



## EASTER 6 SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP May 9, 2021

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St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms

### WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES -- The Rev. John Donnelly

#### 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!**

#### SONG OF PRAISE

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia! unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluiaour salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

#### THE COLLECT-Led by The Rev. Ellen Donnelly

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### FIRST READING Acts 9:1-9 Read by Rev. Ellen

Saul (Paul), still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that, if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains. On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He said, "Who are you, sir?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,

for they heard the voice but could see no one. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus. For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.  
The Word of the Lord.     **People: Thanks be to God**

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**KID STORY. This is a wonderful video on St. Paul for Kids.**

[Saul becomes Paul](#)

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**THE SECOND READING Luke 11:9-12 Read by Fr. John**

Jesus said, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"     The Word of the Lord.     **People: Thanks be to God**

**THE SERMON: *The Rev. John Donnelly***

STEPS TO GREATER INTIMACY w/ GOD

1. God reaches out to us.
2. We reach back to God.
3. Ask for and receive the Holy Spirit
4. Christian community: learning from others, praying with others, receiving and giving support with others, growing w/ others

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Led by Rev. Ellen**

*Leader:* The Prayers of the People may be found in your bulletins on page \_\_\_\_ (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:* Almighty God, just as St. Paul encountered you on the Road to Damascus, we pray that you would reveal yourself to us in personal and meaningful ways. **PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

*Leader:* Grant, Almighty just as St. Paul answered your call to ministry, may we open our hearts and ears to hear you when you call us **PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

*Leader:* Lord God Almighty, just as you gave compassion for Paul to preach to unbelievers, give us grace to reach out in your love to our unbelieving friends and acquaintances..  
**PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

Lord God, Paul faced persecutions, beatings, and imprisonment for His faith. When your enemies reject us, give us grace to forgive them and pray for them.  
**PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

*Leader:* Lord God, St. Paul founded dozens and dozens of church. Grant that we of St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms, would rebuild our church in faith and love, with you as the Head.

**PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

*Leader:* Lord God, like your Son before him, St. Paul healed the sick. We pray for all those in need of healing, especially those we mention silently or aloud. \_\_\_\_\_

**PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord. And we remember our loved ones, whom we now mention silently or aloud. \_\_\_\_\_ Receive them into your heavenly kingdom.

**PEOPLE: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS.**

*Leader:* And now, saying together

**Leader & PEOPLE: FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND IN HIM ARE ALL THINGS... TO HIM BE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER.** *(from St. Paul Romans 11:36)*

**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 Good shepherd 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 we have received, we give back to you.”

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#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER—Fr. John**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONCLUDING SONG**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward: Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

#### **THE BLESSING—Rev. Ellen**

May Jesus Christ, who shined His Light upon St. Paul to reach him in Love, shine upon You with His gracious love ; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, now and forever. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL—Fr. John**

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

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD.** Alleluia! Alleluia!!!