

EPISCOPALIANS TOGETHER IN OXFORD: St. Peter's Church and Christ Church Quaker Farms

SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP Lent II February 28, 2021

INTRODUCTION—Don Peck, Camera Artist

WELCOME – The Rev. John Donnelly *“If we say that we have no sin, then we receive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 8:9*

OPENING SENTENCES & COLLECT –The Rev. Ellen Donnelly

Officiant: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

Officiant: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE DECALOGUE 10 Commandments—Fr. John

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

Honor your father and your mother. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

You shall not commit murder. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

You shall not commit adultery. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

You shall not steal. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

You shall not be a false witness. **AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
AMEN. LORD HAVE MERCY.

SONG OF PRAISE “Make Us One”

Pour out your love, pour out your fire. Fill our hearts with one desire.
 To Know the Father & the Son, Oh make us one.
 Lord, we need to know your power, Show us your glory in this hour.
 There is so much to be done, O make us one, O make us one.
 With one voice we sing your praise, and with one heart we speak your name
 As we stand before you now, With one spirit we cry out,
 “Make us one, O make us one.”

THE READING GENESIS 11: 1-9 (and Kid Story) Read by Rev. Ellen

11 ¹⁻² At one time, the whole Earth spoke the same language. It so happened that as they moved out of the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled down.

³ They said to one another, “Come, let’s make bricks and fire them well.” They used brick for stone and tar for mortar.

⁴ Then they said, “Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let’s make ourselves famous so we won’t be scattered here and there across the Earth.”

⁵ GOD came down to look over the city and the tower those people had built.

⁶⁻⁹ GOD took one look and said, “One people, one language; why, this is only a first step. No telling what they’ll come up with next—they’ll stop at nothing! Come, we’ll go down and garble their speech so they won’t understand each other.” Then GOD scattered them from there all over the world. And they had to quit building the city. That’s how it came to be called Babel, because there GOD turned their language into “babble.” From there GOD scattered them all over the world.

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

SERMON *The Rev. John Donnelly*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION Led by Rev. Ellen

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another,
 that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. *The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved
your Holy Spirit. *HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD.*

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the
pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, *WE CONFESS TO YOU, LORD.*

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
WE CONFESS TO YOU, LORD.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
WE CONFESS TO YOU, LORD.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and
our dishonesty in daily life and work, *WE CONFESS TO YOU, LORD.*

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
WE CONFESS TO YOU, LORD.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need
and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
ACCEPT OUR REPENTANCE, LORD.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice
and contempt toward those who differ from us,
ACCEPT OUR REPENTANCE, LORD.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
FAVORABLY HEAR US, FOR YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
THAT WE MAY SHOW FORTH YOUR GLORY IN THE WORLD.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
BRING US WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS TO THE JOY OF HIS RESURRECTION.

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 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 YOU HAVE GIVEN, 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— Rev. Ellen**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONCLUDING SONG “SEE A Victory,” as performed by Katherine Browne, CCQF Minister of Music, and Katelyn Wentz, vocals

The weapon may be formed, But it won't prosper
 When the darkness falls it won't prevail, 'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
 My God will never fail, Oh, My God will never fail
 I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory, For the battle belongs to you Lord
 I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory, For the battle belongs to you Lord
 There's power in the mighty name of Jesus. Every war he wages He will win
 I'm not backing down from any giant, 'Cause, I know how this story ends. Yes, I know how this story ends
 I'm gonna see a victory I'm gonna see a victory, For the battle belongs to you Lord (4x)

Gonna worship my way through this battle, Gonna worship my way through

You take what the enemy meant for evil, And you turn it for good, You turn it for good (5x)

I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory, For the battle belongs to you Lord (3x)

You take what, you take what the enemy meant for evil, And you turn it for good
 You turn it for good (You turn it around)
 You take what the enemy meant for evil, And you turn it for good, You turn it for good
 They're working it out, They're working it for my God
 Come on and give a shout if it's true, Lift your voice, Lift your voice

THE BLESSING—Fr. John**DISMISSAL**

Rev Ellen: Let us go forth to exalt the Name of Christ!!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD. [No Alleluias in Lent]

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BOTH CONGREGATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.....

RECONNECTING w/ JESUS WHEN U CAN'T GOTO CHURCH.

.New Lenten Small Group for women and men, **Tuesdays, March 9,16, 23, 7pm by Conference Call.** Facilitated by Fr. John of Christ Church Quaker Farms, Oxford

IT IS TIME TO RESTART YOUR HEART. Have you drifted away from Jesus during the pandemic? Have too many challenges and frustrations filled your mind with doubts and even anger? Carrying around too much grief and even some anger? Check your self talk. What kinds of thoughts are occurring your minds these days? Are they thoughts of a hope and a future? Or are they thoughts of weariness, irritation, or exasperation?

Restart Your Heart is a book with 21 daily readings, designed to help God and you overcome spiritual inertia and lethargy. Each daily reading consists of just a few pages, which can kick start your day.

The good news is that you can read this book online for **FREE**. Or you can purchase the hard copy. Check it out at amazon or go to AMAZON AND LOOK UP "Restart Your Heart By Jentezen Franklin."

As a support, we will have a 3 week small group meetings to discuss our learnings and to mutually support and pray for one another.

So sign up, or ask questions, by emailing Fr. John at fjccqf@gmail.com

