



Kensington Presbyterian Church
Growing in Faith and sharing God's Love
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Living the consequences

November 2, 2025

WELCOME, we come to you from the un-ceded lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation.

We're glad this PDF has come to you.¹ If you're using a device, clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site. We are also welcoming people to worship in person on Sundays at 10:30, over Zoom, and on YouTube. Know that you are not alone.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca)



Announcements

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Prayer Groups:

Zoom: Wednesday 6:30 am

Woman's Prayer Group: in person Thursdays 2pm
book & video series Oct 23-Nov 27 'When you pray'
and through *What's App*

Bible Study: Wednesday 7-8 pm

Join us in the minister's office and over zoom
as we discuss the upcoming week's main scripture passage.

Food & Film Night: Friday 6:30 pizza followed by...

Nov 7: Narnia: The Lion, the witch & the wardrobe
Nov. 14: Narnia: Prince Caspian



Drop Box: Food donations are welcome for the Food Pantry at *Women on the Rise*, and items for children (ex. diapers) for young mothers through Head & Hands.

New Hope with Bread & Beyond: Nov 4 at 1 pm
Join in making sandwiches for people in need!

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¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.

Approaching God



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



Call to worship²

You, O LORD, roar your voice

from city streets to mountain tops we come

We come seeking good relationships

May your justice roll down like water

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.



Hymn: O God, our help in ages past #1-3, 6.....pg 13 (330)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNS-ZSUmCb8



Prayer of Approach

Dear Lord,

we come into your presence

singing your praise

because you are always there for us

that nothing will shake your love for us.

We sing that we also love all the people of the world

but we live in ways that hurt others

by what we say and do.

We say in our prayers that we want to work with you for justice,

but we ignore people around us

for whom life is unfair.

We pray for you to lead us,

but usually we think more about what we want

than what you want.

² from *Spill the Beans* #24

God, let justice come over us like a rushing river of water
sweeping us into new ways of living. Help us live everyday by
the words we hear and sing and say in worship on Sunday.

In Jesus name

Amen.³



Mikey in Life Cereal Commercial

Listening to God



Children's Time

One of the great things about Jesus is that we can see how God
wants us to live. Our next hymn will talk a bit about things that Jesus did.
Can you think of any?

Listen to the words

1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,

³ adapted from *Worshipping with Children* by Carolyn Brown
worshippingwithchildren.blogspot.com/2014/10/year-proper-27-32nd-sunday-in-ordinary.html

washing tired feet, and lifting those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2 Take my hands, Lord Jesus; let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Touch me with your Spirit till I'm gentle, too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Let's sing it and then have a short prayer.

♪ Hymn: Jesus' hands were kind hands.....pg 13 (631)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Sqr7doTD5M>

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, Thank you for coming to live with us,
and may your Holy Spirit help us to live like you.*

Amen.



🧘 Prayer for Illumination

Lord,
open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may know ourselves as you do.
Amen.

✦ Intro to the readings


Last week we heard about the prophet Elijah who had been trying to get the people of Israel, and particularly the rulers, to change their ways to God's ways... and that this didn't go well. Still, God stayed present and provided what Elijah needed.

That said, things didn't change. Other prophets were sent, including Amos. He was from a small town in the southern kingdom of Judah, near Jerusalem. We find the messages God speaks through him in the prophets section. While he's talked about as a minor prophet, that is only because the book is short. The major prophets are the long books and the minor ones are the short ones. Like the letters in the Newer Testament the prophetic books are mostly organized by length, not chronologically. The contents in the books are also not in chronological order - but are a collection of sayings. It might be better to think of them as a collection of poetry... that can be hard hitting. Charlie Farquharson summarizes the messages through the prophets as God saying, "Yer doin' it all wrong!"

