

Islington United Church

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

April 12, 2020



Acknowledgement of the Land

We would like to acknowledge that Islington United Church is situated upon traditional territories. The territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississauga's of the Credit and the Metis Nation. The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Toronto Purchase and applies to lands east of Brown's Line to Woodbine Avenue and north towards Newmarket. We recognize the enduring presence of Aboriginal peoples on this land. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to make right with all our relations.

Prelude and Gathering for Worship

Song

In the Bulb There Is a Flower
Soloist: Jennifer Taverner; Dancer: Emma Whitla

In the Early Morning . . .

Opening Prayer

Rev. Maya Landell

**God of Resurrection,
You have rolled the stone away
And the tomb of our world has been opened wide.
With the dawn has come a new creation.
Let our celebration today
Empty our tombs,
Renew our lives,
And release your power;
Through the risen Christ we pray. Amen (VU 174)**

We Welcome the Light of Christ

James Aitchison

This bulletin is dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother, Elsie Lees.

Lynda Douglas and Ed and Diane Walker

Song

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (VU 155)

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured, hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Welcome

Rev. Maya Landell

Christ Is Risen. **He Is Risen Indeed.**
Hallelujah. **Hallelujah.**

Song

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (VU 958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Invitation to Pass the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with You.
And also with You.

Sing

Joy Comes with the Dawn (VU 166)

[Refrain]

**Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.**

**Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight.**

[Refrain]

**Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong.**

[Refrain]

**We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace.**

[Refrain]

Celebrating the Seasons of Our Lives An Invitation to Light a Candle at Home

The Lights of Remembrance and Community

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering

Total Praise (D. Rao)

Offering Prayer

**Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them
into compassion for others, community for the lonely
and hope for the church and the world. Amen.**

Scripture

Psalm 118:1, 2, 14-24

Song

This Is the Day (VU 412)

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**

**Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.**

**You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

Herein lies Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Herein lies Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Resurrection Dance

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

[Refrain]

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.**

[Refrain]

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.**

[Refrain]

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

[Refrain]

**They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

[Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Musical Offering

Risen Indeed

The Life of the Church

Departing Song

Christ Is Alive (VU 158)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Sung Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will be with us each hour of every day,
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love and show we believe
Reach out to others,
So all the world can see,
God will be there, watching you in love
Go now in peace, in hope and in love
Amen.

Postlude

The Offering: Four Easy Ways to Give

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2. On our website using **CanadaHelps**. Simply visit CanadaHelps.org and type Islington United Church into the search box. Please consider choosing a monthly donation.
3. By issuing a **cheque** to Islington United Church. A team of trusted volunteers is in place to pick up your cheque from your home (without making physical contact). If you wish to have a donation picked up by James Aitchison or Jason Locke, please contact the office at 416-239-1131 or office@islingtonunited.org to make arrangements.
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