



CCQF SUNDAY JOY WORSHIP JUNE 7, 2020

TRINITY SUNDAY Honoring Our 2020 GRADUATES

INTRODUCTION by Don Peck, Director, producer & camera

PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE—

Fr. John: Lord, we are saddened by the all the assaults against our nation: violence, racism, deception, slander, indifference, and faithlessness.

PEOPLE: AS PEOPLE OF FAITH, WE PRAY FOR THE RENWEAL AND HEALING OF OUR LAND. CHANGE OUR COUNTRY BY FIRST CHANGING OUR HEARTS.

Fr. John: If we have been apathetic,

PEOPLE: HELP US TO LOVE ALL OUR FELLOW CITIZENS

Fr. John: If we have opponents or enemies,

PEOPLE: HELP US TO LOVE THEM AS YOU COMMAND.

Fr. John: If we have been hurt or abused, first heal us & restore us;

PEOPLE: THEN HELP US TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO HURT AND/OFF ABUSED US, AS YOU COMMAND.

Fr. John: Your word proclaims, "Vengeance is mine, says the Lord."

PEOPLE: BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO HAVE INTENTIONALLY HURT ANY OF YOUR CHILDREN. AMEN. ALLELUIA.

WELCOME by The Rev. John Donnelly, Rector/Pastor

OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

Rector: Let us pray, saying together,

Everybody:

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, AND TRUTH. WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR GRADUATES. WE PRAY THAT THEY WOULD ENJOY THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THEY GO FORWARD TO WORK, OR TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION, AND THAT THE PAST WOULD BE AN INSPIRING PRELUDE FOR THEIR FUTURE. WE PRAY THAT YOUR SPIRIT WOULD DIRECT THEM INTO PATHS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY, THAT THEY WOULD DISCOVER THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH YOU CREATED THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

PRESENTATION OF THE CCQF GRADUATES-- Don Peck, Youth Group Advisor

SONG OF PRAISE “Come, Now is the time to worship”

By Katherine Browne, Minister of Music

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come
One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those, Who gladly choose you now
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow
With all our hearts, oh, mind and strength, We gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship Oh, come, just as you are before your God
Come. Come. Come, oh. Come, oh. Come

THE FIRST READING **Philippians 1:9-11, 4:4-8**

Reader: Jackie McDonnell, mother of 2020 OHS Grad

⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. ¹¹ May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ^[b]—for this will bring much glory and praise to God...⁴ Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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

KID STORY Instead of hearing the long reading, parents & Kids may choose to watch this video instead parents may choose to watch this video instead

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uX7ggZCTv8> Discuss these questions

1. Why was Jesus so special //(because he was God's son).
2. What is your opinion about Nicodemus?
 - a. He was a mean man. b. He was confused c. Jesus didn't like him.
3. Jesus taught Nicodemus that if someone wants go heaven, they must love Jesus now because Jesus loves everybody. Maybe you could show this cartoon to someone who needs to know that Jesus loves them. Send them an email.

THE GOOD NEWS from John, Chapter 3 Reader: Megan Sastram, BS 2020

3 ¹⁻² There was a man, Nicodemus, a prominent leader among the Jews. Late one night he visited Jesus and said, "Rabbi, we all know you're a teacher straight from God. No one could do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren't in on it."

³ Jesus said, "You're absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born again, it's not possible to see what I'm pointing to—to God's kingdom."

⁴ "How can anyone," said Nicodemus, "be born who has already been born and grown up? You can't re-enter your mother's womb and be born again. What are you saying with this 'born-again' talk?"

⁵⁻⁶ Jesus said, "You're not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation—the 'wind-hovering-over-the-water' creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life—it's not possible to enter God's kingdom.... You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. That's the way it is with everyone 'born from above' by the wind of God, the Spirit of God."

⁹ Nicodemus asked, "What do you mean by this? How does this happen?"

Jesus replied, "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

¹⁹⁻²¹ "This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God... But anyone working and living in truth and welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is."

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

INTRO to GUEST PREACHER Fr. John

SERMON The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Led by Erin Cote, OHS Class of 2020

Leader: Let us offer our prayers for our graduates, their classmates, and all graduates in our land.

Leader: God's Word says that young people are like arrows in the hands of a warrior. The Bible records the story of an ancient king who was summoned by a prophet to shoot an arrow. He did so, and that arrow was called the arrow of the Lord's Victory.

PEOPLE: THESE GRADUATES, LORD, ARE ARROWS OF YOUR VICTORY. YOU HAVE FORMED AND GIFTED FOR SUCH AN HOUR AS THIS. MAY EACH ONE OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN FLY AS AN ARROW OF TRUTH TO A SOCIETY OFTEN MUDDLED ABOUT RIGHT AND WRONG;

Leader: As an arrow of compassion to the unloved and unwanted; as an arrow of light pointing to a day when the Lord Jesus will reign over the earth.

**PEOPLE: GRANT THEM THE GIFT OF FAITH –
A FAITH THAT WILL ILLUMINE EVERY SEASON OF HARDSHIP AND DARKNESS.**

Leader: Grant them a love for Your Word, a heart for prayer,
a song of praise, and a sensitive ear to your Spirit.

**PEOPLE: WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER MANY CROSSROADS IN LIFE; NOT JUST CROSSROADS
OF CAREER – BUT MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY CROSSROADS OF CHARACTER, GUIDE
THEM TO LIVE OUT THEIR GOD GIVEN PURPOSE.**

Leader: In these days that seem so frantic, help each of them to know Your peace which passes all
understanding.

**PEOPLE: IN THESE DAYS WHEN THEY WILL MOST SURELY NAVIGATE THROUGH SEAS OF
CHANGE AND EVEN CRISIS, HELP THEM FORGE ANCHORS OF WISDOM OUT OF EVERY
DISAPPOINTMENT.**

Leader: And then give them a heart to pass that wisdom on to their loved ones, including their parents.

**PEOPLE: AND MAY THEY NEVER LACK IN PASSION FOR YOU. GRANT THEM A SPIRIT THAT
PURSUES YOU ABOVE ALL ELSE.**

THE BLESSING OF GRADUATES—Fr. John

May the Lord God guide the feet of our graduates as they move through life,
protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness, and helping to lead future generations
into the warmth and promise of your light.

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.*

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

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

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]*

CCQF Friends & Parishioners, During this time of self quarantine and no Sunday service, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS —TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 5:00 TO 5:30 PM, OHS GRADUATION CAR PARADE on Rt. 188. Come Park at CCQF.

CONCLUDING HYMN “Be thou my vision” by the Irish Virtual Choir & Orchestra

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of Heaven my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, oh, bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall, Still be my vision, oh Ruler of all
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art

DISMISSAL

Fr. John: Let us go forth in the Wisdom of Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

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