



OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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EBULLETIN FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19, 2020

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

Please also join us for our Virtual Coffee Hour.

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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 after the Offering.

Also, please have ready a bowl with water in it, big enough to put your hands in it without spilling.

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I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Adagio* (from Sonata in D) W. A. Mozart

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN 318:1-4 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 Ye sons and daughters of the King
 whom heavenly host in glory sing,
 today the grave hath lost its string. Alleluia!

**On that first morning of the week
the Mary's went their Lord to seek
before the day began to break. Alleluia!**

**An angel bade their sorrow flee,
for thus he spoke unto the three:
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee." Alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "Peace be unto you here." 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 COLLECT The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Ginny Bouillerot

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Baptismal Bowl

**SONG I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay!**

**I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that though perishable is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

SOLO *By the Mark where the Nails have Been*

Lyrics and tune by Gillian Welch

Sung by Anneke Eppley

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side. I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON: *Signs and Wonders: The Mark of the Nails*

DESCRIPTION AND SILENCE

HYMN 318:5-9 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**What Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted if it were the Lord. Alleluia!**

**"Thomas, Behold my side," said he;
"my hands, my feet, my body see,
and doubt not, but believing be." Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side.
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith had constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days
to God your hearts and voices raise
in land and jubilee and praise. 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.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's service
Godly Play
Wednesday evening Vespers
Consistory meeting
Virtual Coffee Hour
Other Announcements

TESTIMONY Jeff Cribbs

PRAYERS OF PEACE AND INTERCESSION Kelly Greene

(*beginning with:*)

**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.**

Intercessions

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

SETTING YOUR TABLES

INVITATION AND CANDLE-LIGHTING

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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:

**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

**The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread, *Take the bread*
and when he had given thanks, *Raise the bread*
he broke it, *Break the bread*
and he gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.” *Share the bread.***

**After the same manner also he took the cup *Take the cup*
when they had supped, saying,
“This cup in the new testament in my blood, *Raise the cup*
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Take, drink it all of you, in remembrance of me.” *Drink from the cup.***

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside still waters,
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN 317 **The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain,
his own “All hail,” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin;
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

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 *Variation V* (from Sonata in A) W. A. Mozart

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. Jessica, family of Eron Sangster, family of Ron Louie.

For those in ministry or service: Dr. Paul, 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

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: The deacons are pleased to announce a new way to give to Old First called Tithe.ly, a platform for remote church giving. Not only will using Tithe.ly be much more convenient for you, it will improve OF's bookkeeping system and keep our staff safer since it is all remote. There are a number of ways to give through Tithe.ly, but by far the most popular is using your debit or credit card on their app. (You want the green app that just says "Tithe.ly", not the blue.) It's really simple to set up on your smartphone if you have one, so give it a try. If you have any questions or problems using the app, contact the church office or Kent Adams at adamskradams@gmail.com. In the coming weeks, we will let you know of other ways to give through Tithe.ly (including a button on the Old First website). Meanwhile, if you are more comfortable mailing in check, please do!

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.

OUR MISSION work with CHiPS continues! CHiPS (Community Help in Park Slope) is a soup kitchen on 4th Avenue that has paused hot meals -- but it's still handing out bag lunches to hungry people from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day. And our CHiPS cook team is providing 45 of those meals every week (while maintaining safe distancing). Please consider supporting CHiPS two ways, as you are able:

- Donate through our collection for mission. If you start using Tithely, you can designate gifts for mission, or you can write "Mission" on any donation mailed directly to church.
- Volunteer as a back-up for the cook team by contacting Steve Lappert at (718) 230-0448 or lappert@clm.com

Join Baroquelyn online this Sunday at 3pm ET for the latest in our series of weekly, live-streaming solo concerts! We'll be serenaded by Brandon Acker who plays guitar and other early plucked instruments, and it's going to be a treat! Proceeds from these concerts go directly to helping musicians survive these financially difficult times -- and also keep the music going! To join us, go to www.baroquelyn.com and click on the "subscribe" link. You can subscribe at any level (even \$1/month if you scroll to the bottom), and all

subscribers will receive a link to the livestream as well as access to the prior series concerts. Hope to see you there!

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?

PASTOR'S EASTER SEASON SERMON SERIES : SIGNS AND WONDERS

- 4/19 #1, The Mark of the Nails
- 4/26 #2, The Breaking of the Bread
- 5/3 #3, Jeff Chu, guest preacher
- 5/10 #4, The Stones that Live
- 5/17 #5, The Wonder of Love
- 5/24 #6, The Wonder of Glory
- 5/31 #7, The Signs and Wonders of the Holy Spirit

iii. Schedule

This week

- Sunday, April 19
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online
- Monday, April 20
Consistory - 7:00 p.m., online
- Wednesday, April 22
Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

Look Ahead

- Sunday, April 26
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online

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.