

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
April 2, 2021 – 10:30 am
Good Friday

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Central Queens' Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship, we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Call to Worship

The
people
stood
yelling,
"Crucify!"

and it breaks our hearts every time.
For Jesus' death occurs every time someone
is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.

"Crucify!"
tears
away
at
God's
Beloved.

Opening Hymn O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile VU #136

The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

I

First of the Shadows
John 18: 1-12

Extinguishing of the First Candle

Hymn O Sacred Head VU #145

Second of the Shadows
John 18:13-27

Extinguishing of the Second Candle

A Prayer of Reconciliation for Good Friday

*Ever-present God, on this Good Friday morning,
our whole world is engulfed in shadows
as we remember the story of Jesus' death.*

*We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on
this familiar story
because it hurts so much.*

*It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.
It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross
with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath.
It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the
world.*

*But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the
pain that is there:*

*The pain of the world,
of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice.
Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us, to
witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love.*

*We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus.
Strengthen us with your courage;
offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death;
let us know you are present with us here in this moment of pain;
now as always.*

Assurance of Blessing

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Third of the Shadows
John 18:28-19:16a

Extinguishing of the Third Candle

Hymn What Wondrous Love Is This Vu #147 vs 1 & 2

IV

Fourth of the Shadows
John 19:16b-27

Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle

Prayer

**Ever Present God,
we are amazed that Jesus, nearing his death,
reached out to comfort and empower those dearest to him.
At the foot of his cross,
he called his mother and his beloved disciple into a new
community.
Give us the grace and courage to join them there,
welcoming all who struggle and grieve
into this new covenant of love and grace.**

**For whom shall we pray,
in our world, our community, our family,
under the shadow of the cross?**

Hymn When I Survey the Wonderful Cross VU #149 vs 1 – 3

V

Fifth of the Shadows
John 19:28-37

Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle

Mediation

VI

Sixth of the Shadows
John 19:38-42

Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle

Anthem / Special Music

VII

Jesus is dead...It is finished.

Extinguishing the Seventh Candle

Prayerful Recess

Jesus is laid in the tomb, and his followers leave him to God, in the silence and rest of Sabbath. You are invited to leave into the shadows of this dark day.

