

# WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026  
LENT I - SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**Sunday, February 22nd, 2026, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Morning Worship - Lent I**

\*Indicates places in the service where worshippers are invited to stand as they are able.

**Preludes** – Aria

Wer nur den lieben, BWV 647

*Andrew Carter*  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**\*Processional Hymn 121** – Forty days and forty nights (Heinlein)

**\*Call to Worship**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**Introit** – Little David, play on your harp

*Spiritual, arr. John Leavitt*

*Little David, play on your harp, Hallelujah. David was a shepherd boy, he slew Goliath and shouted for joy. David was a mighty king, and all the people came to sing, "Play that harp, David!"*

**Choristers**

**Jessica Willingham, conductor**

**Invocation**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung Amen)**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

**\*Responsive Psalm 32**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**Leader:** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People:** **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**Leader:** While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**People:** **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**Leader:** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**People:** **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

**Leader:** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance

**People:** **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

**Leader:** Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**People:** **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

**Leader:** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**\*Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.***

**FM Band** – Glory Glory Hallelujah Since I Laid My Burdens Down

*Glory Glory Hallelujah  
Since I laid my burdens down  
Glory Glory Hallelujah  
Since I laid my burdens down*

*I feel better, so much better  
Since I laid my burdens down  
I feel better, so much better  
Since I laid my burdens down*

*I'm going home to live with Jesus  
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**Prayer with the Children**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**Window on the World**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous &  
The Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins**

**Holy Scripture**

**Angel**

Matthew 4:1-11

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Rev. Paula Willis**

**Choral Response** – Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

*G. Thalben Ball*

**Offering**

*But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. (1 Chronicles 29:14)*

**Anthem** – Deep River

*Spiritual, arr. Richard Shephard*

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord; I want to cross over into campground.  
O God's children, O don't you want to go to the heavenly feast in that promised land, the land  
where all is peace. Walk right into Heaven, and take my seat, and throw myself at Jesus' feet.*

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Hymn 727** – May the mind of Christ my Saviour (St Leonard's)

**Sermon** – “If you are the Son of God”

**The Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins**

**\*Recessional Hymn 128** – Jesu, lover of my soul (Aberystwyth)

**\*Benediction**

**The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous**

**\*Amen** – Palmer in E

**Postlude** – Toccata (Suite Gothique)

*Léon Böellemann*

**Carillon** – Forty Days and Forty Nights (Heinlein)

**Naoko Tsujita, Carillonneur**

**Jessica Willingham, Loren Graziano, Cassandra Amorim, sopranos  
Margaret Terry, Amanda Weatherall, altos  
Adam Wicks, Ronald Tapawan, tenors  
Stephen King, Joseph Ernst, basses**

**Sharon L. Beckstead, Associate Musician**

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**SPECIAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING ( SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026)**

**Church Council** and the **Board of Trustees** have approved that the following recommendation be put before Membership for a vote at a Special Meeting per YPBC's Constitution. The Special Membership Meeting will be held at 12:30pm on **Sunday, February 22nd** in the Heritage Room.

**The Recommendation:**

*“To offer the Manse at 12 Weybourne Crescent for sale as soon as is practical, with the full proceeds of sale to be invested in a cashable GIC until the hiring of a new Minister of the Congregation. Once the personal circumstances of the new Minister are determined, consider the options to provide appropriate ‘right-sized’ accommodation and re-invest the remaining balance in the Endowment Fund.”*

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**FOODBANK VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Churches-on-the-Hill Treasurer is looking to recruit a newly retired BOOKKEEPER who is proficient with Quickbooks for 4-5 hours per week (late November and December could be higher, other months lower). The position entails entering Accounts Payable, credit card reconciliations and tracking of restricted donations. Anyone interested should call the Foodbank telephone 416-967-3842 and indicate Bookkeeper position as well as a name and telephone number.

## FROM THE GLADSTONE LIBRARY

Have a look at the books on the book cart in the Narthex to do with Black Heritage Month and learn something new. Please remember to sign out any book you borrow on the sheet provided, so we do not lose track of it.

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### WELCOMING THE REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS

Dr. Anna Robbins is the President of Acadia Divinity College, the Dean of Theology at Acadia University, and is the Dr. Millard R. Cherry Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture.

She has an international profile in theology and apologetics, ethics and contemporary culture, and is sought after as a speaker and teacher.

