

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
April 4, 2021 – 10:30 am  
Easter Day/Day of Resurrection

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.*

**Gathering for Worship**

**Processional Hymn** Christ the Lord is Risen Today VU #157

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Call to Worship**

The women went and found the stone rolled away.

**Alleluia!**

"Don't be afraid!"

**Alleluia!**

"Jesus is not here - he has been raised!"

**Alleluia!**

"Look, here is where the body was."

**Alleluia!**

"Go and tell the others: he has been raised!"

**Alleluia!**

"Jesus is going ahead of you."

**Alleluia!**

Christ is risen!

**Alleluia!**

Christ is risen indeed!

**Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn**

Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

MV #121

**Prayer of Approach**

We come this day in joy, O God,  
to celebrate again  
the wonderful miracle  
that you bring life out of death.  
The resurrection of Jesus  
reminds us that nothing --  
absolutely nothing --  
can separate us  
from your love.  
Alleluia! Amen

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (Parts 1, 2 & 3)

VU #837

**Hymn** Praise Ye The Lord, Hallelujah

**All God's Children**

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, there were times when we are afraid;  
times when we do not want to hear good news;  
times we find it too hard to believe  
that there is reason to hope,  
to have faith,  
or to trust in your goodness.  
There are times, too, we refuse to believe  
that your love has no limits.  
Forgive us!  
Transform us!  
Roll away the stones from our hearts!  
Open us to be Easter people,  
loving you,  
and sharing your love with all people.

*Moment of Silence*

**Kyrie**

## Assurance of God's Love

We can dare to confess our sin  
honestly and openly to God,  
for God's promised always to free us  
and always to love us.

**Alleluia!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

**Alleluia!**

## Presentation of Our Gifts

### Offertory Invitation

**Offertory**     Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands     VU #537

### \*Presentation of Offering

#### \*Offertory Prayer

God of love,  
we offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts  
as a sign of our love for you and the world.

We ask a special blessing on these gifts  
where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up,  
so that all may come to know of your abiding love.

**O God, we give these gifts as you have given them to us.**

**In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

### Sacred Readings

**Mark 16:1-8**

### Anthem

### Sermon

## Responding to the Word

### \*Communion Hymn

There is Room At The Table

Video

### Sacrament of Communion

#### *Invitation*

The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is here!

**Alleluia!**

We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!

**Here we meet all who share with us the hope for a brighter future!**

All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.

**Let us eat together.**

#### *Great Thanksgiving*

Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen Indeed!**

We should give thanks!

**Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!**

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias,  
we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,  
we give thanks for the gifts of life, of life that breaks the bonds of death.

**We sing songs of praise for the world you have given us, for the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.**

As the spring deepens and the earth thaws, as green breaks through the brown of winter,

**we sing songs of hope for new life springing from dead soil, for the promise held in every seed that is sown.**

As people of faith we remember all those who have gone before.

**People like Moses and Miriam, leading their people to freedom;  
like Sarah and Abraham, seeking a new life in a strange land;  
like Peter and Mary, proclaiming an empty tomb and life beyond the cross.**

We remember these and many others, named and unnamed, who have embraced Your life, Your hope, and moved into a new age.

**And we trust that in remembering and retelling their stories, we too can take the leap into New Life.**

Deep among all those memories we remember the life of a Special One.

**Jesus, Child of Mary.**

Born of a woman, he grew to adulthood among people who struggled daily for life.

**Baptized by John, he embraced the life to which You called him.**

He taught and preached a vision of a world where all divisions were broken down, where all had what they needed for abundant life, where the Reign of God was as real on earth as in heaven.

**And though the powerful in his world fought back, he stood strong.**

When offered a chance to take the easy way he overcame his own fear and instead prayed “yet your will be done”.

**Even though they put him to death you raised him to life, vindicating his vision and bringing hope and healing to the world.**

As inheritors of that hope, we join together in the cries that welcomed him into Jerusalem, the cries of hope for the world:

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Holy One!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### ***Remembering***

As we gather at this table, we remember a story told mere days ago

**and yet an age ago**

We remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an Upper Room to share the feast of liberation.

