

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

January 05, 2025, 10:30am, Second Sunday after Christmas

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 CANDLE

(The candle is lit) We light this candle courageously and boldly, to help us remember that the shadow of lament and rage and sorrow do not last forever. The light of Christ is still there, always there, even when we cannot see it. **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we reflect back on the past year, we realize that we have journeyed far...**through joys and sorrows, worries and fear, celebration and exhaustion, triumphs and tragedies.**

By a miracle, a tiny baby in a manger has once again brought us together in wonder and in hope.

We may not arrive with gold or frankincense or myrrh.

We may be carrying much in our hearts and minds.

But we are here, with open hearts and minds, ready to worship.

GATHERING PRAYER

Caring God, as we journey through lives filled with both blessings and adversity, guide us to choose the life you would have us lead. Strengthen us to follow you with courage, so that our choices bring us closer to you and turn us away from thoughts and actions of selfishness and greed. Encourage us to follow you with commitment, that through each day, we might live your teachings and deepen our faith. Nurture us to follow you with compassion, experiencing the world around us as you experience it and loving others as you love and support us. 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.

SACRED MUSIC: 'A Night of Wonder' (Valerie Zuk)

LEARN TOGETHER: MV# 122 "This is The Day"
(Youth and Children's time)

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad! (X2)
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad! (X 2)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 33: 1-3, 6-9
Philippians 4: 10-13

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

SERMON: "New Year Resolutions"

* HYMN: VU# 575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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 VU #55 "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs.4)

*What can I give him? Poor as I am. If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wiseman I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him. Give my heart.*

*OFFERING PRAYER:

So often, when we present our offerings to you, O God, we do so out of a sense of duty and of responsibility. On this First Sunday of 2025, however, we want to celebrate how you bless us each day. By sharing our abundance—no matter how insignificant it may seem to us—our spirits dance in celebration of how your purpose, through what we give, changes lives. Bless us and our new year by changing our lives too, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU# 581 "When We Are Living"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go gently on from here today, passing softly through the week and into the new year. Breathing in God's love. Resting in the moment.

Encountering the peace of God. God with us. Still, always. **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

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Christina Travers for leading the Sunday school, to Valerie Zuk for her solo, 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.

The Offering envelopes for 2025 are available on the table outside the kitchen. Please remember to take yours home.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Elijah, Shirley Servos, Sheila Dougan, 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 Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt & Family, Jeanne Vanderburg & her mother Beaty, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn and Patti Pozzobon.

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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

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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

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

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

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,

C7 Dm C7 F C

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

Gm D7 Gm C F Bb Cmaj7 C7 F Bb Bbm F

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

This Is the Day

(Voici le jour)

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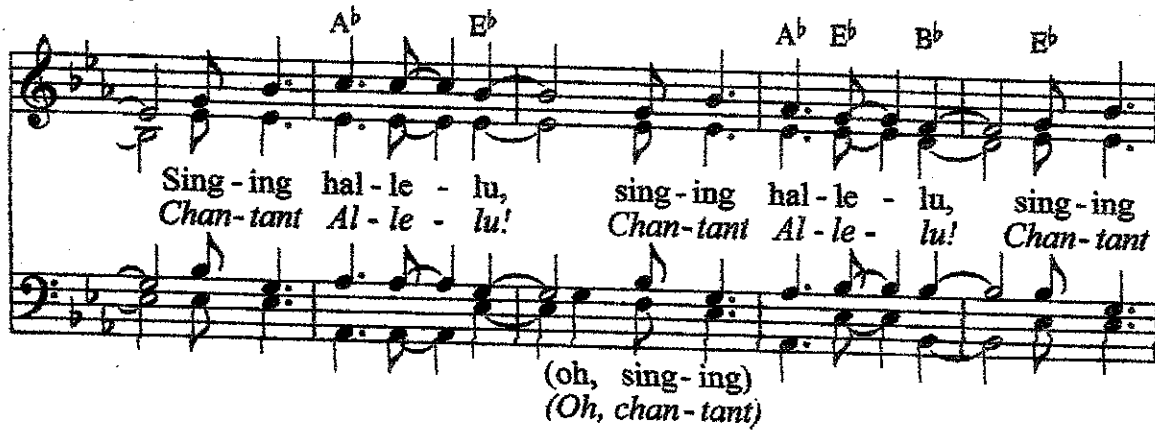
English: This is the day that God has made; we will re-joice and be glad!
 French: *Voi-ci le jour que Dieu a fait; nous le vi-vrons dans la joie.*

This is the day that God has made; we will re-joice and be glad!
Voi-ci le jour que Dieu a fait; nous le vi-vrons dans la joie.