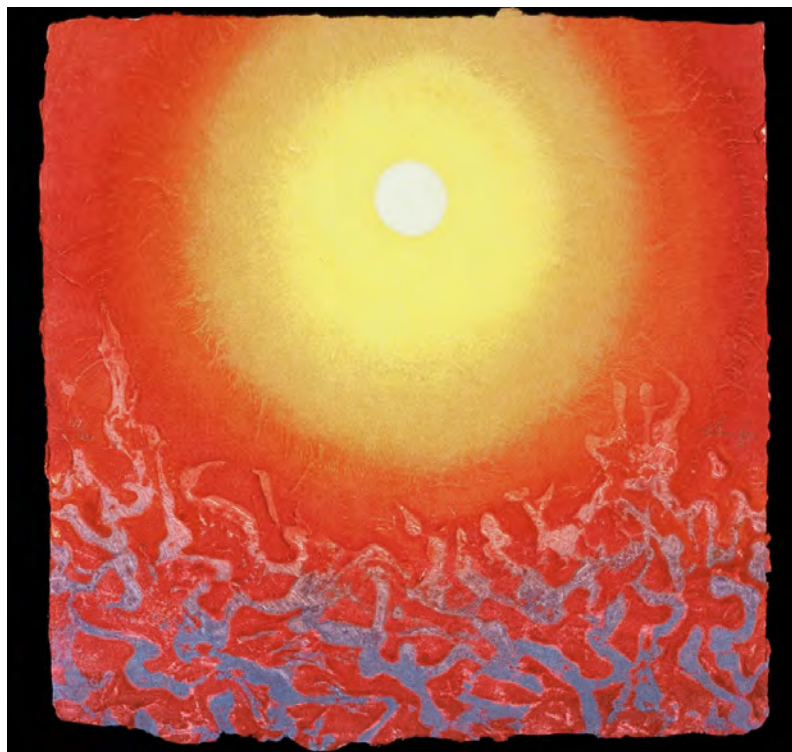
Perhaps it's his rural roots, or that Amos is quite earlier and unedited, but the message here is often very direct. He targets specific groups, starting with neighbouring kingdoms, and then both Judah and Israel. He also gets into specifics - listen for examples.

Two terms to know before Anne reads. Carmel is a mountain in northern Israel. The word Carmel means 'God's vineyard' or 'God's orchard'. Either way, a blessed place to grow things. The other term refers to 'the gate'. The city gates are where the elders would sit and people could go to receive justice in disputes. While the system was much less complicated than our legal system, it is still the equivalent to our courts. The gates are where you should receive justice.

As you would expect, today's psalm reflects themes from Amos.

 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,⁴ or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[Exodus 15: 1-5, 9-13, 18](#) & [Exodus 16: 1-21](#)



Light - Bowden



Sermon: Living the consequences

*Dear Lord, please bless these words
and the meditations of our hearts.⁵ Amen.*

⁴ If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963

or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

⁵ Psalm 19:14

Did you like the passage from Amos?

How did it make you feel?

I think it's a good one for near Halloween. Especially if you read more you find it's full of terror. It stirs the soul with fear. This is God roaring like an angry lion. An attack is coming. The LORD is coming.

When we think of the LORD coming we often talk about a happy reunion. We sometimes include that Jesus will come to judge, but no longer dwell much on being lumped with the goats and excluded from God's kingdom.

In verse 18 Amos asks "Why do you long for the day of the LORD?" He points out that God knows you. The LORD sees your outside, and knows your inside - your actions and your heart. Amos delivers the message that God knows, and is angry.

Why is God angry?

There are many examples throughout in the book of Amos, and our passage gives us a good sampling.

Amos accuses them of not respecting the poor - of trampling on the poor. Maybe it's ignorance. They don't know that the way they live is built by standing/trampling others. It's easy for us to judge them, but do we consider the supply chain supporting our lives? What does it mean for the farmers for us to have cheap chocolate at Halloween? Does it still involve child labour? What about enjoying fresh produce out of season? What about the clothing industry? A few years ago several popular brands were shown to have companies making their clothes that used sweat-shops. They tried to say they didn't know. Do we know about the conditions of those making our clothes? I wonder if the people Amos accused of trampling on the poor pleaded ignorance. I wonder what Amos would say to us.



Begging Jesus - T Schmalz

Amos then accused them of building homes of hewn stone, and not living in them. One of the issues here is that hewn stone indicates a lot of money being spent on these homes... while others don't have homes. This is made even worse by not using the homes. Amos was speaking to the Elite who were building summer palaces in the country. They were a status symbol that went beyond what was needed while others suffered. We can see that here too. Large mansions with few people living in them,

while we have an increasing issue of homelessness. This can be extended to other objects that move beyond their purpose - such as cars. Driving west along the 40 there's a Lamborghini dealer with many many cars. Apparently spending \$400 000 on one wouldn't be unusual.⁶ Is this right in God's eyes? What would Amos say?

The line about not living in their houses reminds me of when I was living in Vancouver and people from China were dropping a lot of money on Vancouver houses. This served as an investment, and possibly a place to live at some point. The impact was to drive the prices through the roof so that many couldn't afford a place to live. What would Amos say?

