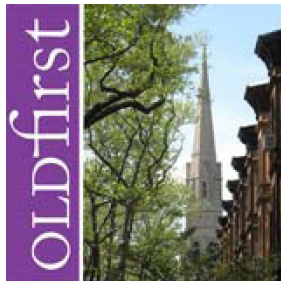


OLD first REFORMED CHURCH



Rev. Dr. Daniel Meeter, Pastor
Aleeza Meir, Music Director

EBULLETIN FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26, 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 serving bowl with water in it,
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 with wine, grape juice, fruit juice, or water.

Also, for the Children's Message, please have ready for every child a plate with a small bun or bread for breaking. Something like a hamburger bun, soft and easy enough to break into pieces.

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I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Sarabande (Partita in B-flat Major)* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN 313 **That Easter day with joy was bright:
the sun shone out with fairer light**

when to their longing eyes restored
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
His risen flesh with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide
in this, our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Mark Wingerson

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116: 1-3, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him
The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me,
I came to grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants.
O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD,
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the LORD’S house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah.
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

Breaking the Bread

**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 1:17-23 Mark Wingerson

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

SOLO *A Light at the River for Me* Sung by Jen Larson

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Mark Wingerson

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON: *Signs and Wonders #2: The Breaking of the Bread*

ASCRPTION AND SILENCE

HYMN 534 **I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends;
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

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
Interim Search
Wednesday evening Vespers
Virtual Coffee Hour
Other Announcements

TESTIMONY Lois Wingerson

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

RINSING YOUR HANDS

I am baptized. **In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

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, O God, 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 me 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 551 **Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead—
Look on the heart of sorrow broken,
Look on the tears of sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.**

**Watch o'er thy church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still;
Perfect it in thy love, unite it,
Cleansed and conformed unto thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands thy church be gathered
Into the kingdom of thy Son.**

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 *Menuet (Partita in B-flat major)* J.S. Bach

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, and the many unclaimed and unnamed victims of the virus in NYC who are being buried in mass graves on Hart Island.

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: Though we are not currently passing a collection plate for offertory, the following options are available for you to give to Old First:

1. Tithe.ly
Available as a smartphone app, via the Donations Tab on the Old First website, or through a phone call to Old First staff members. You can select a credit or debit card, or an account with a financial

institution. If you currently have a check mailed to Old First from your bank, please consider switching this service to Tithely.

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

Remember, whichever method you send in your offering, to identify your offering as either:

- GENERAL FUND for general offering,
- CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for building restoration, or
- MISSION (CHiPS and HousingPlus)

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 INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH Team is busy contacting candidates, and we have a list to start interviewing. We are very hopeful about having a good Interim Pastor to serve us part-time during the year that we will patiently and deliberately be engaged in the Search for our next Installed Minister.

OUR MISSION work with CHiPS continues! CHiPS is handing out bag lunches to hungry people from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Our CHiPS team is providing 45 of those meals every week. 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 26

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/281701997>

To join us via phone. Please read the instructions below:

1) Dial 1-929-205-6099

If you are instructed to enter a webinar id the id is: 281701997

Wednesday, April 29

Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

Look Ahead

Sunday, May 3

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online; with Jeff Chu preaching

Wednesday, May 6

Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

iv. Roster

Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Meeter, Pastor	(718) 614-9763
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Trentasia Morant, Office Coordinator	(718) 638-8300
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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.

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