

CCQF WORSHIP FOR THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER
6th Sunday of Easter Online Service w/ Children's Story
May 17, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Rector: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!!

People: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!!! ALLELUIA!!!

Rector: The Angel said, "Jesus isn't here, because..."

People: HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD."

Rector: "Now, go tell His disciples that ..."

People: JESUS IS ALIVE. ALLELUIA!

Rector: The Lord be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Rector: Let us pray, saying together,

***Everybody:* GRANT, WE PRAY, ALMIGHTY GOD, THAT AS WE BELIEVE YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO HAVE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, SO WE MAY ALSO IN HEART AND MIND THERE ASCEND, AND WITH HIM CONTINUALLY DWELL; WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN**

OPENING HYMN "Come ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" WORDS INCLUDED IN VIDEO
Adam Kowel, Organist @ St. Peter's, Oxford, CT

THE FIRST READING Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 *Reader: Molly Sastram*

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. **Reader: HERE ENDS THE READING. People: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION from John 14:1-4 and KID STORY 😊😊

Read by Kim Wentz

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^{1a}; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know^(u) my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it

HERE ENDS THE READING. People: Thanks be to God.

Questions for Discussion with your Children:

1. Jesus says, "In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places, or rooms' Where do you think that God the father's house is located (heaven).
 2. What do you imagine that heaven might be like? (*Affirm all answers, then read the answer below*)
You will meet Christians who lived long ago, including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and your grand parents (if they have died already).
 3. Color a picture of God's house in heaven. Go to :
https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=Fckw4bGt&id=5E7B3440AD0343F5F29E027AE21009AB6C160FBF&thid=OIP.Fckw4bGtstNZB9c3_stBTQAAAA&mediaurl=https%3a%2f%2fs-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com%2foriginals%2f15%2fc9%2f30%2f15c930e1b1adb2d35907d737fecb414d.jpg&exph=610&expw=453&q=coloring+page+for+heaven&simid=608025261249463311&selectedIndex=0&ajaxhist=0
 4. Learn a fun and easy song about heaven. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywhg95nwXGk>
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SERMON *The Rev. John Donnelly, Rector/Pastor*

The most important fact about Heaven is that it will be far more glorious than anything we can ever imagine! When God gave the Apostle John a glimpse of Jesus in His heavenly glory, John was so overwhelmed that he "fell at his feet as though dead" (Revelation 1:17).

One reason Heaven is glorious is because it is absolutely perfect. In this present world we are surrounded by sin and decay and death—but it won't be true in Heaven. This world also is racked by violence and wars and natural disasters—but again, it won't be true in Heaven. The Bible says, "Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Micah 4:3).

But Heaven is glorious most of all because it is the dwelling place of God. We can barely imagine this—but it's true! The Bible says, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them" (Revelation 21:3).

Will Heaven be like this world? The Bible says that in some ways it will be. We won't feel like strangers; we'll finally be home. But in other ways Heaven will be wonderful and perfect beyond measure. Why would anyone not want to go there?

The greatest fact about Heaven, however, is that we can go there! Only one thing will keep you out of Heaven, and that is your sin. But Jesus Christ came to open Heaven's door for us, and He did this by taking upon Himself the judgment that we deserve. Why not put your faith and trust in Him today?

POST SERMON SONG Solo by Katelyn Wentz "I can only imagine"

Congregation joins in the chorus—

**Surrounded by You glory, What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus? Or in awe of You be still ?
Will I stand in your presence, Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine I can only imagine**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Leader: Robert Lee

Leader: The Prayers of the People may be found in your bulletins on page 3 (Pause) Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God, who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray. (Pause)

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: Remembering this congregation of Christ Church Quaker Farms: Grant that we may shine your light by loving all people as you love us.

PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those frightened by and suffering from the corona virus. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. **PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we and they may share with all the saints of light in your eternal kingdom.

PEOPLE: RISEN LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

[Note: Tradition calls for the omission of the confession on days celebrating Eastertide--Fr. John]

CONCLUDING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER--Fr. John

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.”

THE BLESSING**CONCLUDING HYMN “Through the Red Sea” WORDS ON SCREEN**

Adam Kowel, Organist, St. Peter’s Church, Oxford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or pay online at their bank. Instructions are below:

To pay online at your local bank: 1) Add PAYEE: Christ Church Quaker Farms 2) Add address: 470 Quaker Farms Rd 3) Add address: Oxford, CT 06478 4) Add account number: your last name, first name and/or church number 5) Create a payment like you usually do to pay your bills. Write your name and church number in the memo section online. Your bank will create a paper check and mail it to church like your regular bills.

Or simply send a check to the church’s above address. Write your name and church number in the memo on the check. No “Sunday date” is needed; we will credit your account on the day we receive your check.

If you have any questions, call or text David Stepeck at (203) 394-1951

Thank you and kindest regards, Warden David Stepeck

THE DISMISSAL

Fr. John: Let us go forth in the protection and power of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

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

LET US HONOR OUR GRADS

We are exploring how we might honor our that this spring, especially our HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES, who are more than disappointed that this spring semester/term has been canceled. So, if you would to be part of an ad hoc task force to honor our CCQF grads and/or family members, contact Fr. John fjccqf@gmail.org

If there is a graduate in your family, please fill out the form on the next page.

MEANWHILE, IF THERE IS a grad in your family (nursery school, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, graduate school), please send the following information to ccqf@att.net

1. Full name of grad _____

2. Your name & email _____

3. Grad's relationship to you (such as Parent, sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent) _____

4. Graduating from ___Pre School ___Elementary School
_____Middle School ___High School ___Grad school

4.a. For college or grad school or other: degree or certificate earned. _____

5. What will grad be doing come fall? Work? Further education? _____