

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
April 6, 2023 – 7 pm**

Maundy Thursday

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.

Welcome

Community Introit I Love to Tell the Story VU #343 vs 1

Opening Prayer

**Jesus, you walked among us and lived so radically that in the end, even your friends betrayed you
– give us Courage.
Gift us with breath that fills our bellies and soothes the panicked fluttering of our hearts.**

**Jesus, you wept as we weep, ate and drank, prayed loudly and alone, you spent a lifetime filled with doubt, but didn't allow that to stop you from speaking up and acting out
– grant us strength.
Move not only our mouths to prayers of justice, but our bodies to action.**

**Jesus, you brought sight and life, calmed storms and fed the masses, welcomed all who were excluded
– gift us rest.
Guide us to those who will share the load so that when the pain becomes too much to bear, we may lay down knowing the good work will go on. Amen**

Passing the Peace

May Christ's passion for what is right fill your heart and flow out through your hands. May we serve others with a joyful spirit and accept their gifts wholeheartedly in return.

Passing the Peace (Continued)

Let us remember we are never alone. God's grace will bind us.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of Christ, we come to you with our hands outstretched, hearts heavy with dread. We hold up to you the grief in our hearts – the personal failings, the widespread injustices, the catastrophic disasters – and the weight of it all brings us to our knees.

We need to be reminded that you see us through a lens of love and compassion.

We stumble, you catch us.

We yearn, you listen.

We hunger, you fill us up. Amen

Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU #593

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17

A Symbolic Washing of Feet

Silence

Prayer

Spirit of Christ, we pause to extend to you what feels most vulnerable in each of us. We ask you to pour out compassion over us as you did water over the feet of your disciples. We may be prideful, uncomfortable, anxious, depressed. We may be grieving or overwhelmed, but we ask for your help attuning ourselves with your guidance, strength, and hope. Amen

Hymn We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song) VU #595

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Gathering to Remember the Last Supper

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:17-30

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Distribution Communion is Shared

Response after Communion *Sung*

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Benediction

