

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
March 28, 2021 – 10:30 am  
Palm/Passion Sunday

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**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

\*Introit Sing It Hosanna

\*Call to Worship

Come. Come seeking words.

**Come to let your tongue give praise.**

Come. Come to find your voice.

**Come to hear the response.**

Come. Come to open your ears.

**Come to listen.**

Come. Come to be healed by the silence.

**Come to stand together.**

Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe.

**Come to find God.**

Come. Come be enveloped in Mystery --- Come and worship!

\*Hymn He Came Riding on a Donkey VU #124

**Prayer of Approach**

Come. Come O Holy One.

Come through the streets.

Come into the house.

Come to find a space beside us at the table.

Come to challenge our answers about

**Why tragedy comes**

**Why poverty increases**

**Why we are afraid.**

Come O Holy One.

Speak to us in the silence

**With wisdom greater than ours**

**With love deeper than ours**

**With change wider than ours.**

*Shared Silence*

*With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer. . .*

**Psalm 31:9-16** (Parts 2 & 3) My Times Are in Your Hands, O God VU #758

**Prayer of Confession**

O Holy One,

we are too distressed to notice that you join us in the parade.

We are too deeply grieved to be aware that you sit beside us at the table. We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking.

We have insisted upon our own answers.

We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen, about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken. We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be, but this life is in your hands.

Our lives are in your hands.

**O Holy One, speak to us.**

**Fill our silences.**

**Comfort us with your love**

**so that we may find your understanding.**

**Trust us to find your answers**

**when we finally tire from our own.**

**Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love.**

**Amen.**

*Moment of Silence*

**Kyrie**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Hymn** Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV #115

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Invitation**

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

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**O Holy One,  
Bless these gifts  
So that the world may know your love  
Even when we are silent. Amen.**

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Readings**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** *The servant, I gave my back to those who struck me.*  
**Philippians 2:5-11** *Let the same mind be in you as was in Christ Jesus.*  
**Mark 11:1-11**

**Anthem**

**Sermon** *Finding Your Voice*

**Hymn** I Am a Child of God MV #157

**Responding to the Word**

**Reaffirmation of Baptismal Faith**

**Minister**

**Church Representative**

**\*Questions of Those Affirming Their Baptismal Vows**

**Minister**

Beloved children of God, have no fear. God, who knew you before you were born and who was active in your baptism, is present with you now. God will bless and strengthen you anew by the Spirit, so that you may increase in knowledge of God and be empowered to do God's will in the world.

I ask you therefore, before God and this faith community:  
Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus the Christ, love incarnate; and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you follow in the way of Jesus the Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your sisters and brothers in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation and love, and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**\*Congregational Commitment** *Congregation Stands*

Let us pledge to these, Finn, Crosby & Gabriel, our continued support and care.

**We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

**Affirmation of Our Faith**

A New Creed

VU #918

**The Act of Reaffirming Baptismal Faith**      Candidate Kneels

**Minister**

By the gift of your Spirit, O God, strengthen (name), that he may be true to you all his life. **Amen**

Live in the world in the power of God that you may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbling with your God. **Amen**

**Presentation of Bible**

**Prayer For the Candidates**

**Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on these young people who today affirmed their baptismal vows. Watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of your own baptism and renew our trust in you. Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**\*Hymn**                      Go Forth for God                      VU #418

**\*Blessing**

Go into the world to find your voice.  
**Listening to what God will do.**  
Go into the world to find each other.  
**Reaching out when we need support.**  
Go into the world, be amazed.  
**Knowing that God is always with us.**

**Choral Benediction**                      Don't Be Afraid                      MV #90

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

**Ministers**

All of us

**Clergy**

**Rev Greg Davis**

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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.

**Easter Services –**

Good Friday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am

Easter Service with Communion – April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

**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** – Next order date will be April 4<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.

**Sunday Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**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

**Seniors Health & Wellness Survey** – If you haven't already done so and you are interested in participating in this survey, please go to <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorsActionPlanSurvey> if you are 55 years or older. To request a paper copy, contact Crystal MacIntyre at 902-368-6527 or email [dmacintyre@ihis.org](mailto:dmacintyre@ihis.org).

The survey for those who support seniors in finding the information they need and navigating the systems they use is available online only at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorsActionPlanSupport>.

All responses are confidential and anonymous and will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. All responses are requested by the **end of March**.

Any questions or concerns about this survey can be directed to David Webster, Senior's Health & Wellness Action Plan Task Team Chair, at [websterd@hotmail.com](mailto:websterd@hotmail.com).

### PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

On this day of great rejoicing,  
Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome  
You as our King and Savior,  
we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.

Hosanna we cry.

Blessed are You who come  
in God's name to save us.

Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday  
so that when the time comes  
to carry the cross, we might still  
call out to You with heartfelt praise.  
Give us the grace and the courage  
to follow you this Holy Week  
from death to resurrection,  
from darkness to the fullness of light.

We need You,

Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Hosanna!

*Author Unknown*

