

**SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP      February 14,2021**  
**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**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN**

**COLLECT**

**Most Gracious Heavenly Father**, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**"

**SONG OF PRAISE** *As performed by Katherine Brown, Minister of Music, Keyboard, and Katelyn Wentz, vocals*

You give life, You are love  
 You bring light to the darkness  
 You give hope, You restore  
 Every heart that is broken  
 And great are You, Lord  
 It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise  
 We pour out our praise  
 It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise to You only  
 You give life, You are love  
 You bring light to the darkness  
 You give hope, You restore (You restore)  
 Every heart that is broken  
 Great are You, Lord  
 It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise  
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 So we pour out our praise to You only  
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 We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise to You only  
 And all the earth will shout Your praise  
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
 Great are You, Lord  
 And all the earth will shout Your praise  
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
 Great are You, Lord  
 And all the earth will shout Your praise  
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
 Great are You, Lord  
 It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise  
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### **FIRST READING 1 John 4:7-12,16b-18-21**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother or sister.

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

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Litany of Love**

O Lord, re-orient us around LOVE.	OUR GOD IS LOVE.
Refashion us to LOVE's image;	OUR WAY IS LOVE.

By love, Christ came into the earth. **BY LOVE, CHRIST HUMBLLED HIMSELF TO BECOME HUMAN.**

By love, Christ preached God's kingdom. **BY LOVE, CHRIST HEALED AND FED MULTITUDES.**

By love, Christ absorbed within himself the wrongdoing of all people.

**BY LOVE, CHRIST SHORTENED THE DISTANCE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND GOD**

By love, Christ put death to rest. **BY LOVE, CHRIST ROSE UP INTO GLORIFIED LIFE.**

May Love shatter us and rebuild us anew. **MAY LOVE ENCOMPASS US AND PROTECT US.**

May Love reform us from violence and power-seeking.

**MAY LOVE TEACH US TO WALK IN THE NEW WAY, THE BEAUTIFUL WAY.**

May we be liberated from expectations placed on us by religions, societies, empires, cultures;

**AND DELIVERED INTO LOVE'S HANDS, FOLLOWING LOVE'S DIRECTION.**

**NOW, LET US OFFER UP OUR OWN PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS, BOTH ALOUD AND SILENTLY.**

#### **CONFESSION –Fr. John**

**FATHER GOD, YOU HAVE LOVED US ABUNDANTLY, BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN AS GENEROUS WITH YOU OR WITH OTHERS. FORGIVE US AND INSPIRE US TO LOVE THE WAY JESUS LOVED US, WITH ALL HIS LOVE, SOUL, AND MIND. AMEN.**

#### **ABOLUTION—Fr. John**

May Jesus who died in love to save You, restore and infuse you with His divine Love, through His Holy Spirit, 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. Ellen: May the Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

#### **THE OFFERING –Fr. John**

**EVERYBODY: "Out of Love, you provide for us; And from that Love, we return to you, that your church might share that Love in the world." Amen. All good things come from you O Lord, and from what is yours, we give back to you."**

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#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER—**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCLUDING SONG "What a Beautiful Name", as performed by Katelyn Wentz and**

*Katherine Browne*

*CONGREGATION JOINS IN CHORUS*

What a beautiful Name it is    What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

## **THE BLESSING**

## **DISMISSAL**

**Fr. John:** Let us go forth to share the Love of Christ!! Alleluia!!

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