Then Amos mentioned having pleasant vineyards, but not drinking the wine. At the time the Elite of Israel had a good export trade going. Can you imagine growing crops to make money, while allowing locals to go hungry? There is criticism that the World Bank is using their power as the debt holder of countries to force farmers to plant crops for export over feeding themselves - and by using better seeds... that won't reproduce, which ensures that the farmers must return to the seed company. These crops grow better, and help the economy of the country... but what about the farmers? Will they join those in the streets?

Then Amos mentions bribes as being against righteousness - betraying relationships. I think our society in Montreal has moved beyond the brown envelope... I pray.

Amos shifts to accusing them of pushing aside the needy from the gate - denying those in need access to their courts - access to justice. Can you think of situations in our society where people aren't able to access the courts? access justice? I attended the New Hope workshop on tenants rights and heard about a number of

⁶ found out through a quick google search for lamborghini prices in Canada.

ways some landlords deny rights - people who often don't know how to access the justice system (hence the workshops). Navigating our justice system is one issue, so is the backlog of cases. I expect everyone would agree the delays aren't fair for anyone, but we don't change our ways to change the system. What would Amos say?

And after this Amos gets to talking about the church. Let me read you Eugene Peterson's paraphrase found in *The Message*.

"I can't stand your religious meetings.

I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions.

*I want nothing to do with your religion projects,
your pretentious slogans and goals.*

*I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes,
your public relations and image making.*

I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music.

When was the last time you sang to me?

As we heard when David, the child, was anointed to be the next king, God sees the outside and the inside. Looking good at church while living lives built on the backs of others - creating ease for ourselves while others suffer - having a system that denies them access to justice... makes God angry. Amos lets them know that the consequences of living like this will mean destruction.

But there is hope.

We are also told to do good and not evil; to *"let justice roll down like cleansing water, and righteousness like an every-flowing, life sustaining, stream."* If we can change our ways, then *maybe the Lord, the God of angel armies, will be gracious*". It's not a promise. We can't control what God will do, but with change it's possible to avoid destruction.

As this is important, we should unpack what we are to do.

What is justice? That may seem obvious, but it's important to remember this is from God's point of view. It is a system that shapes society into a way that God would like. We can see glimpses of this in the Bible. There are the issues that Amos goes on about. We can also look to Jesus. He prioritizes feeding the hungry, healing the sick, welcoming the stranger... removing any barriers to God. Justice is not about vengeance; for vengeance belongs to the LORD. Justice is the societal structure that enables righteousness.

What is righteousness? This is about relationships being healthy between people, with creation, and with God.



Amos & Rosa Parks - Carol Highsmith

Verse 24 is one that Martin Luther King Jr quoted in several speeches. *"Let justice roll down like cleansing water, and righteousness like an every-flowing, life sustaining, stream."* What's it mean to be like cleansing water and an every-flowing stream? Water can be nice and refreshing. It can cleanse. It can also shape mountains -

or tear them down.⁷ We are challenged to let God's sense of justice cleans our society and our lives, even if it means reshaping them. This could be as painful as water eroding a stubborn rock. Righteousness needs to be every-flowing, not a stream that flows in the spring, but always - and this will be life-sustaining.

I'd like to end with a reading not from Amos, but from Dorothy Day. She was a journalist and social activist. In 1933 she was a co-founder of the Catholic Workers Movement which sought to directly help the poor and homeless and advocate on their behalf. This comes from 1946.⁸

We confess to being fools
and wish that we were more so...

What we would like to do
is change the world — make it
a little simpler for people
to feed, clothe and shelter themselves
as God intended them to do.

And to a certain extent,
by fighting for better conditions,
by crying out unceasingly
for the rights of the workers,
of the poor, of the destitute —
the rights of the “worthy”
and the “unworthy” poor

in other words, we can
to a certain extent
change the world.

We can work for the oasis,
the little cell of joy
and peace in a harried world.

We can throw our pebble
in the pond and be confident
that its ever widening circle
will reach around the world.

We can give away an onion.

We repeat, there is nothing
that we can do but love,
and dear God —
please enlarge our hearts

to love each other,
to love our neighbor,
to love our enemy
as well as our friend.

*To God be all the glory
Amen.*

7 Here's a link to a nice sunny river... coming out of Niagra Falls. Is this God's justice?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_DmrgSorg0#t=35

8 www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2025/10/27/the-oasis-by-dorothy-day



Responding to God

♪ Hymn: Let justice flow.....pg.14
youtu.be/SDCZp3GMlyw?t=13

💬 FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Wonder: What do you think/feel about the message in Amos?

Values: What are things you really enjoy?

Actions: Based on Jesus actions and words, created a description of God's righteousness and/or justice. This could be a definition, story, poem, picture, meal, ...

