



## EASTER 2 SUNDAY VIDEO WORSHIP April 11, 2021

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St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms

**INTRODUCTION** by Don Peck, Director, producer & camera artist

**WELCOME -- The Rev. John Donnelly**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Rector: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!!

**People: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!!! ALLELUIA!!!**

Rector: The Angel said, "Jesus isn't here, because..."

**People: HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD."**

Rector: "Now, go tell His disciples that ..."

**People: JESUS IS ALIVE. ALLELUIA!**

**SONG OF PRAISE**, *as performed by Katherine Browne, CCQF Minister of Music, and Katelyn Wentz, vocals*

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills. Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps. Ain't the law of the land or the government  
But it's all you need. And love will hold us together. Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper. So the whole world will know that we're not alone  
It's waiting for you knocking at your door. In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor  
And you're on your knees. And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm. And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone. This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life. 'Cause even in the dark, you can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright. This is the first day of the rest of your life  
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**THE COLLECT-Led by The Rev. Ellen Donnelly**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE READING & KID STORY John 20:19-31**

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **THE SERMON: *The Rev. John Donnelly***

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Led by Rev. Ellen**

*Leader:* The Prayers of the People may be found in your bulletins on page \_\_\_\_ (Pause)

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray. (*Pause*)

*Leader:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

**PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Leader:* Remembering this congregation of Christ Church Quaker Farms: Grant that we may shine your light by loving all people as you love us.

**PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Leader:* Lord, we pray for an end of the pandemic. Inspire us all to take safety measures to heart, that the number of infections would decrease, not increase. Heal with sick, have mercy on the dead, and comfort the grieving. Lord, we ask for your special protection for our front line workers, including our parish nurses, teachers, and medical staff. We pray to you, O Lord.

**PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

**PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. Remembering especially those, in whose memory the flowers are offered today, we pray that we and they may share with all the saints of light in your eternal kingdom.

**PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**THE PEACE** *We are going to exchange the Peace now. Some of us are sitting with family members, and others of us are not. For those of us, who are alone, you can exchange the "peace" with Jesus by making the peace sign; the others of you may exchange the peace with one another.*

Rev. Ellen: May the Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

#### **THE OFFERING –Fr. John**

**EVERYBODY:** "All good things come from you, O Lord; and from what we have received, we give back to you."

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER—Fr. John

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONCLUDING SONG “The Blessing,” *as performed by Katelyn Wentz and Katherine Browne*

The Lord bless you and keep you  
 Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace  
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 Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you and keep you  
 Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen  
 Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations  
 And your family and your children And their children, and their children  
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May His presence go before you And behind you and beside you  
 All around you and within you He is with you, He is with you  
 In the morning, in the evening In your coming and your going  
 In your weeping and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you  
 He is for you, He is for you He is for you, He is for you  
 He is for you, He is for you

(Amen) Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen

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 In the morning, in the evening In your coming and your going

In your weeping and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you  
Oh, oh-oh, oh He is for you Oh-ohh

## **THE BLESSING**

## **DISMISSAL**

Rev. Ellen: Let us go forth to share the Love of Christ!!

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD.**