

# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

May 4, 2025, 10:30am, Third 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 resource.

## 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. **Hallelujah!**

### 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) 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.**

### SACRED MUSIC: "In Faith" (Choir)

### 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: VU #850 Psalm 126 (Refrain 1)

John 15: 9-12

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

SERMON: "Holy Laughter: The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength"

\* HYMN: VU# 213 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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:

\*OFFERTORY HYMN: *(to the tune of Edelweiss)*

God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.  
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.  
Give us the courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.  
God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.

\*OFFERING PRAYER:

**Take and bless these offerings, O God, that, through them, we may find connection with our aching world. In our joyful giving, may we find hope and healing for ourselves. In our offering, may we foster delight in others, which brings healing laughter. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN VU #45 "Joy is Now in Every Place"

\*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

May the Force be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.        **We lift them up to the Force.**  
Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise. So be it!**

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. May the force be with you, 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 and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning.

The Flowers today are in loving memory of Mary Brown, beloved Mother of Cindy Milner and family.

Thank you to Sue Foss for being the greeter, to Melanie Kelch for being the Lay Reader, to Christina Travers for leading the Sunday School, to Lisa Brillon and the choir for their musical contribution, to the Ladies in the Kitchen for preparing coffee and goodies for the coffee hour and to Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning.

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

When anyone chooses to make a donation thorough ([donate@stdavids-queenstonuc.ca](mailto:donate@stdavids-queenstonuc.ca)) please be sure you indicate where you want the donation to go to, either Boiler/AC or Local. There is an area to make a note when you are making the e-transfer. If there is no choice made, it is assumed you want the donation to go "Local"

In support of our church, Sandi Salewytch will be doing a Handmade Greeting Card Fundraiser in 2025 for special occasions cards. The occasions will include Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This Sunday and next, Mother's Day cards will be available at a cost of \$4 each. There will be some for mom, daughters and daughter-in-law, and perhaps granddaughters too. Please see her after church.

Doug McArthur and the activities committee welcome all to the Beef-on-Bun/games night this Friday, May 9th at 6pm. Adults \$13 and children (12 & under) \$5 Please let Doug know if you are able to donate a pie.

We will be having a clothing drive for the Migrant workers.

Suggestions: used men's clothes, baseball hats, jeans, socks, Hoodies, shirts and towels etc.

Donations can be put on the stage for the yard sale.

In support of our new **Boiler Fundraising**, we want your scrap metal! Old pots, pans, utensils, old bikes, chairs, pipes, fittings etc...anything metal including aluminum and copper. We can recycle it and raise funds at the same time. We are coordinating this with our Spring Bazaar Saturday May 31st. You can bring your metal and drop it off at the marked spot behind the church building. We will take care of the recycling. Unfortunately, no appliances. Any questions please contact Rev. Doug Jones 289-668-1628. Thanks in advance for your support.

Our choir will be singing at the 100 th. Centennial Celebration Concert at **Welland Central United Church tonight, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Over 10 choirs in the Niagara Region will be participating and the concert will culminate in a massed choir presentation. All are welcome to attend.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Bob Kerr, Owen Calhoun, Jim Griffiths, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Neil Foss, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Josephine Weatherall, Lenore Cardif-Hinchliffe, Mary Kolbuc and family, Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt and family, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn, Patti Pozebon, the Vandenburg family and Paula Chant.

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## Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Descant

4 Mor - tals join the chor - us, hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re -  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,  
 4 Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing

Hal - le - lu - jah! Love is reign - ing o'er us,  
 life and love; hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,  
 flect your rays, stars and an - gels sing a - round you,  
 ev - er blest, well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,

join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Hal - le - lu - jah!

open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 cen - tre of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,  
 o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Source of grace and  
 join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,

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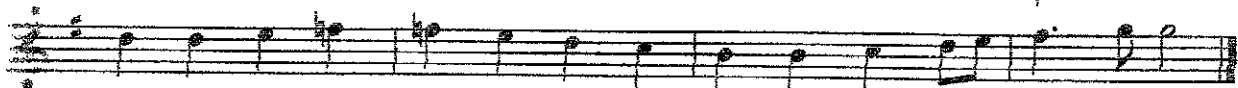
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!



sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way,  
vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
fount of bless - ing, let your light up - on us shine,  
march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



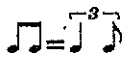
# # 960 - The Lord's Prayer

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

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, Bb9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, Bb10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, Bb11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, Bb12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, Bb13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, Bb14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, Bb15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, Bb16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, Bb17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, Bb18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, Bb19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, Bb20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, Bb21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, Bb22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, Bb23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, Bb24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, Bb25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, Bb26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, Bb27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, Bb28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, Bb29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, Bb30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, 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# I Love It!

Words. Yujene  
Music. Haewook



Chords: G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

1 I love it I love it I love it I love it Je - sus said

6 Am D7 Bm7 Em Am7 D7 G

Let the children come to me do not stop them! I

10 G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

love it I love it I love it I love it Je - sus

14 Am D7 Bm7 Em Am7 D7 G

took the children in his arms blessed them! I

18 G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

love it I love it I love it I love it I love you Je- sus I

22 G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

love it I love it I love it I love it I love it!

## Psalm 126

## Refrain 1

Norman L. Wagner

Chords: Dm7 Gm F Gm Am7 D

We'll sing the song of joy, we'll sing the song of joy.

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## Refrain 2

Walker's Southern Harmony

harm. Erik Routley

We praise the One who gave the growth, with  
 voi - ces full and strong.

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When God brought Zion's captives home,  
 it seemed to us like a dream.

But then our mouths were full of laughter,  
 and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations:

"God has done great things for them."

Truly God has done great things for us,  
 and therefore we rejoice. R

Restore our fortunes, O God, as streams refresh the Negev.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Descant

4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come  
C G C Am Em F C (C7 C) G

1 Re - joice the Lord is King! Your ris - en Lord a - dore!  
2 Je - sus the Sav - iour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 God's king - dom can - not fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.  
C Am G D G C G D G

Re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our sins, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.

We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice;  
C F Dm6 Am C G C F

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice;

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REIGN OF CHRIST

the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

C F Dm6 (C F) C G G7 C

re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice!  
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice!  
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice!  
the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

OFFERTORY HYMN: *(To the tune of Edehweiss)*

God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.

May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.

Give us the courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.

God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.

# Joy Is Now in Every Place

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Unison Eb Cm Eb Eb Cm

1 Joy is now in ev - ery place, Christ - mas light - ens  
 2 May the star that shone that night, mak - ing your poor  
 3 Through the New Year let it stay, lead - ing us up -  
 4 Now and ev - er may we find your good news to

ev - ery face, now be with us, in your grace,  
 sta - ble bright, fill our hearts with love and light,  
 on your way, mak - ing Christ - mas ev - ery day, O  
 fill our mind: peace and love to hu - man - kind,

Gm Cm Fm Eb

hear us, bless us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Words: Author unknown

Music: German carol melody ca. 1500, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906

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