

# OLD FIRST EBULLETIN FOR PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

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Use it to go along with our Remote Access Service.

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The actual service may differ slightly from what you see below.  
If you don't have internet, you can use the prayers and scripture lessons for your own devotions.  
Please also join us for our Virtual Coffee Hour.

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## I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PIANO PRELUDE

Aleeza Meir

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjGRDSMPV2g>

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.  
All glory, laud, and honor . . . .

The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.  
All glory, laud, and honor . . . .

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went:  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.  
All glory, laud, and honor . . . .

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
All glory, laud, and honor . . . .

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud, and honor . . . .

VOTUM AND SALUTATION

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth; who keeps faith forever, and never lets go of the work of his hands.

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, *Amen.***

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL, Matthew 21:1-11

Gretta Adams

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Blessing the House Plants

*(Raise your hands over your house plant.)*

Bless our plants, O Lord, who live with us each day.  
You made them green, and quiet, and faithful.  
You made them our friends and your servants.  
You love them, and they praise you silently.  
We thank you for them, so bless them, O Lord.

SONG **Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. (3x)**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King!**

**No more crying there, we are going to see the King. (3x)**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King!**

**No more dying there, we are going to see the King. (3x)**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King!**

PASSING THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org](mailto:prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org)

Testimonies at Eastertide

Godly Play

Wednesday evenings

Good Friday

Today's service. We thank our lectors for our annual Readers' Theater of the Passion Story. Half-way through that, the Passion Chorale is performed by the Ao Naga Choir of the Cathedral Church of the Redemption, New Delhi, of the (United Protestant) Church of North India. You can sing along at home.

Other Announcements

Virtual Coffee Hour

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: Derek Steele

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.  
For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.  
I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.  
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, SUFFRAGES, AND INTERCESSIONS

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Meeter

**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 with 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!**

**Save your people Lord, and bless your inheritance.**

Lindsay Gavin

**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

**Day by day we bless you; we praise your name forever.**

**Lord, keep us from all sin today; have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we put our trust in you.**

**In you, Lord, is our hope; and we shall never hope in vain.**

INTERCESSIONS

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.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

Lectors: Kent Adams, Frank Adams, Jeff Cribbs,  
Jenn Cribbs, Linda Larson, and Jabe Ziino

PART 1, Matthew 26:14—27:10

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who

take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCsIrnMHvVY>

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns thine only crown:  
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn,  
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!**

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinner's gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior, 'tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor, vouch-safe to me thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

PART 2, Matthew 27:11-66

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

*(Here you may stand.)*

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. *(Silence)* At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they

had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.



HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_fvFfPqiO4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_fvFfPqiO4)

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present for too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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

YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS are increasing and important. We want to share our prayer lives with each other. If you have a prayer request, send it in to this email address: [prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org](mailto:prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org). We will regularly monitor this mailbox and share it with the congregation.

WE EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO DOUG HAMILTON, WHOSE FATHER DICK HAMILTON DIED LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN MAINE. "PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS" (PSALM 116).

PRAYER LIST:

Health or Need: Andrew, Jean, Barbara, Eva, Albert, Nancy, Keileigh, Viola, Michael, Blas, Stephen, Elisabeth, Spencer, Maryanne, and Ron

Ministry or Service: CHiPS, Housing Plus, Jack, Jabe, Doctors Jessica and Paul

LAST WEEK'S "ATTENDANCE" was 67 logins! We had participants from Seattle, Wyoming, Rochester, Westchester, Jersey, Philadelphia, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Cincinnati, Ottawa, The Hague, Utrecht, Berlin, and I don't know where else, plus, of course, all of you in Brooklyn. We also had guests from

Wyoming and NW Pennsylvania. For our members without internet access, we are sending the eBulletin and lectionary insert out by mail.

