

SUNDAY JOY WORSHIP July 12, 2020

Episcopalians Together in Oxford (ETO) St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms

The Revs. Ellen & John Donnelly and Don Peck

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INTRODUCTION---Don

WELCOME -- John

OPENING SENTENCES -- Ellen

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

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

Officiant: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, as a result of this pandemic, there is an ever increasing number of lonely people, who are weary, burdened, and afflicted. Be gracious to each hurting soul. Grant that they may find comfort, counsel, and companionship through your Son, and His Body the church. Give us ears to listen to them; words of comfort to speak to them; and your love to care for them through us, for the sake of you Name. Amen.

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 FIRST READING from Ephesians, Chapter 2 – Reader: Ellen

⁷⁻¹⁰ Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus.¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The Messiah... tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. ...Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of community, a fresh start for everybody. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here...

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

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

From the Gospel of John, Chapter 4

The Cast: Don Peck—Jesus; Rev. Ellen—The Woman; Narrator—Fr. John

JOHN: Today's Good News, from the Gospel of John, is told in narrative form so that our Children may better understand this important story.

JOHN: "While on a journey to Jerusalem, Jesus arrived at a place called Jacob's Well, he was tired and needed a rest. The time was noon, the hottest part of the day. Soon a lonely woman came to the well to get some water. All the women of the town always came to the well in the early morning to get their

water. The day was cooler and, besides, all the other women were there and they had a good chance to visit and talk to one another.

"This woman that Jesus met was considered a sinful & dirty woman, with a bad reputation. Because of her sinful life, she wasn't allowed to get water when all the other women came to the well. She had to wait until no one else was around. When the woman reached the well, Jesus asked her,

DON: WOULD YOU GIVE ME A DRINK OF WATER?

JOHN: . The woman was shocked! She asked Jesus.

ELLEN: WHY WOULD YOU, A RESPECTABLE JEWISH RABBI, SPEAK TO A DISGRACED WOMAN LIKE ME?"

JOHN: "Now Jesus didn't wrinkle up his nose and call her a dirty sinner. Jesus instead spoke kindly to her in a riddle. He said,

DON: 'WOMAN, IF YOU KNEW TO WHOM YOU WERE TALKING, THE GIFT OF GOD, YOU WOULD ASK ME TO GIVE YOU LIVING WATER TO DRINK.

JOHN: "Of course, this puzzled the woman. She replied,

ELLEN: HOW CAN YOU GIVE ME WATER WHEN YOU DO NOT EVEN HAVE A BUCKET? '

JOHN: Jesus looked at her and kindly explained,

DON: 'SHE WHO DRINKS OF THIS WELL WATER SHALL THIRST AGAIN. BUT THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE WILL CAUSE YOU TO NEVER THIRST AGAIN. IT WILL BE A WELL OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE!'

JOHN: At this the woman begged Jesus to give her his water.

ELLEN: SIR, GIVE ME THIS WATER SO THAT I WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY AND WILL NEVER HAVE TO COME TO THIS WELL AGAIN."

JOHN: But Jesus replied ,

DON: "FIRST, GO GET YOUR HUSBAND."

ELLEN: (pause/sad) I HAVE NO HUSBAND.

DON: I KNOW THAT. YOU HAVE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS, AND NOW YOU ARE LIVING WITH ANOTHER GUY."

JOHN: What guilt the woman must have felt!. She was wicked and dirty! Everyone hated her! Clearly, this woman had messed up her life, but Jesus responded to her with compassion and kindness. After

talking further with the woman, Jesus revealed that he was the Messiah, the Savior of the World. The woman instantly ran into the city and began telling everyone about the man at the well who knew all about her and still talked kindly to her. She told them that this was the Christ! They followed her to meet Jesus, and many accepted Him as Lord and Savior. Now, the woman was no longer rejected. Because she introduced the town's people to Jesus, she became a local hero and made many friends.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

KID STORY—Questions to Discuss at Home

1. Have you ever felt lonely? Describe. (If the child or adult has never felt lonely, then have him/her talk about someone they know who is lonely)
2. How does it make you/or a person feel to be lonely?
3. Jesus wants us to reach out to lonely people, to tell them that we care about them. Identify one lonely person, whom you can call, text, or make a card to tell him/her/ them that Jesus loves them and so do you.

SERMON The Rev. John Donnelly

POST SERMON SONG “If we are the Body” (*words in the video*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Leader: Ellen

Leader: Lord, during the time of this pandemic, we come to you to lift up those who feel deserted or friendless.

PEOPLE: MAY WE REACH OUT TO THEM WITH YOUR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

Leader: We remembers those from broken homes, the divorced, orphans, widows & widowers, the sick, the unemployed, the elderly, the forlorn, and those in prison.

PEOPLE: MAY WE REACH OUT TO THEM WITH YOUR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

Leader: We remembers those in our circles of acquaintances, in our neighborhoods, at work or school, or in churches, and even those in our families, who may not appear to be lonely, but who desperately crave affection.

PEOPLE: MAY WE REACH OUT TO THEM WITH YOUR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

Leader: We remember the countless number of people who have been abused: abused at home, school, or work; abused by racism and prejudice; and abused by addiction to drugs and/or alcohol addiction.

PEOPLE: MAY WE REACH OUT TO THEM WITH YOUR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

Leader: Finally, Lord, we pray for all those people who do not know of you, who have not received your love, and are spiritually lost.

PEOPLE: MAY WE REACH OUT TO THEM WITH YOUR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we now offer up our own prayers, both aloud or silently. (*Congregation now may pray their intercessions and thanksgivings*)

Leader: Grant us, O Lord Jesus, that we, who love you, but who may not have seen you, grant that on that great day when you return to earth, that we would rejoice to behold your appearing, with out shame, but with joy. 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.*

Ellen: May the Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING –

“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.ccqf.org]

THE LORD’S PRAYER –Led by John

BLESSING— Ellen

DISMISSAL

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

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

FIRST GATHERING IS THIS SUNDAY, 11:15AM, JULY 12. JOIN THE FUN. A "SOCIALLY DISTANT" COFFEE HOUR IS COMING TO THE MEMORIAL GARDEN," hosted by the Vestry Task Force on Coffee Hour, comprised by Susan Evancho, Ted & Joyce Pallman, & Fr. John . Two opportunities; **Sundays, 11:15 to 11:45am (or so), July 12 or July 19.** **We can accommodate 15 (or so)** people for each occasion. **Sign up in advance by emailing ccqf@att.net,** letting us know which date you choose and how many people you will be bringing. Bring your own coffee, chairs, and masks. Join with your parish family to laugh (jokes provided), tal listen, and reconnect.

“St. Peter’s & CCQF: Say “YES” to FREE VBS. As a community outreach, Christ

Church Quaker Farms is inviting all families with children to participate in our free "Bolt-VBS" program.

- **How about if I told you that I have found a VBS program which is so easy, yet so powerful, that you would not want to miss out?**
- How about if I told you that this VBS is 3 days, of 1 ½ hour per day, which you could do in your back yard? Which you could do any 3 days of your choice, at your home?
- This is so easy, a middle school kid could lead it. An older child or a babysitter. No problem.
- How about a program that has built in video leadership and fun, that you would check out here:

If you were to sign up to use this by yourself, it would cost you \$25/family. Sign up with us, and you will receive it for free. Why? Because CCQF has a mission to reach out to all children with the Love of Jesus Christ.

For more info, or to sign up, contact Christ Church Quaker Farms at ccqf@att.net or 203-888-4936