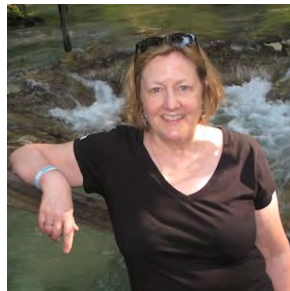
Visions: Pick an issue. Based upon how Jesus lived. Write an Amos styled expression of what you think God would want said about it - and be specific.

Prayer: ...If you found out the Day of the LORD was coming, what would you pray about? Do it.

✦ Spirit Sightings

The Rev. Glynis Williams died last week. She was a member of this presbytery for many years, helping bring justice and righteousness.

Her first career was as a nurse working in the new field of palliative care. After being ordained she worked for some years in Tyndale St-Georges, and then founded Action Réfugiés Montréal. She then served a term working in Syria with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and was then



appointed Associate Secretary of International Ministries for The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Glynis was also known and loved here at Kensington. She was baptised here, and much later served as our interim-moderator through the discernment of God's call for the congregation, and a new minister.

A celebration and thanksgiving for her life will be held on Saturday November 15 at 2:00 pm in Toronto. The service will be available online at: youtube.com/live/r16QkyboHYY?feature=share.

A memorial service will be held at St. Columba by-the-Lake in Pointe-Claire on April 18, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

A longer obituary can be found here: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/toronto-on/glynis-williams-12585860

✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow. You can now donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

All donations are gratefully received and support God's work in our local and extended community.



Communion

♪ Hymn: Let us break bread together.....pg 14 (548)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Egk-pX_1nHg

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmcDFmbKg4g (P. Robeson)

✦ Invitation to the table

After sending many prophets as messengers

God finally came in Jesus

to help us understand that even when we are unworthy
we are still loved

and invited to be witnesses of God's love.

One of the ways Jesus did this was to gather people

around the table to share in God's glory

And the Holy Spirit still does this (is doing it now).

Everyone who wants to know Jesus better

may share in this communion

with our Lord, and each other.

Please come,

you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith,

for a better life,

for a fairer world.

God's Holy Spirit has brought you to this table,

and Jesus the Christ,

invites you to be fed with love, peace & healing.

C'est la volonté de Dieu

que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus

partager ce repas.



Last Supper - Jacopo Bassano

As we come together to share this taste of Lord's Supper,
let us also join with Christians around the world and through the
centuries in speaking the Apostle's Creed.

🗨️ Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



Communion - Eucharist - Hochhalter, Cara

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Lord, you can be hard to grasp;
impossible to handle.

Yet we need to try.

You are like a powerful star
pulling us into orbit

and giving us light and energy.

You are like a river,
giving life,

and able to burst any banks we build to contain you.

You are wonderful,
and a little scary.

We need you,

and so we join with the whole of creation
to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

There is none greater than you.

You created everything,

and are Lord of everything.

and you will come back to judge us.

But care about us,

and sent Jesus to show us the way

of justice

of righteousness

of love

Even though it meant giving up your throne,

your status

your pride

your life

...

Remembering this,

we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.


Christ will come again.

Even with the words of Amos ringing in our ears
we look forward to your coming again
to your justice and your righteousness
flowing like living water
bringing love & healing to everyone - to everything.

As we wait,
we ask for your Spirit to help us reshape/change our world
We pray

- for those in Jamaica, and elsewhere, suffering from storm damage...
- for those whose jobs are uncertain...
- for those in need of a safe place to live...
- for those in need of healing...
- for those in need of yourself...

We pray Lord Jesus that the prayer you taught your disciples
will also shape us and our lives:
Let us say the Lord's prayer together:

 Lord's Prayer (feel free to use another version/translation)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours
now and forever.

As we gather at your table
we are reminded that your Spirit
can turn the ordinary into the holy.
so that we can recognize you in bread and juice.
May your Holy Spirit make this time come alive
in ways that bring us closer to you.
Amen.



Words of Institution

On the night before he met with
death, Jesus took bread, and
after giving thanks to God
he broke the bread and shared
it, saying

“This is my body; it is
broken for you.”

“Ceci est mon corps, qui est
rompu pour vous”

[take and eat]

In the same way, he took the cup
of wine after dinner and said,

“This is the new relationship with God, sealed in my blood

Take this, all of you, in remembrance of me.”

