



## OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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### EBULLETIN FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

Please accept this eBulletin for your use on Sunday morning.

Use it to go along with our Remote Access Service.

To log-on Worship, Ctrl+click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/281701997>.

The actual service may differ slightly from what you see below.

Please also join us for our Virtual Coffee Hour.

To log-on Coffee Hour, Ctrl+click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/402156419>.

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Please have ready, standing by, a nice cloth (napkin or tea towel), a candle and something to light it with, a small plate, and a small loaf of bread (or bun, or slice, or cracker), and a cup or wineglass, and wine (or grape juice, or fruit juice, or water).

You will set your tables during the Children's Message, with any children doing it.

At the Holy Communion, you or another adult will be the priest, to say the words, and break the bread, and share.

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## I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Aleeza Meir

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain, Alleluia.  
Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

O friends, in gladness let us sing  
Supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

ACCLAMATION AND SALUTATION

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the first-born of the living and dead.  
**Amen and Amen, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE FIRST COLLECT OF EASTER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Light of Christ.

**The Light of Christ.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

The Light of Christ.

**The Light of Christ.**

We make a table and set the table.

THE SECOND COLLECT OF EASTER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.  
Give also the joys of life in your service,  
and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

*An Opening in the World*

ASCRPTION AND SILENCE

HYMN **The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia.**

**The powers of death hath done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia.**

**The three sad days have quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head. Alleluia.**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy people free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made a man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SOLO

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all. (*We pass the peace via Zoom.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's service  
[prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org](mailto:prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org)  
Godly Play  
Wednesday evening Vespers  
Consistory meeting  
Virtual Coffee Hour  
Other Announcements

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Kelly Greene

OFFERING

*The Deacons*

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER



INVITATION AND CANDLE-LIGHTING

The Light of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

**The Light of Christ.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Meeter

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty, to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You created the heaven with its host and the earth with its plenty. You have given us life, and being, and you preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love by sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty savior, who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole church on earth, and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!**

Holy and righteous Father, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice once offered on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection, and in expectation of his coming again, we offer to you ourselves, as holy and living sacrifices, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died,

**Christ has died.**

Christ is risen,

**Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again.

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the body and blood of Christ. Grant that being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him who is the head, even Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into these loaves, and these grapes from many hills into these cups, grant Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so come Lord Jesus, Maranatha, Amen.

Through Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



INSTITUTION

*(One person may do the speaking and another may do the actions, or one person do both.  
Repeating after the pastor:)*

<b>The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread,</b>	<i>Take the bread</i>
<b>and when he had given thanks,</b>	<i>Raise the bread</i>
<b>he broke it,</b>	<i>Break the bread</i>
<b>and he gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.”</b>	<i>Share the bread.</i>
<b>The body of Christ.</b>	<i>Eat the bread.</i>
<b>After the same manner also he took the cup when they had supped, saying,</b>	<i>Take the cup</i>
<b>“This cup in the new testament in my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.</b>	<i>Raise the cup</i>
<b>Take, drink all of it, in remembrance of me.”</b>	<i>Drink from the cup.</i>
<b>The blood of Christ.</b>	<i>Share the cup.</i>

SOLO

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*attrib. St Francis of Assisi*

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

HYMN

**“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia.  
All creation joins to say, Alleluia.  
Raise your songs and triumphs high, Alleluia.  
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply. Alleluia.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Alleluia.  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell! Alleluia.  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia.  
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia.**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia.  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia.  
Dying once, he all doth save; Alleluia.  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia.**

**King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia.  
Everlasting life is this: Alleluia.  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia.  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord’s countenance be lifted upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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**ii. Announcements**

PRAYER LIST. For those in need: Andrew, Jean, Barbara, Eva, Albert, Nancy, Keileigh, Viola, Michael, Blas, Stephen, Elisabeth, Spencer, Maryanne, Ron, Susanna, Ronnie, Dr. Paul, Dr. Jessica  
For those in ministry: Jabe, Jack, Housing Plus, and CHiPS.

WE HAVE A DIRECT EMAIL for prayer requests, for yourself or someone else. Please send your request to [prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org](mailto:prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org)

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR follows the service. To log-on, Ctrl+click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/402156419>.

MID-WEEK VESPERS on Wednesday evenings from 9:00 to 9:45 p.m. is hosted by the Elders. We greet one another, read the Vespers liturgy and the week's scripture; reflect, share and review prayer requests from our community; and receive an evening blessing. We offer this service to however many or few desire and are able to join. Please use this zoom link to join. <https://zoom.us/j/314004075>

FROM THE DEACONS: Though we cannot pass a collection plate, you have options for your giving. But always identify what you're supporting: General (tithe), Capital (restoration), or Mission (benevolence).

