



## EASTER 4 SUNDAY VIDEO WORSHIP April 21, 2021

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St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms

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

**WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES -- 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

I know he rescued my soul. His blood has covered my sin  
I believe. I believe

My shame He's taken away. My pain is healed in his name  
I believe. I believe

I'll raise a banner, 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

My Redeemer Lives. My Redeemer Lives. My Redeemer Lives.  
My Redeemer Lives

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I believe. I believe

My shame He's taken away. My pain is healed in His Name  
I believe. I believe

I'll raise a banner. 'Cause My Lord has conquered the grave

You Lift my burdens. I'll rise with You  
I'm dancing on this mountain top to see your kingdom come

My Redeemer Lives. My Redeemer Lives  
My Redeemer Lives. My Redeemer Lives

### THE COLLECT-Led by The Rev. Ellen Donnelly

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people;  
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who  
calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with

you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST READING PSALM 23 Led by Rev. Ellen & Fr. John

The LORD is my shepherd; **I shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: **thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

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**KID STORY. This is a wonderful video on Psalm 23 for Kids.**

<https://youtu.be/2FK6NIUQbDo>

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## THE SECOND READING John 10:11-18 Read by Rev. Ellen

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

10:12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

10:13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

10:16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

10:17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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: O GOOD SHEPHERD, 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: O GOOD SHEPHERD 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 O GOOD SHEPHERD: 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: O GOOD SHEPHERD , HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those murdered in the 51 mass shootings, which have occurred recently in our nation. Lord, have mercy upon them and upon us. We also remember the 3 million victims , world wide, of the covid pandemic. Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord. And we remember all other loved ones who have died. Receive them into your heavenly kingdom.

**PEOPLE: O GOOD SHEPHERD, 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 Good shepherd 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 King of Love, My Shepherd Is”**

1. The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never:  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
3. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

4. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
5. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

**THE BLESSING—Rev. Ellen**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, now and forever. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL**

Fr. John: Let us go forth in the Love of the God Shepherd. Alleluia! Alleluia!!!

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD.** Alleluia! Alleluia!!!