Dr. Robbins brings her faithful integrity as she applies the gospel to real-life issues and relationships with justice, innovation, academic rigor and joyful expectation. She joined the faculty at Acadia Divinity College in 2012 and has served with distinction as President since 2019. Anna lives in Wolfville with her husband, Peter, and their son David.



### CALL FOR SUBMISSION

YP Gallery invites submissions of paintings, drawings, original prints, and fine art photography.

Approximately 24 works will be curated for exhibition in the Gallery.

### HOW IT WORKS:

The purchaser pays the seller directly. The seller may then donate the proceeds to YPBC and receive a charitable tax receipt.

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Sunday, March 29, 2026

Submission forms are available in the Narthex, the Gallery and YP Centre Hall

For more information contact: [ypgallery@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:ypgallery@yorkminsterpark.com)

Welcome families! In support of our Protection Plan, upon arrival, parents/guardians may sign-in their child (Babies to Gr. 5) at the Centre Hall Table before the service begins and then sign-out their child in Cameron Hall following the Choral Amen of the Service (during the Postlude).

### Sunday Morning:

- Family Ministry Leader Prayer Time: 9:45-10:15am
- Family Ministries (children/youth): 11:10am-12:15pm
  - Children/Youth and their families are in the Sanctuary for the first part of the 11am Worship Service
  - After the Children's Prayer Time in the Service, children, youth and leaders go to Cameron Hall for further worship and faith learning before dividing into age-appropriate groups
- We encourage all youth (Gr. 6-12) to hang out in the Youth Zone Rm upstairs after the service for fellowship time
- Family Ministry Potluck Luncheons (Scheduled Sundays throughout the year)

### Tuesday Online:

- Family Ministry (ALL Ages) Bible Study and Activities: 6:30-7:15pm
- Family Ministry Leader's Bible Study and Prayer: 7:15-8pm

### Youth Nights (twice a month):

- Youth (Gr. 6-12) are welcome to experience Fun, Faith and Fellowship two scheduled nights a month

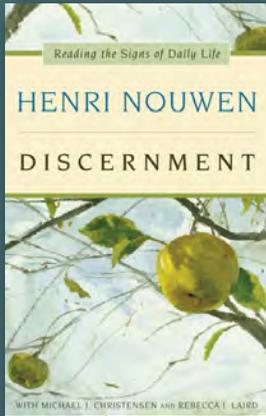
To receive our weekly Family Ministry E-update, Zoom links or any information about our ministries, schedule, events, potlucks and more, please contact **Leticia Limgenco** at [llimgenco@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:llimgenco@yorkminsterpark.com)

## Doxa Youth Night - Friday, February 27, 2026

Like us on [Facebook](#) | Follow us on [Instagram](#) | Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#)

### Family Ministry Collage - February 22nd 2026





# LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

## WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

Join a Lenten small group for a six-week journey of faith, reflection, and preparation for Easter. Groups meet weekly, in person or online, using *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* by Henri Nouwen.

**THERE IS  
STILL TIME  
TO  
REGISTER!**

### LENTEN LIFE GROUPS WEEKLY MEETINGS

To register, you can sign-up using the sign-up sheet available in the Narthex or contact the Rev. Paula Willis at [pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:pwillis@yorkminsterpark.com) or 416-922-1240. Studies are either In Person or Zoom. NO hybrid sessions available.



