



OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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EBULLETIN FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 24, 2020

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Please have ready your bowl with water, a cloth, your candle, your bread, and your cup of wine or juice.

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I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Sarabande (from Partita in D Major)*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN 327

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

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, the king of glory, you have exalted your only son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

When the Apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
 let those who hate him flee before him.
 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
 let them also be merry and joyful.
 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
 Father of orphans, defender of widows,
 God in his holy habitation!
 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.
 O God, when you went forth before your people,
 when you marched through the wilderness,
 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.
 Your people found their home in it;
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
 sing praises to the Lord.
 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
 Ascribe power to God;
 his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
 How wonderful is God in his holy places!
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!
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

Be still and know that I am God.

**God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my beginning.**

SONG **I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**He's got the whole world in his hands, in his hands. . . .
He's got the little bitty baby. . . .
He's got my mommy and my daddy. . . .
He's got the oceans and the mountains. . . .**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Kent Adams

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

QUARTET *This Is My Song* Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness

FINLANDIA, by Jean Sibelius

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

Kent Adams

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Signs and Wonders #7: The Wonder of Glory* Pastor Meeter

ASCRPTION AND SILENCE

HYMN 67

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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
Wednesday evening Vespers
Virtual Coffee Hour
Godly Play / Children-in-Worship
Baroquelyn
Other Announcements

TESTIMONY

Jessica Stockton Bagnulo

PRAYERS OF PEACE AND INTERCESSION Jenny Burrill

**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

In need: Jane Barber and family, Georgia, Andrew, Jean, Barbara, Eva, Albert, Nancy, Keileigh,
Viola, Michael, Blas, Stephen, Elisabeth, Spencer, Maryanne, Ron, Susanna, Ronnie.
In ministry or service: Dr. Jessica, Dr. Paul, Jabe, Jack, Jeff, Housing Plus, and CHiPS.

OFFERING

The Deacons

While we worship together online, we can still make our offerings. Our preferred method is the digital platform Tithely, which you can find as a smart-phone app or as a link at OldFirstBrooklyn.org. Please consider covering the processing fee to make your gift go farther. If you prefer to mail a check, please note whether your gift is for the general fund, mission, or the capital campaign. And please consider giving for our mission work with CHiPS and Housing Plus.

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.**

RINSING YOUR HANDS: I am baptized.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SETTING YOUR TABLES

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,

and when he had given thanks,

he broke it,

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.*

Take the bread

Raise the bread

Break the bread

After the same manner also he took the cup

when they had supped, saying,

“This cup in the new testament in my blood,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Take, drink it in remembrance of me.”

Take the cup

Raise the cup

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 110

Lord of the worlds above,
how pleasant and how fair
the dwellings of thy love,
thine earthly temples are!
 To thine abode
 my heart aspires, with warm desires
 to see my God.

O happy souls that pray
where God appoints to hear!
O happy those that pay
their constant service there!
 They praise thee still;
 and happy they that love the way
 to Zion's hill.

They go from strength to strength
through this dark vale of tears,
till each arrives at length,
till each in heaven appears.
 O triumph sweet
 when God our King shall thither bring
 our willing feet!

God is our sun and shield,
our light and our defense;
with gifts his hands are filled:
we draw our blessings thence.
 Thrice happy they,
 O God of hosts, whose spirits trust
 Alone in thee.

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 *Aria (from Partita in D Major)*

J. S. Bach

ii. Announcements

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>.

WE EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES to Jane Barber upon the death this past Sunday evening of her mother, Elva Hively, in Akron, Ohio. Miriam Elva Braziell was born in Pittsburgh PA 94 years ago. She lived with her husband, Robert Hively, age 99, who survives her, and was with her when she passed. She lived with heart disease and Parkinson's for over a decade, with a myriad of other ailments. Because of the pandemic, Jane was unable to be with her parents in her mother's last days.

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>

OUR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE: HousingPlus provides housing and services for women who have been marginalized in New York City—including an apartment to call home. They support women and their children in overcoming poverty, homelessness, addiction, trauma and the impact of incarceration. About 150 women and 94 children now call HousingPlus home. Most of the women are veterans who previously lived in city shelters, Rikers Island or on the street.

CHiPS stands for for Community Help in Park Slope, a soup kitchen on 4th Avenue. Right now CHiPS cannot serve hot meals, but it's still feeding hungry people by handing out bag lunches every day. Our CHiPS cooking team is providing 45 of those meals (while maintaining safe distancing) every week, so any amount you give would be appreciated.

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.

BAROQUELYN SPOTLIGHT is today at 3pm ET! Violinist Georgy Valtchev will perform Bach's great Violin Partita in D Minor. Visit www.baroquelyn.com to subscribe and get the link -- or ask Alezea for a guest link to try it out.

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, Feasting among Enemies
- 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, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 27

Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

Look Ahead

Sunday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 3

Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

iv. Roster

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Jessica Stockton Bagnulo	2021	Kent Adams	2021
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Wayne Adams	2023	Philip Alexander	2023
Jabe Ziino	2023	Kelly Greene	2023

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Pastor Daniel Meeter, President Jeff Cribbs, Vice President
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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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