

**SUNDAY JOY VIDEO WORSHIP from Episcopalians Together in Oxford (ETO)
St. Peter's Church & Christ Church Quaker Farms**

Morning Prayer Sunday Sept. 20, 2020

WELCOME—*Fr. John*

The Rev. Ellen Donnelly, Officiant

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43:3

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Rev. Ellen: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*People stand*)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Led by **Katelyn Wentz & Katherine Browne**

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 Come
 Come, oh you nations. Come, come and worship. Oh, come (come and worship your maker!)

PSALM 137:V. 1-6 *(Read responsively) Led by Fr. John*

By the waters^a of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, **WHEN WE REMEMBERED ZION.**
² On the willows^b there, **WE HUNG UP OUR LYRES.**
³ For there our captors, required of us songs,
AND OUR TORMENTORS, MIRTH, SAYING, "SING US ONE OF THE SONGS OF ZION!"
⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song **IN A FOREIGN LAND?**
⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem, **LET MY RIGHT HAND WITHER!**
⁶ Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you,
IF I DO NOT SET JERUSALEM ABOVE MY HIGHEST JOY!
GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOR EVER. AMEN

READING Fr. John---- **Our reading today is combined with the Kid story video, which we will show in place of the reading. Should you wish to follow along while the video is in progress, the lesson is provided below the Kid story**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Vimeo+The+Parable+of+the+Sower&docid=608055627115660413&mid=06303D963F8E4488258A06303D963F8E4488258A&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

Kid story Discussion Questions

- 1. Is the bible important? Why?**
- 2. Choose one of your favorite bible stories. You can choose from the list below:**
 - **The Story of the Christmas Nativity (Luke 2:1-20)**
 - **Stories of Jesus healing people(Mark 2:9-12)**
 - **The Story of the Resurrection: The First Easter (Matthew 28:1-6)**
 - **Other?**
- 3. Why did you choose the story you chose? Why is it important for you? For others?**
- 4. Draw a picture of your story.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and

the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears,^[a] let him hear."

⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.^[a] **²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.** ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

THE SERMON: *The Rev. John Donnelly* (portions of this sermon have been inspired by Thomas Keating)

S.O.A.P. Method of Bible Study---from the Salvation Army

1. **"S" is for Scripture. Read and re-read the scripture. What part stands out for you?**
 2. **"O" is for Observation. Imagine why God wrote this verse? Why might this be important?**
 3. **"A" is for Application. How can I apply this verse to my life?**
 4. **"P" is for Prayer. Pray for the wisdom and power to live out what Jesus has just revealed to you. Pray for others you know who could benefit from this wisdom. Consider sharing your insight with someone .**
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CREED: SONG "Thy Word" by Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

as performed by Katelyn Wentz and Katherine Browne

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will i fear as long as you are near, Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side, And I will love you to the end.
Nothing will i fear as long as you are near, Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path, you're the light unto my path.

THE PRAYERS—*led by Rev. Ellen**Rev. Ellen* The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.

Let us pray. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES A—*led by Rev. Ellen*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord; **R. AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **R. LET YOUR PEOPLE SING WITH JOY.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **R. FOR ONLY IN YOU CAN WE LIVE IN SAFETY.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care; **R. AND GUIDE US IN THE WAY OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth; **R. YOUR SAVING HEALTH AMONG ALL NATIONS.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **R. NOR THE HOPE OF THE POOR BE TAKEN AWAY.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God; **R. AND SUSTAIN US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Rev. Ellen & people*

Grant us, O Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION *led by Rev. Ellen*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There follows a period of silence for the people to name their own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. (Fr. John)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *Fr. John and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE BLESSING—Fr. John

Rev Ellen Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Rev Ellen May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Announcements



-----**SMALL GROUPS ARE COMING BACK NOW: SIGN UP ASAP**

.For those of you who may not know, Small Groups are composed for 4 to 14 people, who meet for a number of weeks for friendship, bible study, and prayer .For many, these are life changing experiences. As the basis of our meetings together in September, we will read and discuss the amazing book (96 pages) called **The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality** by Henri Nouwen. The thesis is that there are 3 stages of communion /unity with God. In each stage, there are things to

learn about God and ourselves. With this knowledge, we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit into growing closer to Jesus. Specific groups and times will be announced soon. There will be only 4 meetings.

To date, we know that we will at least be offering these Small Groups:

Wednesdays, 9:30am, dates to be announced. Leaders: Marilyn Stebar (203-888-3469) and Laura Burr (Laura.burr@cbmoves.com)

Thursdays, 7 to 8:30pm (Teleconference) dates to be announced. Leaders: Susan Evancho (203-305-6258), Bob Knapp (202-240-6476), & Fr. John (862-226-9197, fjccqf@gmail.com)

Fridays for Couple with children. Time and place TBA. Leaders: Molly Turchuk and Don Peck. For more info, -----

Sign up for small groups are now being accepted. Call a group leader and sign up

SOAP READING PLAN <https://my.salvos.org.au/toolkit/resource/easy-bible-study-method---soap--individual-or-small-group-method/624/>

One suggested verses at the url above. Indeed, they have prepared a 3 year plan.

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| 1 September , John 15:16 | 1 October , Ephesians 6:11 |
| 2 September , Ephesians 5:8 | 2 October , 1 Corinthians 1:30 |
| 3 September , Romans 8:38-39 | 3 October , Psalm 122:1 |
| 4 September , Acts 20:32 | 4 October , 2 Corinthians 9:8 |
| 5 September , James 1:17 | 5 October , 1 John 5:13 |
| 6 September , Deuteronomy 6:5 | 6 October , Mark 10:29-30 |
| 7 September , Proverbs 3:9 | 7 October , Proverbs 14:26 |
| 8 September , Psalm 100:5 | 8 October , Proverbs 18:10 |
| 9 September , Galatians 4:6 | 9 October , Jude 1:21 |
| 10 September , 1 Corinthians 12:27 | 10 October , Psalm 92:1-2 |
| 11 September , Luke 2:10-11 | 11 October , John 3:17 |
| 12 September , Psalm 37:3 | 12 October , Romans 5:1 |
| 13 September , Matthew 28:19-20 | 13 October , Matthew 11:29 |
| 14 September , Ephesians 2:4-5 | 14 October , Philippians 1:6 |
| 15 September , Colossians 1:13-14 | 15 October , James 5:14 |
| 16 September , 1 Peter 5:7 | 16 October , 1 Peter 5:8-9 |
| 17 September , Psalm 139:23-24 | 17 October , John 14:2 |
| 18 September , Hebrews 4:15 | 18 October , Isaiah 54:17 |
| 19 September , 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | 19 October , Psalm 51:1-2 |
| 20 September , 1 John 2:5 | 20 October , John 4:14 |
| 21 September , Ephesians 1:3 | 21 October , Hebrews 3:14 |
| 22 September , Psalm 9:1 | 22 October , Matthew 7:7-8 |
| 23 September , 2 Corinthians 5:20 | 23 October , Psalm 25:4-5 |
| 24 September , Romans 12:12 | 24 October , Numbers 6:24-26 |
| 25 September , Isaiah 40:29 | 25 October , Romans 12:12 |
| 26 September , Galatians 5:22-23 | 26 October , 3 John 1:4 |
| 27 September , Philippians 2:7-8 | 27 October , Ephesians 4:1 |
| 28 September , Psalm 23:2 | 28 October , Psalm 20:4 |
| 29 September , Matthew 5:14 | 29 October , Colossians 3:1 |
| 30 September , 1 John 1:8-9 | 30 October , Psalm 19:1 |
| | 31 October , 1 John 2:5-6 |