**And while sharing the ancient story of freedom, he called them to remember the promised freedom of God's Kindom.**

We remember that at that table he took the bread, gave thanks for it, blessed it, broke it and passed it among them saying:

**This is my body, broken by and for the world. Whenever you eat it remember me.**

Then later he took the cup of wine, blessed it and passed it among them saying:

**This is the cup of the New Covenant. Whenever you drink it remember me, look toward the fulfilment of God's Kindom.**

And so, we break the bread and pour the cup and we remember with hope.

**On this Easter Day we share in the Banquet of Freedom to celebrate Life Victorious!**

God of Life, in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the water, **calling forth life, creating and inspiring.**

Send Your Spirit upon we who gather to share this meal, infuse this bread and this juice with the Spirit's power,

**As we eat and drink may we feel the power of Life Triumphant pulse in our veins, the fire of hope blaze in our hearts, and the joy of the Empty tomb dance in our souls.**

Christ who died is now alive!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

And so, as children of a loving Parent, we pray together the words that Jesus, the Risen Christ, taught his friends

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### ***Breaking and Pouring***

Here at this table we break the Bread of Life

On this Day of Celebration, we pour the Cup of Promise

These are Gifts from God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

Come and eat, for all is now ready.

## Prayer

**We have eaten, we have drunk, we have embraced the beginning of the new age. Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection, will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of the Kingdom. May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul and energize us as we go out to share the Good News. Christ is Risen! Alleluia and Amen!**

**Hymn**            Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ            VU #468

## \*Blessing

For those still following

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Peter, still denying

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Caiaphas, still controlling

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Mary, still searching

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Pilate, still washing their hands

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Thomas, still doubting

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Judas, still betraying

**Christ is risen!**

For those, like Mary, still anointing

**Christ is risen!**

Go in peace, to tell the world

**Christ is risen!**

And may the love that has newly defeated death  
be with you, not just for now,  
but forever.

**Amen**

**Choral Benediction**            Go In Love

## Postlude

\*Please rise as you are able

## Ministers

All of us

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**Warm Welcome to All** – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper. All are welcome.

**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Inez & Harry Smith. Lovingly remembered by Helen, Wilfred, Velda, Margaret, Lois & 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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**In-Church Services:** Registration is **required**. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca). Masks **are required**. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – George Mason is one among several who collect their pop can pull tabs for charity. Once he has filled a bottle or box with these tabs, he delivers them to a member of the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The Daughters of the Nile sell them to a Halifax dealer, and the funds then go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for the children in the hospital. George would be happy to be the local contact for your can tab collections. Just bring them to him here at the church.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is now set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to [yeldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:yeldabertram@gmail.com).

**Bookworms United** – The April meeting for Bookworms United will be held on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 pm. The book that will be discussed is THE BEST KIND OF PEOPLE by Zoe Whittall.

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be April 18<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. Promotions for March are: Swiss Chalet/Montana's - 7%, Children's Place - 9% and Stokes - 7%. E-transfers accepted.

**Central Queens Emmaus Walkers** – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. Please check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

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

**Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

## Community News

**Rescheduled – Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting** – The Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Funeral Home, 2538 New Glasgow Rd-Rte 224. Open House from 1 – 2 pm. Meeting to begin at 2 pm. **New members welcome.**

### THE RESURRECTION

We hold so close to our hearts  
The cross where Jesus died,  
But so much more than the blood-stained cross  
Is that Jesus came back to life

The stone's been rolled away;  
The tomb lay open and bare –  
They looked for Him, and then the angel said  
That He is no longer here

Oh what joy they must have felt  
To see Him just once more,  
To eat with Him, to drink with Him,  
To receive Him back as Lord

So much did He accomplish  
Through His death upon the cross  
And in His rising from the dead,  
He reconciled us back to God

Nothing else could bridge the gap  
That sin had wrenched apart –  
Now we can freely go to God  
And receive Christ in our hearts.

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