World Day  
of Prayer 2025

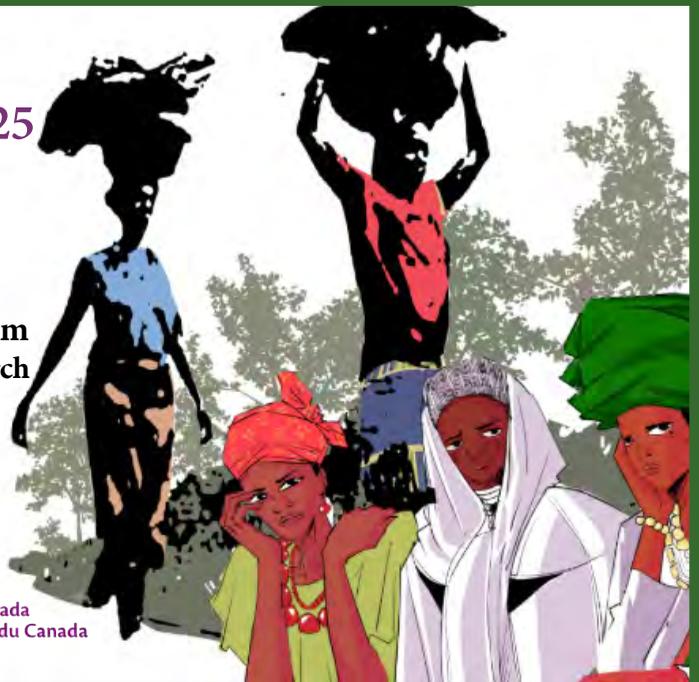
## Ecumenical Worship Service

Friday March 6, 2026 1:00 pm  
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
*Reception to follow*

Service written and prepared by  
WDP Nigeria, adapted for use in  
Canada by the Women's Inter-Church  
Council of Canada



Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## AT YORKMINSTER PARK

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

**MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.** Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

**CHORAL PASSIONTIDE DEVOTION | 4:30 P.M.**

A choral expression of faith for Holy Week and Easter.

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### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

**EVENING SERVICE | 7:00 P.M.**

Readings, prayers, music, footwashing and Communion.

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous | Music: Iona Passage

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### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

**MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.**

Reflecting on Christ's words from the cross.

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK | 12:30 P.M.**

Together with our neighbouring churches we walk through the community stopping at each church for a brief service.

**THE GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT | 4:00 P.M.**

Readings, poetry and choral music with the Hedgerow Singers. FREE Admission.

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### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

**MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.**

A Service of Prayer, Meditation and Music. Homily: The Rev. Paula Willis

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### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

**EARLY MORNING SERVICE | 8:00 A.M.**

A celebration of the resurrection with readings, prayers and Communion in Cameron Hall. Homily: The Rev. Paula Willis

**EASTER BREAKFAST | 9:00 A.M.** In the Heritage Room - All are Welcome.

**EASTER WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.**

Worship featuring the choir and brass accompaniment to the great hymns of Easter.  
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous



# PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

**Tuesday, February 24**  
**1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Friendship Room**

**Enjoy knitting, crocheting, or  
would love to learn?**

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting, join us for an afternoon of fellowship and of creating shawls to be given to people in need of comfort.

For more information contact the church office, **416-922-1167** or **[office@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:office@yorkminsterpark.com)**

## YORKMINSTER PARK SPEAKERS SERIES

Presents

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GROUP OF SEVEN



A Lecture by  
**Jim and Sue  
Waddington**

Retired Physics Professor and Nurse,  
respectively, and Amateur art historians

**Friday, February 27, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m. | Cameron Hall**

Continuing education lectures by outstanding  
speakers on topics of general interest

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## YORKMINSTER PARK GALLERY

A SLIVER OF DAWN  
**ILA KELLERMANN**

**FEBRUARY 28**  
**TO APRIL 30, 2026**

**OPENING RECEPTION:**  
Sunday, March 1  
12:30 - 2:00pm

**GALLERY HOURS:**  
Saturday: Noon - 3:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
and 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm



# IONA PRAYER SERVICE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 7:00 PM**

Featuring music by Iona Passage.  
If you are unable to be with us, but  
would like us to light a candle and  
say a prayer for someone, email  
[kbellous@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:kbellous@yorkminsterpark.com)  
prior to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



## YPBC News

Go into all the world and  
preach the Good News  
to everyone.

**The spring issue of the  
YPBC News will be  
published in March.**

Please send all items/articles to the  
editor, [ramsay7stars@gmail.com](mailto:ramsay7stars@gmail.com) no  
later than **March 1, 2026**.

Text should be in WORD, unformatted,  
and photos/illustrations in JPEG.



The Royal Commonwealth Society of Toronto presents:

# COMMONWEALTH DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026, AT 11:00 A.M.**



In the presence of **The Honourable Edith Dumont, OOnt**  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Featuring **The King's Commonwealth Day Message**

The church service will be followed by a reception.