Mail a check to:  
Old First Reformed Church  
729 Carroll St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Arrange for payments from your bank or financial institution for a check mailed directly to Old First weekly or monthly. Many of our congregants already use this option. Usually, this option is available through your online account with your bank.

Use Mighty Cause (only for Building Restoration). The link is on the Old First Website:  
<https://www.mightycause.com/organization/Old-First-Reformed-Church>

Stay tuned for another app-based option currently being explored.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ADHERENT of Old First? If you worship with us, but you have your reasons for not becoming a member, you can be included as an "adherent". That means you are under the care of the Elders, and you may fully participate in all programs and activities. Speak to the Pastor or an Elder.

THE CHiPS SOUP KITCHEN is temporarily closed, but we still feed the hungry. We now have a one-stop community POP-UP operating out of CHiPS for anyone looking to donate or receive food. Alan and Denise will be handing out food every day from 11am-1pm. *Any individual, restaurant, coffee shop, or organization can get involved.* You can make and package food in your own home, and then drop off the ***pre-individually packaged food*** any day between 9am-4pm. Please be sure to call ahead at 718-237-2962 and let us know you're coming. If it is possible to plan several days in advance, please email [admin@chipsonline.org](mailto:admin@chipsonline.org) so we can add you to our calendar. We have take-out containers and plastic bags available for volunteer use; if you need packaging, please let us know! We take full home-cooked meals as well as sandwiches, sides, baked goods, fruits, etc. We accept individually packaged to-go bags of toiletries, hygiene products, and other essentials so we can hand them out to our guests. We just ask to refrain from donating if you aren't feeling well.

TESTIMONIES IN EASTERTIDE. There is one Sunday left for the taking, May 24, for a 5-minute testimony during worship. Primer questions: What do you look for? What do you hope for? What do you pray for?

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### iii. Schedule

#### This Week

**Friday, April 10, 2020**

**Good Friday service** - 7:00 p.m., online, please  
see link: <https://zoom.us/j/730498961>

**Sunday, April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday Service**

**Sunday School** - suspended

**Sunday Worship** - 11:00 a.m, online, see the link  
on our webpage, [www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org](http://www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org)  
**Slow Yoga - Breathe & Align** - Suspended  
**Wednesday -Slow Yoga @ High Noon Breathe & Align** -Suspended

### Look Ahead

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

**Sunday School** - suspended

**Sunday Worship** - 11:00 a.m, online, see the link  
on our webpage, [www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org](http://www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org)

**Slow Yoga - Breathe & Align** - Suspended

**Wednesday -Slow Yoga @ High Noon Breathe & Align** -Suspended

**Sunday April 26, 2020**

**Sunday School** - suspended

**Sunday Worship** - 11:00 a.m, online, see the link  
on our webpage, [www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org](http://www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org)

**Slow Yoga - Breathe & Align** - Suspended

**Wednesday -Slow Yoga @ High Noon Breathe & Align** -Suspended

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### **iv. Roster**

#### **Staff**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Meeter, Pastor	(718) 614-9763
Maureen Doyle, Finance & Operations Director	(917) 428-0395
Trentasia Morant, Office Coordinator	(718) 638-8300
Aleeza Meir, Organist	(917) 902-0793
Abraham Barrios, Sexton	(718) 638-8300

#### **Consistory**

Elders		Deacons	
Jessica Stockton Bagnulo	2021	Kent Adams	2021
Jeff Cribbs	2021	Margaret Kearney	2022
Ken Nieuwenhuis	2022	Susan Snyder	2022
Wayne Adams	2023	Philip Alexander	2023
Jabe Ziino	2023	Kelly Greene	2023

#### **Officers**

Pastor Daniel Meeter, President	Jeff Cribbs, Vice President
Kent Adams, Deacons Chair	Ron Coombs, Clerk pro tem
Danny Silitonga, Treasurer	Elisabeth Gaikema Platt, Financial Secretary pro tem
Maureen Doyle, Bursar	

### **GROUPS AND MINISTRIES**

Cooking for CHiPS: Second Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Cook for the homeless and hungry.  
Contact: Steve Lappert (718) 230-0448.

Sunday School Teachers: Joanna Franchini, Matt LeBreux, Pastor Meeter, Jessica Stockton Bagnulo, Rev. Melody Meeter, Virginia Bouillerot, and Jabe Ziino.

Nursery Staff: Renee Espinosa, Sally Ragudo, and Bailey Olander.

CHiPS Board of Directors: Gordon Meyer.