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**Central Queen’s Mission Statement:** Central Queen’s 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 guided by God’s love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

**Call To Worship:**

Leader: The long day stretched into night and time crept onward towards the new day.

**People: With the first gold of dawn came a resurrection, a new hope that grew with the rising sun.**

Leader: Our waiting is now over and our celebration now begins for the one who was dead is now alive.

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia, Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of endings and new beginnings, we come to worship and to praise. We come to abandon our pretenses and offer up our hope and dreams, that you may breathe new life into them. Shake us from our slumber and awaken us to our own resurrections. Open our eyes to the new day dawning in our hearts. Let us rejoice and be glad, for life has triumphed over death! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: “Morning Has Broken”**

- 1. Morning has bro-ken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2. Sweet the rain’s new fall sun-lit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.**
- 3. Ours is the sun-light! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!**

**Praise with e-la-tion, praise every morning,  
God’s re-cre-a-tion of the new day!**

**Scripture: John 20: 1 – 18**

**“I Will Be With You Always” – An Easter Reading for Mixed Voices.**

**An Easter Affirmation:**

Today, may I reaffirm my belief in God.  
Today, may I sing God’s praises.  
Today, may I delight in God’s beauty.  
Today, may I give and receive love.  
Today, may I listen and pray.  
Today, may I remember that God is ever-present.  
Today, may I receive strength from God.  
Today, may I live out my faith in the world around me.  
Today, may I work for justice.  
Today, may I follow the path that Jesus has set for us.  
Today and every day.

**Hymn: “Were You There”**

- 1. Were you when they crucified my Lord? Were you there  
when they crucified my Lord? O Sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?**
- 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**
- 3. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**
- 4. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**
- 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**
- 6. We were there Easter Morning Allelu.  
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O Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
We were there Easter morning Allelu.**

**Benediction:**

God is joy beyond the grief,  
Assurance beyond the fear,  
Life beyond death,  
We go from here upheld, restored, rejoicing.  
We go from here as stewards, ministers,  
Apostles of life.

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