# Yorkminster Park Week-at-a-Glance

## Sunday, February 22

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, led by Brenda Lam and Janet Kim, Teal Boardroom (502)
- 10:00 am** Berean Bible Study, led by Rick Doust, Red Board Room (101)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, Lent I, The Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins preaching, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm** Special Congregational Meeting - Property, Heritage Room

## Monday, February 23

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 7:00 pm** Lenten Life Group led by Dr. Rob Inman, Zoom Only

## Tuesday, February 24

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 am** Dorcas Knitting Group, Youth Zone (508)
- 10:00 am** Tuesday Morning Bible Study, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Friendship Room (302)
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 12:10 pm** Lunchtime Chamber Music, Rising Stars Recital, featuring students from the Glenn Gould School
- 6:30 pm** FM Zoom Meeting, led by Leticia Limgenco, Zoom Only
- 7:00 pm** Lenten Life Group, John Torrance and Rick Doust

## Wednesday, February 25

- 7:00 am** Morning Brew Bible Study, led by Stuart Campbell, Friendship Room (302)
- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am** Dorcas & Needlework Guild Luncheon, Friendship Room (302)
- 12:30 pm** Lenten Life Group, led by The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous, Teal Board Room (502)
- 3:00 pm** COTH Clergy Meeting, Teal Board Room (502)
- 5:30 pm** Out of the Cold, Heritage Room & Gymnasium
- 7:00 pm** Wednesday Lenten Study Group, led by The Rev. Paula Willis, Zoom Only

## Thursday, February 26

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 11:00 am** Open Doors, Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm** Lenten Life Group, led by Dina Gilbert, John Gladstone Library
- 1:30 pm** Thursday Bible Study Group, led by Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson, Zoom Only
- 7:00 pm** Thursday Night Bible Study, led by John Speller, Zoom Only
- 7:30 pm** YP Choir Practice, Cameron Hall

## Friday, February 27

- 9:00 am** Meals on Wheels
- 6:30 pm** Life Together Life Group, Friendship Room (302)
- 7:00 pm** YP Speakers Series presents "In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven" by Jim and Sue Waddington, Cameron Hall

## Saturday, February 28

- 12:00 pm** YP Art Gallery OPEN, featuring artist Ila Kellermann, "A Sliver of Dawn"

## Sunday, March 1

- 10:00 am** Mustard Seed Fellowship, led by Brenda Lam and Janet Kim, Teal Boardroom (502)
- 10:00 am** Berean Bible Study, led by Rick Doust, Red Board Room (101)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service, Lent II, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous preaching, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm** Iona Evening Worship, led by The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous, Sanctuary

# We are delighted to have you worshipping with us!

Thank you for joining us in person and online

**Stay Connected:** Please [share your email address](#) to receive emails about life at Yorkminster Park. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

**Accessibility:** Large-print Bibles and calendars, hearing assistance and a limited number of wheelchairs are available upon request. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

## Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.



### In Person

Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.



### Scan the QR Code

It will take you directly to our [CanadaHelps](#) page.



### By Mail

Send your offering by cheque to the church office.



### Online and Interac e-Transfer

Visit our website [yorkminsterpark.com](#) > Give

**OR** Submit your offering by **Interac e-Transfer** to [transactions@yorkminsterpark.com](mailto:transactions@yorkminsterpark.com)



### Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.



### Tap to Give

Use our **TipTap** machine  
Please note that a tax receipt cannot be issued at this time.

## Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

*In the prayerful hope of true reconciliation and healing, we acknowledge the land we are meeting on has been the site of human activity for over 15,000 years. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to live, work and worship on this land.*

### The Rev. Dr. Ken Bellous

Interim Minister of the Congregation

### The Rev. Paula Willis

Minister of Pastoral Care  
and Discipleship

### Mr. William Maddox

BMus, FTCL, FCAM  
Organist and Director of Music

### Ms. Leticia Limgenco

Interim Director of  
Family Ministries

### Ms. Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson

Director of Mission and Community Engagement

### The Rev. John Torrance

Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care



Hymns – February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026

**\*Processional Hymn 121 – Forty Days and Forty Nights**

- 1 Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild ;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled :
- 2 Sunbeams scorching all the day ;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed ;  
prowling beasts about thy way ;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
- 3 Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain ?
- 4 And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.
- 5 So shall we have peace divine ;  
holier gladness ours shall be ;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.
- 6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side ;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

**FM Band – Glory Glory Hallelujah Since I Laid My Burdens Down**

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**\*Hymn 727 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do or say.
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea ;  
him exalting, self abasing —  
this is victory.
- 5 May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

**\*Recessional Hymn 128 – Jesu, lover of my soul**

- 1 Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high :  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past ;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee ;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring ;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want ;  
more than all in thee I find ;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness ;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin ;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art :  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.