Sing-ing hal-le-lu, sing-ing hal-le-lu,
 Chan-tant Al-le-lu! Chan-tant Al-le-lu!

(oh, sing-ing)
 (Oh, chan-tant)

sing-ing hal-le-lu! We will re-joice and be glad
 Chan-tant Al-le-lu! *Nous le vi-vrons dans la joie.*


 Musical notation for the first system, featuring treble and bass staves. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Sing-ing hal-le-lu, sing-ing hal-le-lu, sing-ing Chan-tant Al-le-lu! Chan-tant Al-le-lu! Chan-tant". Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb.

Sing-ing hal-le-lu, sing-ing hal-le-lu, sing-ing
 Chan-tant Al-le-lu! Chan-tant Al-le-lu! Chan-tant

(oh, sing-ing)
 (Oh, chan-tant)


 Musical notation for the second system, featuring treble and bass staves. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "hal-le-lu! We will re-joice and be glad! Al-le-lu! Nous le vi-vrons dans la joie." Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Ab, Cm7, Fm, Bb, Eb.

hal-le-lu! We will re-joice and be glad!
 Al-le-lu! Nous le vi-vrons dans la joie.

575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an-y-where, Lord

an-y-time! (an-y-time!) I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an-y-where, Lord, an-y-time!
 (my Lord) (an-y-time!)

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum

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I'M GONNA

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 400

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir- it in this place, Lord, lis-ten to your chil- dren pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace!"

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your

Spir- it in this place, Lord, lis-ten to your chil- dren

pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Words: Ken Medina 1970

Music: Ken Medina 1970

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CHILDREN PRAYING

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In the Bleak Midwinter

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F Dm Gm C

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 E - nough for him, whom che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

F Dm Bb C7 F

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 breast full of milk, and a man - ger full of hay. E -
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Bb Bb Dm F Gm C

snow had fai - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
 nough for him, whom an - gels fall down be - fore, the
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet

F Dm Bb C7 F

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 Lord God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 ox and ass and cam - el which a - dore.
 what I can I give him — give my heart.

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti ca. 1872

Music: Gustav Theodor Holst 1906

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Irregular

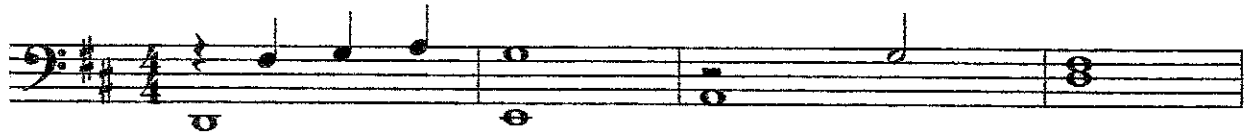
When We Are Living

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Unison



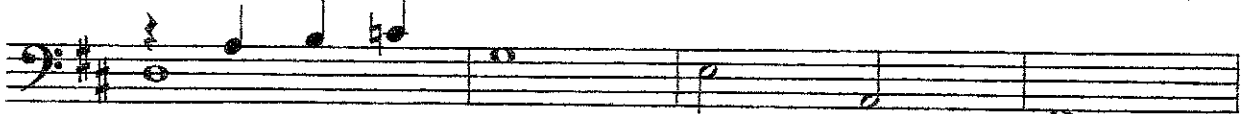
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



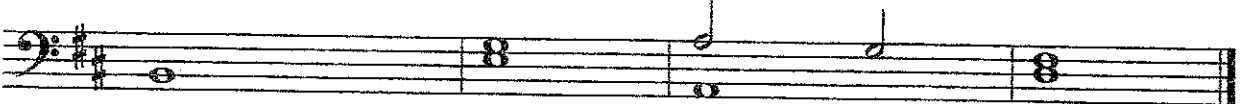
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,



we be-long to God, we be-long to God.



Words: v. 1 Spanish anon., trans. Elise S. Eslinger 1983; vv. 2-4 Roberto Escamilla 1983,
 trans. George Lockwood 1987

Music: Spanish melody, harm. Carlton R. Young 1989

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