

THE STORY Luke 14: 1-24, 15: 1-32 *The Message*

HYMN 112 O God, how we have wandered *Lancashire*

REFLECTION The Party Problem

HYMN 360 A woman and a coin *Life Restored*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER *p. 914*

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM Amazing Grace *arr. Ron Smail*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me: I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved: how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come: 'twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 232 Joyful, joyful we adore you *Hymn to Joy*

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE Introduction: Choral and Menuet Gothique (from *Suite Gothique*) *Léon Boëllmann*

*Participating in today's service are: Doug McWhirter (coordinating greeter); Bob Anglin, John McKellar, Kay McKellar, Gloria van Geilsnyk (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie (liturgist); Ross Healy, Alec McCuaig, Peter Wilkins (readers); Deborah Hart (reflection); George Leslie (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir. Don Parsons is away for the March Break.*

The flowers this morning are given  
in memory of Jan Bottomley  
by the Macnab Family.

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# EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

March 14, 2010

True mercy does not draw a line with respect to choosing to whom we bestow mercy. It does not depend on the merit or demerit of offenders, nor ask whether they deserve to be forgiven. Thomas Merton suggests that God never makes distinctions between those worthy of love and those unworthy. In matters of love, such classifications are without significance. While we might want to avoid wasting our love on an unworthy object, in truth, love can never be wasted. Love offers itself to the lovable and the unlovable alike, as the lilac tree offers its sweet perfume to all. It does not discriminate with respect to whom it is given. Mercy is for everyone, and paradoxically, for those who stand most in need of forgiveness.

*Steven Sims*

**THE FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

OPEN DOORS OPEN MINDS OPEN HEARTS

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March 14, 2010 10:30 a.m.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

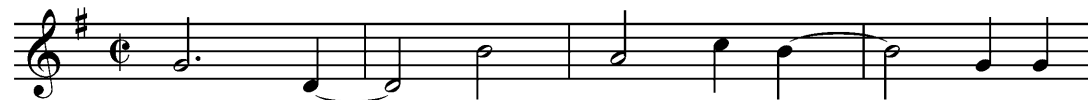
PRELUDE      Christe, Redemptor omnium      *Healey Willan*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

HAITIAN KYRIE *(The congregation stands as able.)*      *Fenilles-O*



Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ O Lord, this day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ O Lord, we pray: \_\_\_\_\_ *Ky - ri -*  
Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ show us the way: \_\_\_\_\_



- e e - lei - - - son. \_\_\_\_\_ Hear us,  
Hear us,  
Hear us,



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\_\_\_\_\_ O Lord, we pray: \_\_\_\_\_ *Ky - ri - e e - lei -*  
\_\_\_\_\_ show us the way: \_\_\_\_\_



- - son. \_\_\_\_\_ *Sau-vez moi la vie, \_\_\_\_\_ O Jé - su,*



*je vous prie. \_\_\_\_\_ Sau-vez moi la vie, \_\_\_\_\_ O Jé - su,*



*je vous prie. \_\_\_\_\_* Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ O  
Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ O  
Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ show



Lord, this day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lord, we pray: \_\_\_\_\_ *Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. \_\_\_\_\_*  
us the way: \_\_\_\_\_

*Words: Traditional adaptation D.C. Cowling*

*Melody: Traditional Haitian*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: *(The congregation remains standing.)*

Holy One, you lavish us with love,

**but sometimes we feel we don't deserve your love**

**or we want to decide who should receive it and who shouldn't.**

**We judge one another by our standards and not yours.**

*(silent personal reflection)*

God of mercy, forgive us.

**Teach us how to forgive one another and ourselves.**

**Grant us generosity of spirit and trust in your extravagant ways.**

**Lead us in these Lenten days towards life in all its fullness.**

*(silent reflection and prayer)*

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to share signs of Peace with their neighbours.)*

INTROIT      God so loved the world      *Bob Chilcott*

*God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

### LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

*(Children are invited to gather at the Communion Table, and then leave for Church School.)*