St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 30, 2025, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 # 222 "Come, Let Us Sing"

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

As we light this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence in the world and to the Earth. (A candle is lit)

Let us pray: Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from the wilderness of life to gather for worship.

We bring with us experiences of God's beautiful and raw creation.

We come to understand the challenge and peace of wild places.

We bring a deep respect for our natural world.

We come to strengthen our connection with the Spirit that flows throughout this incredible world. Lent is a time to nurture our spiritual side, to invite it to drop into our practical side. And it's a time to develop a new balance.

Where will you grow as a disciple of Jesus this Lent?

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One, we gather in this place reflecting on our lives as they are interwoven with your life. We long for peace and rest. Yet we know that in order to find that peace, sometimes we have to lament and name our disappointments and hurts, just as you did. Help us to be freed from our fear and come to you with our sadness as well as with our joy, trusting that you will receive us, heal us, and set us free. 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: "Jesus is Lord" (choir)

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: Philippians 3:10-16

Matthew 16:13-17

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

SERMON: "Lent in 2025: Who Do You Say That I Am?

"Discovering the Many Faces of Jesus?"

* HYMN: VU# 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

MINUTE FOR MISSION: (Bob Prentice)

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 #701) "What Does the Lord Require of You"

What does the Lord require of you? (X 2)

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

*OFFERING PRAYER:

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in response to your love and grace at work in our lives. We wish to participate in your purpose to offer healing and love to all people. We pray that these gifts will be used faithfully and well in this community of faith and in the world through Mission and Service. Strengthen us so that we may offer our lives to your work. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU #560 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

In the Spirit's power, nothing is impossible.

We will find strength in the holy writings.

We will find joy as we praise and pray.

We will find support as we tackle faith projects.

We will find peace as we confront the powerful ones.

We will find patience as we follow the unpopular way.

We will lose the need for time as we venture toward life's boundaries.

The gifts of the Spirit are wonderful and surprising. In the Spirit, we are strong with the grace of God. 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, cake and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning as we celebrate all those who have a birthday in March.

Mar 5(Wed) ~ Apr 17(Thurs), Lent in 2025: Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

- * Apr 13(Sun), 2025: Palm Sunday
- * Apr 13(Sun)-Apr 19(Sat): Holy Week
- -Apr 17(Thurs) at 7pm: Maundy Thursday (Hand Washing Service)
- -Apr 18(Fri) at 10:30am: Good Friday Service, Communion Service.
- * Apr 20(Sun), 2025, 10:30am: Easter Service with Special Music

Thank you to Marilyn Beatty for being the greeter, to Bob Prentice for being the Lay Reader, to Enoch Cho for leading the Sunday School, to 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.

Our Easter food drive continues up to and including Easter Sunday, April 20th. All donations collected will go to Project Share.

Next Sunday will be tooney Sunday. There will be 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.

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 Lenore Cardif-Hinchliffe, Josephine Weatherall, Mary Kolbuc and family, Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt & family, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn, Patti Pozzobon. and the Vanderburg family.

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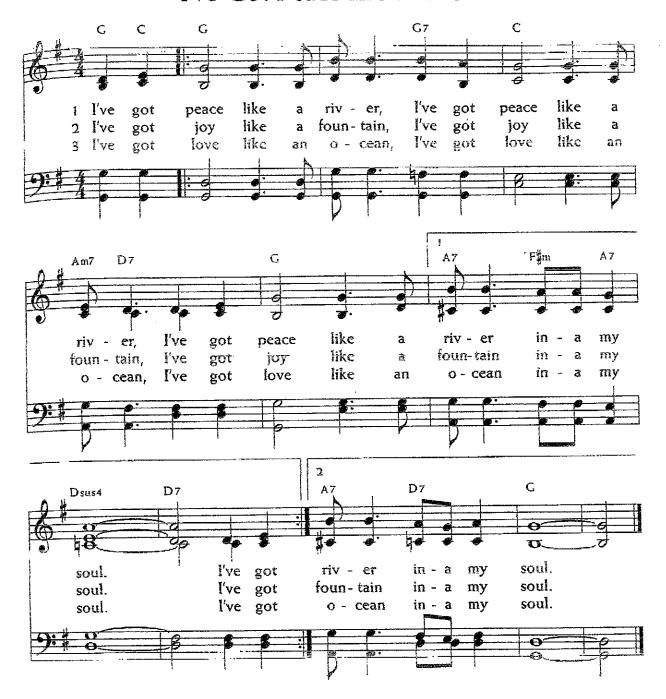
Come, Let Us Sing



960 The Lord's Prayer Da Ci F Our Fe - ther, who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be thy same. Thy king - dom Gm D7 Gm C will be done on earth as it is in beaven. Give us this day Da C C7 Dn **D**7 our dit - ly bread; and for - give us our tres-pass-es, as N. FCF €.7±00 Ħ C them that tree - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vii: for thine is the king - dom and the R' Bha F power and the glo - ry, for - er - er and A .. œr. select.

I've Got Peace like a River

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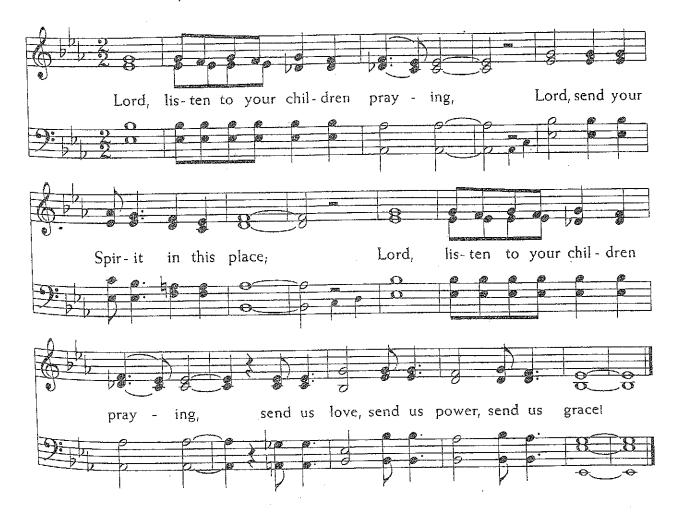


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Will You Come and Follow Me



Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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CHILDREN PRAYING

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