“Cette coupe est la nouvelle alliance en mon sang;
faites ceci en mémoire de moi”

[take and drink]



Jesus offering bread - BM Cerezo

Prayer after Communion

Loving God,
Merci pour c'est temps avec toi,
uniting us with Christ,
and with each other.
Let us go out, filled with the power of your Spirit,
sharing your steadfast love, hope & healing to the world.
Unissons-nous à ton Esprit dans le monde.
In Jesus name,
Amen.

♪ Hymn: The love of God comes close.....pg. 15 (474)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyZZFS1njGo

✦ Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.*
Amen



MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 2**

In a small village in Nepal, 25 people gathered to form the Pipalchautari Self-Help Group (SHG). With support from PWS&D and a local partner, the group began working to strengthen their community and improve safety from issues like wildfires and landslides. When group member Darpana's home caught fire, everything was lost. However, the SHG was prepared to deal with the emergency. After the fire, they held an emergency meeting and were able to provide her with food supplies they had stockpiled as part of their emergency planning. This support helped Darpana and her family start over. "I'm very thankful to all the group members for helping me during my hardest time," Darpana shares. "This support demonstrated the power of unity."



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 2 We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet, share and encourage one another. We pray for openness to new ways of seeing hope and possibilities as they look to the future.

Monday, November 3 We pray for a PWS&D program that helps men, women and youth in Malawi learn job skills, save for the future and build sustainable livelihoods.

Tuesday, November 4 We pray for guests at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre as community leaders, church groups and non-profit organizations gather for strategic planning, education and rest-filled retreats.

Wednesday, November 5 We pray for Gerry Kent as he begins a 3-year appointment as volunteer mission staff in the position of Funding Manager at the United Mission to Nepal in Kathmandu.

Thursday, November 6 We pray for the leaders of mission groups in our churches as they reach out to people who have yet to know the love and grace of God through the compassion of Christ.

Friday, November 7 We pray for the Centre for Asian-Canadian Theology and Ministry at Knox College as it celebrates its 30th anniversary today.

Saturday, November 8 We pray for the work of the Committee on Education and Reception that is meeting this week.

O God, our help in ages past

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C F C/E Am Dm7/F G C Am Em Am/C D G

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the sha-dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way.
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

G C F Dm G C Dm/F E C/E Dm C Dm/F G C

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 They fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
 still be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

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Discipleship
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Jesus' hands were kind hands

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Unison F Dm F/A Gm/Bb F/C C9 F

1. Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all,
 2. Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you;

F Dm F/A Gm/Bb F/C C9 F

heal - ing pain and sick - ness, bless - ing chil - dren small,
 make them strong and gen - tle, kind in all I do.

Gm /Bb D /C G/B G 7 C /Bb

wash - ing tir - ed feet, and sav - ing those who fall;
 Let me watch you, Je - sus, till I'm gen - tle too,

F/A Dm F/A Gm/Bb G9/B C9 F

Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
 till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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Let Justice Flow

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Refrain G C D G

Let jus-tice flow down, down like a riv-er, down to the

C D G C

val-leys where the help-less cry. Let right-eous-ness flow

D G Em C Dsus G Fine

through us for-ev-er, lead us to the stream that will nev-er run dry.

C Gmaj7 Em C D Em D

1 Flow to the mouths of the hun-gry; flow to the hands of the poor.
2 Flow to the streets of the home-less, find-ing no place they can go.
3 Flow through the courts of our na-tion, guide us in love's de-crees.

C Bm Em C D7 G To Refrain

Flow to the hearts of the or-phans, heal the wounds of war.
Flow to the cells of the pri-son-ers fac-ing each day a-lone.
Lead us to streams of sal-va-tion; fill our land with peace.

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Let us break bread together

E♭ /D Cm Fm/A♭ B♭ E♭ A♭/E♭ E♭

1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;

Fm Gm B♭/A♭ E♭/G E♭6 F B♭ B♭7

let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
let us praise God to-gether on our knees;

E♭/G B♭13/F E♭ B♭/D Cm7 Fm/D E♭ Fm /E♭ B♭7/D

when I fall down on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,

B♭6 - 7 Cm7 B♭6 A♭maj7 B♭sus2-3 E♭

O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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474 The love of God comes close

1. The love of God comes close where stands an o - pen door,
 2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,
 3. The joy of God comes close where faith en - coun - ters fears,
 4. The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,
 5. The Son of God comes close where peo - ple praise his name,

to let the stran - ger in, to min - gle rich and poor.
 for - go - ing lives of ease to ease the lives for - lorn.
 where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears.
 when hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.
 where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.

The love
 The peace
 The joy of God is here to stay, em - brac - ing those who
 The grace
 The Son

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walk the Way; the

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