

**SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP October 25, 2020**

**Episcopalians Together in Oxford:  
St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms**

**Introduction**—*Don Peck, director, producer & camera artist*

**WELCOME** -- *The Rev. John Donnelly*

**OPENING SENTENCES** —*The Rev. Ellen Donnelly*

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

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

Priest: Let us pray for the upcoming election, saying together,

**EVERYONE: ALMIGHTY GOD, TO WHOM WE MUST ACCOUNT FOR OUR POWERS AND PRIVILEGES: GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE ELECTION OF OUR NEXT PRESIDENT & OUR REPRESENTATIVES; THAT, BY FAITHFUL ADMINISTRATION AND WISE LAWS, THE RIGHTS OF YOUR PEOPLE MAY BE PROTECTED AND OUR NATION BE EMPOWERED TO FULFILL PURPOSES; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN**

**SONG OF PRAISE** “*My Redeemer Lives*” by Ralene & Fred Goff

I know He rescued my soul

His blood has covered my sin. I believe, I believe

My shame He's taken away. My pain is healed in His name

I believe, I believe. I'll raise a banner

'Cause my Lord, Has conquered the grave

My redeemer lives My redeemer lives My redeemer lives My redeemer lives

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You lift my burdens I'll rise with You

I'm dancing on this mountain top To see Your kingdom come

My redeemer lives My redeemer lives My redeemer lives

**GOSPEL Mark 12: 28-31**

*Reader: Fr. John*

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>32</sup> There is no commandment greater than these. THE WORD OF THE LORD. People: Thanks be to God.

## KID STORY

1. Re read the above reading, again.
2. Draw a large picture of a heart, covering most of the whole piece of paper.
3. Have the child list everybody he loves, and write down names on the heart.
4. If "God's name, or that of Jesus has not been included in the heart, then make that suggestion.
5. Identify someone he/she loves who is at church.
6. Remind that child that Jesus calls us to love our neighbor. Ask the child about neighbors he/she loves. Include them.
7. Explain, when Jesus spoke of neighbors, he meant that we are to include everybody. Ask, "How can we love everybody." Explain that when we help one person in need, it is as if we helped Jesus, and helped everybody.
8. Identify a person to whom your child can show love in the next week. Help him/her to follow through.

SERMON The Most Rev. Michael Curry, PRESIDING Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the USA

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE--Litany for an Election

*The Leader and People pray responsively Led by Rev. Ellen*

*Leader: God of all people, we come to you on the brink of transition in our nation. As we prepare to elect earthly leaders, we confess the ways we have forgotten to live our identity as citizens of your kingdom.*

*Leader: Forgive us for judging others by their bumper stickers or yard signs.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Forgive us for victimizing others because we have been victimized.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Forgive us for being impatient in our call to live out long obedience in the same direction.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Forgive us for withholding mercy because of our own brokenness.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: We recommit ourselves to live on earth with the values of heaven,*

**People: even when that means turning the world upside down.**

*Leader: Jesus, you call us to live in love.*

**People: Help us to be your body and to embody your kingdom.**

*Leader: Jesus, you call us to bear witness.*

**People: Help us to see the suffering around us with your eyes.**

*Leader: Jesus, you call us to be peacemakers.*

**People: Help us to bring shalom in our families, our communities, and our world.**

*Leader: Jesus, you call us to work for justice.*

***People: Help us to carry the least among us in our hearts and serve them with our hands.***

*Leader: Lord, give us the strength to place every part of our lives under your lordship.*

*Leader: Give us the courage to take risks for the sake of your kingdom. Bless our efforts to be your body, your hands, your feet. Forgive us when we fail to do all that we can.*

***People: Root us in your love, that your kingdom may grow.***

***All: 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.*

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

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**



**THE OFFERING –Fr. John**

**“All good things come from you O Lord, and from what is yours, we give back to you.”**  
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**THE LORD’S PRAYER—led by Rev. Ellen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCLUDING HYMN “God bless America”**

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**CCQF VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST for Grades PreK-12. Send your child's photo with name and grade to [ccqf.net](http://ccqf.net) by no later than Oct. 30. All photos will be posted on face book (without names). Winners will be announced on Oct. 31. All contestants will be entered into the drawing for our "Annual Painted Pumpkin Raffle."**

	<b>Grades PreK-5</b>	<b>Grades 6-12</b>
<b>1st Place</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Three 3rd Place Prizes</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$10</b>

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