

Central Queens United Church

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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.

### **Prelude:**

### **Welcome & Announcements:**

### **Call To Worship:**

Leader: Jesus was nailed to the Cross

**People: A nail is a simple machine**

Leader: It can build a house

**People: It can give hope**

**All: Jesus was nailed to the cross**

Leader: It can be harmful

**People: It can pierce a hand**

Leader: It can be dehumanizing

**People: Yet it does little on its own**

Leader: We give the nail direction

**People: We determine how a nail shall be used**

Leader: We give the nail its drive

**People: We control its destiny**

**All: Jesus was nailed to the cross**

**Hymn: # 133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

### **Procession of the Cross:**

### **Prayer of Approach:**

Loving God, we thank you for Jesus and for his concern for us. His love was so great that he would stop at nothing even death on a cross. Be present to us this morning, speak to us even in these dark moments, so that once again we may hear the story and remember the depths of Christ's love for us all. Amen.

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 22 (Part 1) VU Page 744

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Response: We were there, we were there**

### **Words of Assurance:**

Leader: You were not involved in the crucifixion of Jesus.

**People: Yet we are involved. We have avoided the issue, acted with hostility, judged unfairly, closed our eyes to the hurting ones, and have not stayed the course. We are sorry!**

Leader: Crucifixion is not the last word: the light is breaking over the hillside, the followers are regaining their resolution, peace is Christ's promise.

**All: It is not finished, thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** John 18: 1 – 19: 42

### **Symbols of the Passion:**

The Basin

The Rooster

The Money Bag

The Crown of Thorns

The Chalice

The Cross

The Lantern

The Flower

**Hymn: # 135 "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"**

### **The Offering:**

### **Offering Dedication:**

**On this the darkest of all days we remember the depths of Christ's love for us. We are so grateful for all that we have and the pleasures that are ours. So we bring our gifts that they may be blessed to perform miracles here and now. Amen.**

### **A Meditative Prayer:**

**Hymn: # 144 "Were You There"**

**Depart in Silence:** (As you leave the sanctuary we suggest that you come to the front of the sanctuary pause for a moment and place your nail at the foot of the cross in small bucket that is provided)

### **The Postlude:**

### **Central Queens United Church Easter Services:**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday -- 7 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service followed by Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday -- 10:30 a.m. -- Easter Sunday Service with Communion**