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EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

March 7, 2010

“Jesus has identified himself with the hungry,
the sick, the naked, the homeless;
hunger, not only for bread, but for love, for care,
to be somebody to someone;
nakedness, not of clothing only, but nakedness of that
compassion that very few people give to the unknown;
homelessness, not only just for a shelter made of stone,
but that homelessness that comes from having
no one to call your own.

When I was weary, you helped me find rest.
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.
When I was little, you taught me to read.
When I was lonely, you gave me your love.
When I was in prison, you came to my cell.
When on a sick bed, you cared for my needs.
In a strange country, you made me at home.
Seeking employment, you found me a job.
Hurt in battle, you bound up my wounds.
Searching for kindness, you held out your hand.
When I was black, or yellow, or white, and
mocked and insulted, you carried my cross.
When I was aged, you bothered to smile.
When I was restless, you listened and cared.
When I was laughed at, you stood by my side.
When I was happy, you shared in my joy.”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

OPEN DOORS OPEN MINDS OPEN HEARTS

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

March 7, 2010 10:30 a.m.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE Improvisation on 'Picardy'

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,

— O Lord, this day: _____
— O Lord, we pray: _____ Ky - ri - e e - lei -
— show us the way: _____

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM Lord, make me an instrument *Jonathan Willcocks*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, may there be union, where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, let there be hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, may there be joy. May we all be in peace, and only peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 117 Jesus Christ is waiting *Noël Nouvelet*

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE Chorale and Fugue *Healey Willan*

Participating in today's service are: Christine Gillespie (coordinating greeter); Elizabeth Blake, Bob Anglin, Margaret Anglin, Gail Horrick (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie (liturgist); Teddy Smith (reader); Don Parsons (reflection); Judi Healy (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir. Deborah Hart is enjoying a Sunday off.

The flowers this morning
are in loving memory of Linda Morin,
given by her family.

Welcoming God,
 make us wise to believe that you invite
 not only our praise and thanksgiving,
 but also our anger and doubt,
 our passions and brokenness.
 Receive all our worship this day,
 for we come to you in spirit and in truth,
 through Jesus, our Companion on the way.

(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.)

HYMN 111 As the sun with longer journey

Picardy

LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

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

THE STORY Luke 13: 1-35

ANTHEM O the Lamb

American trad., arr. John Bell

*O the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the Lamb of Calvary! The Lamb that was slain, yet lives again to
 intercede for me!*

REFLECTION Yet Another Chance

HYMN 703 In the bulb there is a flower

Promise

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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: Ky-ri - e - lei - son.
 Lord, we pray:
 us the way:

Words: Traditional adaptation D.C. Cowling

Melody: Traditional Haitian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: *(The congregation may be seated.)*

Compassionate God,

**we acknowledge that we often come to you reluctantly,
 afraid of what we might have to change
 when we enter your presence.**

In our reluctance,

**we miss opportunities for your grace to touch us,
 and through us to touch others.**

Move among us now that your touch might heal us;

forgive us that we might be blessed with a new beginning.

(silent personal reflection)