

SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP January 24,2021
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

“ I will give you as alight to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. ”

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, together, for our country: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a **zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance**, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE “Where the River is flowing” By Gerrit Gustafson

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 I want to be a part of what God's doing. I want to be where the Spirit is moving.

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I want to see the glory of the Lord! I want to see the glory of the Lord!

For the natural man cannot understand The working of the Spirit.
 Keep me O Lord, so close to Your Word That when You speak I can hear it.

FIRST READING 1 John 4:7-11 Reader: Rev. Ellen

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us....God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL Matthew 5:43-47 Reader: Fr. John*The holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor⁴⁴ and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***THE SERMON The Rev. John Donnelly****[KID STORY](http://www.ccqf.org) Click here or link on <http://www.ccqf.org>****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FOR OUR NATION**

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.
They restore us, though we often destroy them. **HEAL US.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They
make us rich, though we often exploit them. **FORGIVE US.**

We thank you for the men and women who have made this
country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall
short of them. **INSPIRE US.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in
this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we
have often hidden from its light. **ENLIGHTEN US.**

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich
variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless
again and again. **RENEW US.**

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun.
Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice,
and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when
all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will
glorify your holy Name. **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 “ The King of Love My Shepherd is”**

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ever.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight, From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise, Within thy house for ever.

THE BLESSING—Fr. John**DISMISSAL**

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

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

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2021 ~ Due to the current Covid situation, we will not be handing out the the CCQF Parish Hall on Sunday, January 24, 2020 from 12:00 to 2:00pm in order to curb the costs of mailing them individually. Cathy offering envelopes during our normal Sunday church services. We will have them available for pickup in will be at the Parish (Lower level) side door to meet you. Please wear a mask to enter the building or Cathy can meet you outside the door with your envelopes box. Please advise us by email at ccqf@att.net if you cannot pick up your envelopes on this date/time so other arrangements can be made. Thank you so much for staying up to date with your offerings and may 2021 bring us all together with Jesus at the head of our church. God Bless!

***** CCQF NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Daniel. Finding courage within You. Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 pm, Jan.28 - March 4. This group will meet by teleconference, so that you can attend in the comfort of your home. Need to miss a meeting or 2? No problem. Just read the notes. Books cost \$2. Led by Fr. John. Friends are most welcome. To sign up or to learn more, contact Fr. John at fjccqf.com**



2021 PLEDGE UPDATE. As of last week. CCQF has received 23 pledges for a total of \$58,000 in pledged income for 2021. We are so grateful for those of you who have pledged. But CCQF needs the support from rest of you, by making a pledge. As of now, we can run the church through March only. Pledges may be mailed to Church Office, 470 Quaker Farms Rd, Oxford, CT 06478. If you have lost your 2021 Pledge Card, or you did not receive one, simply email the office at ccqf@att.net, and we will send you one right away.