, these gifts we bring are our response to the queries about your way. As you invite us to share in all the mysteries of life, we give thanks that you bless us continually. Receive all that is presented—assurances, questions, answers, blessings, and longings. May our gifts be a source of new life in this world. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN VU# 242 "Let All Things Now Living"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go out from here, and as you go about your daily lives, remember to place it all before God. **Embrace the goodness** that God has placed

around you and share that blessing with others in our community. Let God work in you and bring out the best in you.

Go now to love and serve the Lord with love, laughter, and kindness to all. 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

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Asian Heritage Month: The celebration of May as Asian Heritage Month begins in May. Officially recognized in Canada since 2002, this is a time to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society. We will listen to their life and faith stories in the service.

Please join us for Coffee, Cake & Fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service, as we celebrate all those who have a birthday in April.

Welcome & thank you to Anthony Scaringi for playing the piano for us today.

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

Next Sunday, May 5th: 238th Anniversary Sunday, we will have a

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Emo Yango** who works at the national office of The United Church of Canada as a Growth Coordinator in the Organizational Development and Strategy Unit. This includes working with migrant/diasporic communities of faith, racial justice, and intercultural ministries. He holds a doctorate in missiology.

Also, next Sunday, May 5th, there will be a Congregational potluck lunch following the service to celebrate our 238th Anniversary.

TODAY AT 2 P.M.! The Niagara Festival of Performing Arts Gala Concert at Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines featuring outstanding Niagara musicians in classical piano, strings, musical theatre and classical voice plus presentations of scholarships and awards. Suggested donation is \$10 at the door to the scholarship fund.

Next Sunday, May 5th, will be "Tooney Sunday." There will be a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the Kitchen. All the money collected will be going to support local mission outreach projects.

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 Al DesRoches, Sheila Dougan, 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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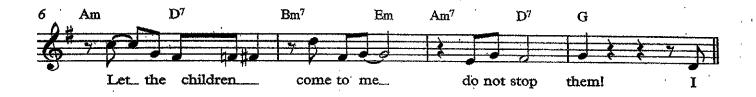


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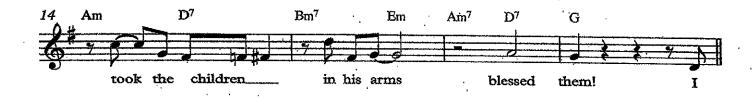
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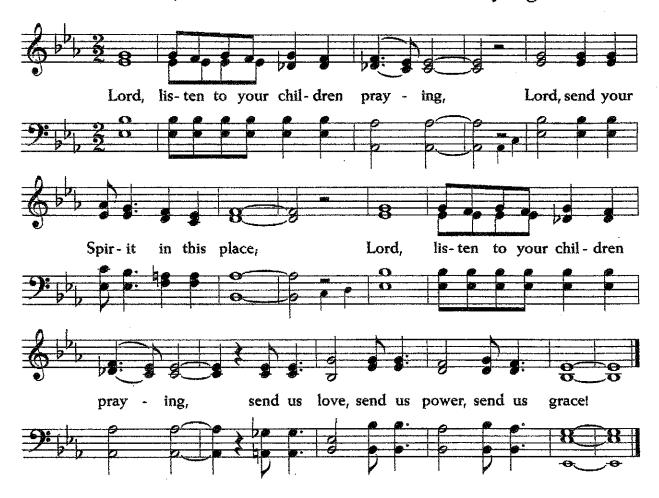




Verses for Holy Week

- 1 When they shouted hosanna, were you there...?
- 2 When they took me to prison, were you there...?
- 3 When the crosses were crooked, were you there...?
- 4 When the crosses were burning, were you there...?

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 400



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Seek Ye First the Kingdom



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Let All Things Now Living



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