THOUGH WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY PASSING A COLLECTION PLATE FOR OFFERTORY, THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO GIVE TO OLD FIRST:

MAIL A CHECK TO:  
OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
729 CARROLL ST.  
BROOKLYN, NY 11215

ARRANGE FOR PAYMENTS FROM YOUR BANK OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION IN WHICH A CHECK IS MAILED DIRECTLY TO OLD FIRST ON A REGULAR BASIS (WEEKLY OR MONTHLY, USUALLY). MANY OLD FIRST'S MEMBERS ALREADY USE THIS OPTION. USUALLY, THIS OPTION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT WITH YOUR BANK.

USE MIGHTY CAUSE  
THIS PORTAL WAS ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING'S RESTORATION, AND CAN BE FOUND ON THE OLD FIRST WEBSITE:  
[HTTPS://WWW.MIGHTYCAUSE.COM/ORGANIZATION/OLD-FIRST-REFORMED-CHURCH](https://www.mightycause.com/organization/old-first-reformed-church)

STAY TUNED FOR ANOTHER POSSIBLE APP-BASED OPTION, CURRENTLY BEING EXPLORED BY THE CHURCH STAFF, THE TREASURER AND THE DEACONS.

PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR INTENDED AREA OF SUPPORT  
REMEMBER, WHICHEVER METHOD YOU SEND IN YOUR OFFERING, TO IDENTIFY YOUR OFFERING AS EITHER:  
GENERAL OR TITHE FOR GENERAL OFFERING,  
CAPITAL FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, OR  
MISSION (CHIPS AND HOUSINGPLUS)

THE CONSISTORY has been contacting every member, adherent, and friend. If you know of any need or concern of one of our congregants, please let a Consistory member know.

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

Dear Old First, Several of you have told us you would value a midweek meeting in this strange and difficult time. This week, our Elders will host a Vespers service online. It will be tomorrow, Thursday April 2nd, from 9 to 9:45pm. We will greet one another, read the Vespers liturgy and this 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>

If you would like to join a midweek online meeting, but cannot attend this day and / or time, or would benefit from different style or content, please let us know that as well. We will learn and adjust as we go.  
Peace to you all, Jeff Cribbs  
(on behalf of the Elders)

The CHiPS soup kitchen may be temporarily closed, but that doesn't stop us from feeding the hungry. There is now 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!

INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT? You can make and package food in the comfort of 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 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!

WHAT ARE WE ACCEPTING? We will take full home-cooked meals as well as sandwiches, sides, baked goods, fruits, etc. So far this week we've handed out biscuits with butter and jam, soup, and pasta from community members, as well as full meals donated by ReThink Food NYC. We will also 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

Introducing Baroquelyn's brand-new, live Spotlight Concert Series! Starting this Sunday Baroquelyn will be live-streaming regular solo concerts from Baroquelyn musicians to all of our monthly subscribers..Our plan is to do this weekly every Sunday afternoon at 3pm until we are allowed to congregate in person again. This will allow us to keep the music going, and also to support some superb musicians who have suddenly lost all their income in the space of a few days. Our first concert, this Sunday, will be recorder player Martin Bernstein with gambist Salomé Gasselin, both performing from her mother's countryside home in France where they are waiting out the storm. Anyone who wants to join us should visit the website to learn more at [www.baroquelyn.com](http://www.baroquelyn.com) [1], or just get in touch directly at [baroquelyn@gmail.com](mailto:baroquelyn@gmail.com).

OUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE is on. Michael Daves is preparing the music with other musicians and participants. Please join in online at 7:00 p. m. on Friday evening. For the link, see this direct zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/730498961>. Or you can go to our website [www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org](http://www.oldfirstbrooklyn.org)

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.

TESTIMONIES IN EASTERTIDE: Pastor is looking for members and adherents to take turns in offering 5-minute testimonies during worship on the Sundays from April 19 to May 24. Will you offer your own testimony? Starter questions: What do you hope for? What do you pray for? What do you long for?

Thursday night Vespers; (from the Elders, either Jeff Cribbs or Jabe Ziino)

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### III. SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, April 5**

Sunday School - suspended

Palm 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

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday April 11

Cooking for CHiPS - 8:00 a.m. - Suspended

Easter Sunday April 12

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 19

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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GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Cooking for CHiPS: Second Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Cook for the homeless and hungry.

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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.