

SUNDAY JOY WORSHIP Pentecost 13 August 30, 2020
Episcopalians Together in Oxford (ETO), made up of
St. Peter's Church and Christ Church Quaker Farms

INTRODUCTION by Don Peck, Director, producer & camera

WELCOME by *the Rev. John Donnelly*

OPENING SENTENCES --*The Rev. Ellen Donnelly, Officiant*

Rector: Blessed be God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

People: AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

Rector: Let us pray, saying together,

Everybody: LORD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT, THE AUTHOR AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD THINGS:
 GRAFT IN OUR HEARTS THE LOVE OF YOUR NAME; INCREASE IN US TRUE RELIGION;
 NOURISH US WITH GOODNESS; AND BRING FORTH IN US THE FRUIT OF GOOD
 WORKS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU
 AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

SONG OF PRAISE

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes, let me see
 Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You
 Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above
 Humbly You came to the earth You created All for love's sake became poor
 Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me
 Well, I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross
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THE FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8 *Reader: Rev. Ellen*

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
- a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Reader: THE WORD OF THE LORD. People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL SONG: *Turn, Turn, Turn* by Pete Seegar

To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn), And a time for every purpose, under heaven
A time to be born, a time to die, A time to plant, a time to reap, A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep

To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn), And a time for every purpose, under heaven
A time to build up, a time to break down, A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together
To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn), And a time for every purpose, under heaven
A time of love, a time of hate, A time of war, a time of peace,
A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing

To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn), And a time for every purpose, under heaven
A time to gain, a time to lose, A time to rend, a time to sew
A time to love, a time to hate, A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

THE GOOD NEWS from John 11:32-33,35-36,38-39,41-44 and KID STORY

Narrator: *[When Jesus learned that His good friend, Lazarus, had died, he and His disciples went to visit Lazarus' sisters. First Jesus consoled, Martha].*³²

Narrator: When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled

³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. Jesus then said,

Jesus: "Take away the stone."

Narrator: So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said,

Jesus: "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

Narrator: When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice,

Jesus: "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴

Narrator: The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus then instructed them to take off the grave clothes and let him go.

Narrator: THE WORD OF THE LORD. People: Thanks be to God.

Kid Story Discussion Questions:

1. *Look at verse 35, above. Read it out loud.*
2. *Jesus is the Son of God. Why would he cry? (His friend had died, which made Him sad. Lazarus' sisters and friends were all sad. This made Jesus sad)*
3. *Have you ever been sad when someone in your family has died? (If not, a parent should tell of a time when they were saddened by the death of a loved one).*
4. *Why someone is sad because a loved one has died, is it good or bad to cry? (Good. It shows that you loved the person. Crying some will help us to feel better).*
5. *The Bible tells us that Jesus promises to heal us of our sadness. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Give thanks that Jesus promises to comfort us.*

6. Let us Pray: Jesus, the Bible tells us that sometimes we are sad, as when we lose someone we love. Thank you for receiving our sorrow, and we believe that soon You make our hearts glad again. Amen.

THE SERMON: *The Rev. John Donnelly*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Led by Rev. Ellen*

Leader : Turning to your bulletin, please open it up to the “Prayers of the People.” The congregation will take the lines in bold capital print. *(pause)*

Leader: Jesus Christ, you comforted Mary and Martha in their grief.

People: Our nation needs your comfort, as we grieve the loss of over 175,000 people, killed by the Covid virus.

Leader: We pray especially for the families, friends, and loved ones of those who have died.

PEOPLE: COMFORT THEM IN THEIR SORROW, AND HELP US TO REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO GRIEVE.

Leader: Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus.

People & Ldr: HEAL THOSE WHO ARE SICK WITH THE VIRUS; MAY THEY REGAIN THEIR STRENGTH AND HEALTH THROUGH QUALITY MEDICAL CARE.

Leader: Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

People & Ldr: DIRECT & GUIDE THOSE IN AUTHORITY WHO ARE MAKING HARD DECISIONS.

Leader: Support and protect the medical professionals, emergency responders and our caregivers.

People & Ldr: MAY WE BE INSPIRED TO SERVE, FOLLOWING THEIR EXAMPLE.

Leader: We entrust all our cares and concerns to you,

People & Ldr: JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF OUR SALVATION, & HEAD OF THE CHURCH. AMEN.

Priest: Let us now confess our sins, against God and our neighbor. *(silence)*

**EVERYBODY: HAVE MERCY UPON US, MOST MERCIFUL FATHER;
IN YOUR COMPASSION FORGIVE US OUR SINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN,
THINGS DONE AND LEFT UNDONE; AND SO UPHOLD US BY YOUR SPIRIT
THAT WE MAY LIVE AND SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE,
TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

ABSOLUTION—*Rev. Ellen* ☺

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 Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE OFFERING –*Fr. John*

“All good things come from you O Lord, and from what is yours, we give back to you.”

[Want to make an offering? Go to the green button on the right of our web page, www.ccf.org]

THE LORD’S PRAYER—*Fr. John*

THE BLESSING—*Fr. John*

CONCLUDING SONG *by Seth Sowah*

**“Jesus is the Rock, the Rock that lasts (2x)
My soul has found arresting place. Jesus is the rock that lasts.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Fr. John: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!!

8AM MORNING PRAYER in the CCQF Memorial Garden, Sunday, Sept. 6. Bring your mask and your chair. “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness.”

SMALL GROUPS ARE COMING BACK IN SEPTEMBER .For those of you who may not know, Small Groups are composed for 4 to 14 people, who meet for a number of weeks for friendship, bible study, and prayer .For many, these are life changing experiences. As the basis of our meetings together in September, we will read and discuss the amazing book (96 pages) called **The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality** by Henri Nouwen. The thesis is that there are 3 stages of communion /unity with God. In each stage, there are things to learn about God and ourselves. With this knowledge, we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit into growing closer to Jesus. Specific groups and times will be announced soon. There will be only 4 meetings.

To date, we know that we will at least be offering these Small Groups:

Sundays, 8:30 to 9:30am. Beginning date to be announced. Leaders: Fr. John & _____

Wednesdays, 9:30am, dates to be announced. Leaders: Marilyn Stebar and Laura Burr

Thursdays, 7 to 8:30pm (Teleconference) dates to be announced. Leaders: Susan Evancho, Bob Knapp, & Fr. John

So, speak to your Small Group Leader, if you have been a part of a group before. Or speak to Susan Evancho, Small Group Coordinator (203-305-6258) or to me (862-226-9197) This has the potential to revolutionize your walk with Jesus; and to get close