

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
April 5, 2026 – 10:30 am
Resurrection Sunday

Prelude

Processional Hymn Thine Is the Glory VU #173

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Brought forward*)

***Call to Worship**

Early in the morning, while the world is still quiet,
we gather.
With grief we carry, and hope we cannot yet name,
we gather.
Like the women at the tomb, drawn near by love rather than
certainty,
we gather.
The stone has been rolled away.
Life is not finished with us.
In fear and in joy, in questions and in trust,
we come to meet the risen presence of God among us.

***Hymn** Christ Is Alive VU #158

Prayer of Approach

**Holy Mystery, we gather as those who carry our stories, our
griefs, our hopes, our uncertainties. Like those who came
to the tomb at dawn, we come not with certainty, but with
longing, trusting that you meet us in the midst of our
searching.**

**Open our awareness to your presence among us and draw
us into a deeper attentiveness to one another and to you.
May this time become a place of grace, where fear and joy
can dwell together, and where new life is quietly received.
Amen.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 118 Parts 1, 2 & 3 VU #837

***Hymn** Shout for God VU#246 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Shout for God VU #246 vs 3 & 4

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Holy One, source of all life and light, we pause in your
presence. We confess the ways we have turned aside from
your path: in our words that have wounded, in our silence
when we might have spoken, in our fear that has kept us
distant from love.**

**We have not always stayed near to what is true, nor have
we always trusted the slow work of your Spirit within us.**

**Forgive us, gentle God. Draw us back into your way of
attentiveness and courage and awaken in us hearts that
are open to your renewing grace. Amen.**

Silence

Words of Grace

***Sung Response** Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958 x2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

***Offertory** We Give Our Thanks MV #187

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we bring these gifts with grateful hearts. Receive them, we pray, as signs of our willingness to participate in your ongoing work of love, justice, and renewal.

Bless what is offered here and bless the hands and lives from which these gifts come. May they be used to strengthen community, to support those in need, and to reflect your presence in the world.

As we give, shape us also to live more openly, more attentively, and more courageously in your way. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter, verses 1 – 10.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 28:1-10 *Mary and the empty tomb.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem *“Alleluia, Alleluia”* *Choir*

Sermon *“Near Enough to Notice”*

Responding to the Word

Sharing of the Peace

The risen Christ meets us in peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

Easter Communion Liturgy

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Holy One, for in the mystery of life and death and new life, you continue to meet your people with grace and presence. At dawn, in fear and in joy, you met the women at the tomb. You rolled away what seemed final, and opened a future not yet imagined.

You have been present in every age, in moments of sorrow and moments of renewal, drawing people near to your life-giving way. And so, with those who have gone before us, with all creation, and with the communities of faith throughout time and place, we join our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy God, source of life and light, 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.

Institution Narrative

On the night before he was to give himself up, Jesus gathered with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Institution Narrative (Continued)

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my life’s blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, we remember...the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We remember the love that could not be contained by death, and the presence that continues among us. We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

The Breaking and Sharing of Bread

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God, for this shared meal, for the nourishment of your presence among us, and for the quiet ways you meet us in ordinary moments. Send us now into the world with attentive hearts and open spirits. Like those who first encountered the risen presence, may we carry forward a quiet and resilient hope—not as certainty we must prove, but as life we have tasted and now embody. Amen.

*Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU #468

*Changing the Light

*Easter Benediction

*Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction Let All Things Now Living VU #242 vs 2

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers	All of us
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Thank You to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.
Central Queens United Church

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Archie Vickerson.
Lovingly remembered by Walter, Pat and Family.

Today’s Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Inez & Harry Smith. Lovingly remembered by the Smith Family (Helen, Velda, Margaret, Lois and families).

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg’s Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, April 12th, are:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Peter preaches on Pentecost.*

Psalm 16 (VU #738) *In you, God, I take refuge.*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *Salvation is the outcome of faithfulness.*

John 20:19-31 *Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.*

These are made available to you for reading during the upcoming week.

Scent-Free – “No scents make good sense”

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

E-transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept e-transfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through e-transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

FundScrip – The next order date is April 12th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, April 16th, at 6:15 pm. The Elders will be assisting Greg with the service.

Newfoundland Roast for Rev. Greg Davis’ retirement on Saturday, April 11th, at 7 pm here at Central Queens United Church. You are invited to a fun evening with lots of music, and shared memories. A free-will offering will be collected at the door for a charity of Rev. Greg’s choice.

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for the following events:

April 19– Potluck after church. Congregation is asked to bring a main dish. Cake will be provided.

June 20 – Spring Roast Beef Supper **Please note change of date**

July or August – Yard Sale - Date to be announced

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theater

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

Sunday School Helpers are Needed to assist in our Sunday School ministry. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women’s organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Puzzle/Book Lending Library – Amid all the wonderful books that have been donated to the library, Rev. Greg has left several books that would be useful in planning a reflection / short worship for a small group gathering. He has also left some books by his favourite theologians. For more casual reading, we have Clive Cussler, Nicholas Sparks and James Patterson plus dozens of other authors. Come and check out what may suit your reading tastes. Also be sure to check out the wide variety of puzzles available. All are in the main hall.

Community News

Concert – Park Royal United Church will host a concert featuring members of the former Blue Crystals on Saturday, April 11th, at 7 pm. The program will include classic hits from the 1960’s and 1970’s, along with a performance by local trio We3. Tickets are \$15 for adults, with free admission for children 12 and under, available through Eventbrite, the church office, or at the door (cash only). Fudge sale at intermission! Proceeds support the programs and outreach of the church. For more information, call 902-894-9656 or email office@parkroyalunited.ca.

More Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, April 12th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Richie Bulger and Brian Langille and Colleen MacPhee. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) is a network within the Anglican Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that welcomes anyone and everyone who cares about God's creation, Anglican or otherwise, from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island or beyond. You are invited to join them on Sunday, April 19th, at 2 pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church Hall, Summerside, to hear more about DEN and discuss how your church can engage in eco spirituality, participate in the Pollinator Seed Project (to help plant small pockets of food for pollinators along the roads and in gardens throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island), and answer God's call to be a greener church, reducing your carbon footprint, and engage in outreach, building meaningful connections with the community you service. Contact The Rev. Margaret Collins at brigadebucket@hotmail.com or by telephone at 902-621-2920 for more information.

More information about the DEN events on PEI and the Pollinator Seed Project are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Family and Youth Program Coordinator – West River United Church - Do you love working with children, youth and families? Do you have a love for Christ that you're passionate about sharing with others? West River United Church in Cornwall is currently looking to fill the role of Family and Youth Program Coordinator. To apply, please forward a cover letter and resumé by e-mail to duane.extra@gmail.com. Application deadline is Tuesday, April 30th. More information available in our church office.