



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Easter 4

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Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**At this time we do not have
a minister for the congregation.
If you have a pastoral care concern,
please contact Reverend Nan Hudson
at 613-539-3751 or at nan@kos.net**



CHURCH

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

OFFICE HOURS

The Spire/SSUC Office: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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<https://www.thespirekingston.org/>

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of new beginnings,
show us where stones rolled away

Let in your light and breath;

Show us where your rising vine is greening
to create – in the end – a new beginning.

Be with us and bless us

on this Easter Road to Pentecost.





Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling you have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
--you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

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GATHERING PRAYER

**Holy Mystery, Wholly Love –
as we gather in community to worship you,
may we, by your grace, walk from Light into Light together,
with the Christ's trust that endings are beginnings in disguise;
that the Spirit of Easter is a cosmic presence with us always
even though we walk through the valley of the shadow
of a pandemic cross. Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Lectio / Visio / Audio Divina:

What strikes you in the text/image or music?

How does the text/image/music connect with what is going on in your life right now?

Where/how do you experience God / the movement of the Holy Spirit
In the text/image/music?

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-14

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Rekindle Light In Us
Ashley Vanstone



PSALM

in the light of memory

[Inspired by: John 21:1-14]

*O Keeper of the Light,
when inspiration is lost to us
and our grief overwhelms us,
we take to our busy day-to-day,
casting about for relief
in a sea of forgetting.*

*But time after time,
our net comes up empty.*

*From a flickering light on shore
we hear you call us
to remember
the ones who inspired us,
the light that shone from them
to warm and enliven us;*

*You call us to cast
on grief's other side,
to fish this time
for memories.*

*We do –
our net overflows.*

*We gather and store our catch
in mind and heart until
our soul is bursting
with the inspiration
we thought we had lost –*

*Inspiration that you,
O Keeper of the Light,
rekindle in us
to radiate from us
into our world's
sea of forgetting.*

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REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offerings are gratefully received through:

Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sydenham-street-united-church/>

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or **Canada Post**

For further information:

<https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/donate/>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 242

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

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COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Sing Amen

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, we praise your name, O God.

POSTLUDE

***THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED***

Worship Leader

Barb Carr

Music Director and Organist

Michael T. Fenn

**The Easter Road to Pentecost Light into Light project members:
Elizabeth Macdonald, Rosemary Robinson and Lucinda Bray**

Ms. Annica McDougall, violinist from Queen's University

Ashley Vanstone, "From Light into Light" 2008

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NOTICES

Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on May 11, 2021 on the topic “Cataraqui Cemetery and Modern Challenges”.