



SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP December 6, 2020

Hosted by Episcopalians Together in Oxford

St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms

INTRODUCTION by Don Peck, Director, producer & camera

WELCOME -- The Rev. John Donnelly

"In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

OPENING SENTENCES The Rev. Ellen Donnelly

Blessed be God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

SONG OF PRAISE "My Lord he's a Coming Soon" Sung by Katelyn Wentz

**Chorus (sung by all) My Lord, He's a coming soon, prepare Ye the way of the Lord
Make everything ready for that day, prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 4:2 Reader: Rev. Ellen

[The time is coming when God] will judge between the nations, and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

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

THE SERMON & KID STORY The Rev. John Donnelly

Note: The use of the machine gun in the sermon is not intended to make a political statement about gun control. It is intended to contemporize the ancient prophecy above in the first reading. To discuss more, contact Fr. John @ fjccqf@gmail.com

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Litany of Peace Led by Rev. Ellen

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord have mercy.'

For peace from on high, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all wars to cease, and all people come to bow before the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.
Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the whole world, for the well-being of your universal church, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those working on the front lines of this pandemic, especially our medical professionals and staff, teachers, and essential workers, along with our police, firefighters, EMS, and emergency personnel, and armed forces, that your peace and protection would rest upon them.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who strive for justice and peace across our world, that they would be protected by your Spirit and that you would bring justice to our world.
Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Oxford, for all towns in which we dwell, and for all-living therein with faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Now let us offer our own intercessions and thanksgivings.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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. John: May the Peace of the prince of Peace be always with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE OFFERING –Fr. John THANKS FOR THE PLEDGES

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

During this time of self quarantine and no in-person Sunday services, the church is still required to fulfill our financial obligations and pay our bills. Your continued and needed donations are desperately needed and always appreciated. **CCQF friends & parishioners** can send a check to the church at Christ Church Quaker Farms, 470 Quaker Farms Rd., Oxford, CT. 06478 Or, go to our web page, where you will find a green button on the right, so that you can make an online donation at...www.ccqf.org **For those giving to St. Peters**, checks maybe mailed to St. Peter’s Church, 421 Oxford Rd, Oxford, CT 06478

THE LORD’S PRAYER—led by Rev. Ellen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCLUDING SONG “ Days of Elijah” by Katelyn Wentz

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord:
 And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored.
 And though these are days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword
 Still, we are the voice in the desert crying 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
 Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh
 And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise.
 These are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in Your world
 And we are the labourers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord!

Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
 Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!

Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
 Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill salvation comes. *(Repeated many times)*

THE BLESSING—*Fr. John*

DISMISSAL

Rev Ellen: Let us go forth rejoicing in the Advent of Christ!! Christ!! Alleluia!!

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

DON'T LET THE COVID GRINCH STEAL OUR CHRISTMAS !!!!!

To: Sunday School Families from St. Peter's & CCQF
 from Aimee Celozzi & Fr. John from CCQF

The pandemic has robbed us all of so much this year, **BUT WE ARE DETERMINED THAT COVID GRINCH WILL NOT STOP OUR CHRISTMAS MAGIC.** The Christmas Pageant tradition is key, as it invites us all to enter into the wonder of the Birth of our King.

We are now recruiting families who will videotape, using your phones, their kids, saying their lines. Each family will do a specific scene. Then, Will Sarris will edit the videos together, so that we have a specific show. And our children will feel proud that they made such a contribution to others.

So, we have 3 families already signed up and we need use more. **Grades PreK-12 young people can participate, along with parents, too, so that we can have actual communication between actors.** **WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU BY NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9,** by

calling or texting Aimee Celozzi @ 203-598-5199. Include the names and ages of kid/youth participants.

ALSO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR VIDEO OF PREVIOUS PAGEANTS, so that we can use the music. If you have such video , speak to Aimee or Fr. John (cell 862-226-9197).

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT GIVING. Help our children to give something precious to our church, at a time when we all need to come together to celebrate the Birth of the Messiah.