



St. Joseph's  
Episcopal Church

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer Rite II | Year C



# St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

We welcome you to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, *the church on the way*, with open arms and open hearts.

Please be reverent while we worship; we encourage you to fully participate in our service with responses and with song. Please use the chat to add your prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions—before the sermon—so we may include them in the service.

## Prelude Hymn | LEV 91

In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus (2x)

Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
Just give me Jesus

When I'm all alone  
When I'm all alone  
When I'm all alone, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
Just give me Jesus

When I go to die  
When I go to die  
When I go to die, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
You can have all this world  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus



# WELCOME

*Officiant:*

The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara

*Voice of the People:*

Carlton Mitchell



Opening Hymn | LEV 141

**Shall We Gather  
at the River**

Anna Laura Page

*University of St. Charles Choral Music*

# Opening Sentences

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Thanks be to God, who gives us  
the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:57



# The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

# The Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



# The Invitatory

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
**Amen. Alleluia.**

# The Invitatory

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

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# The Invitatory

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand, \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!



# Psalm 67 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

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# Psalm 67 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

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# Psalm 67 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

<sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

*Lector*      Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

*People*      as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.



# The First Lesson | Sandra Jones

*A reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, verses 9 to 15.*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

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# The First Lesson | Sandra Jones

We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

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# The First Lesson | Sandra Jones

When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.



# Canticle E | A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her \*

all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, \*

all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight \*

from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, \*

“I will extend peace to her like a river,

the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

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# Canticle E | A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother

“You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and you shall nestle in her lap.

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; \*  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

“You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, \*  
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.”



# The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

*A reading from the Revelation to John, Chapter 21, verse 10, and verse 22 to Chapter 22, verse 5.*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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# The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

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# The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

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# The Epistle | Hyacinth Hutchinson

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Hymn | LEV 79



OTHER REFUGE HAVE I NONE  
HANGS MY HELPLESS SOUL ON THEE

# The Gospel

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 5, verses 1 to 9.*

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

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# The Gospel

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

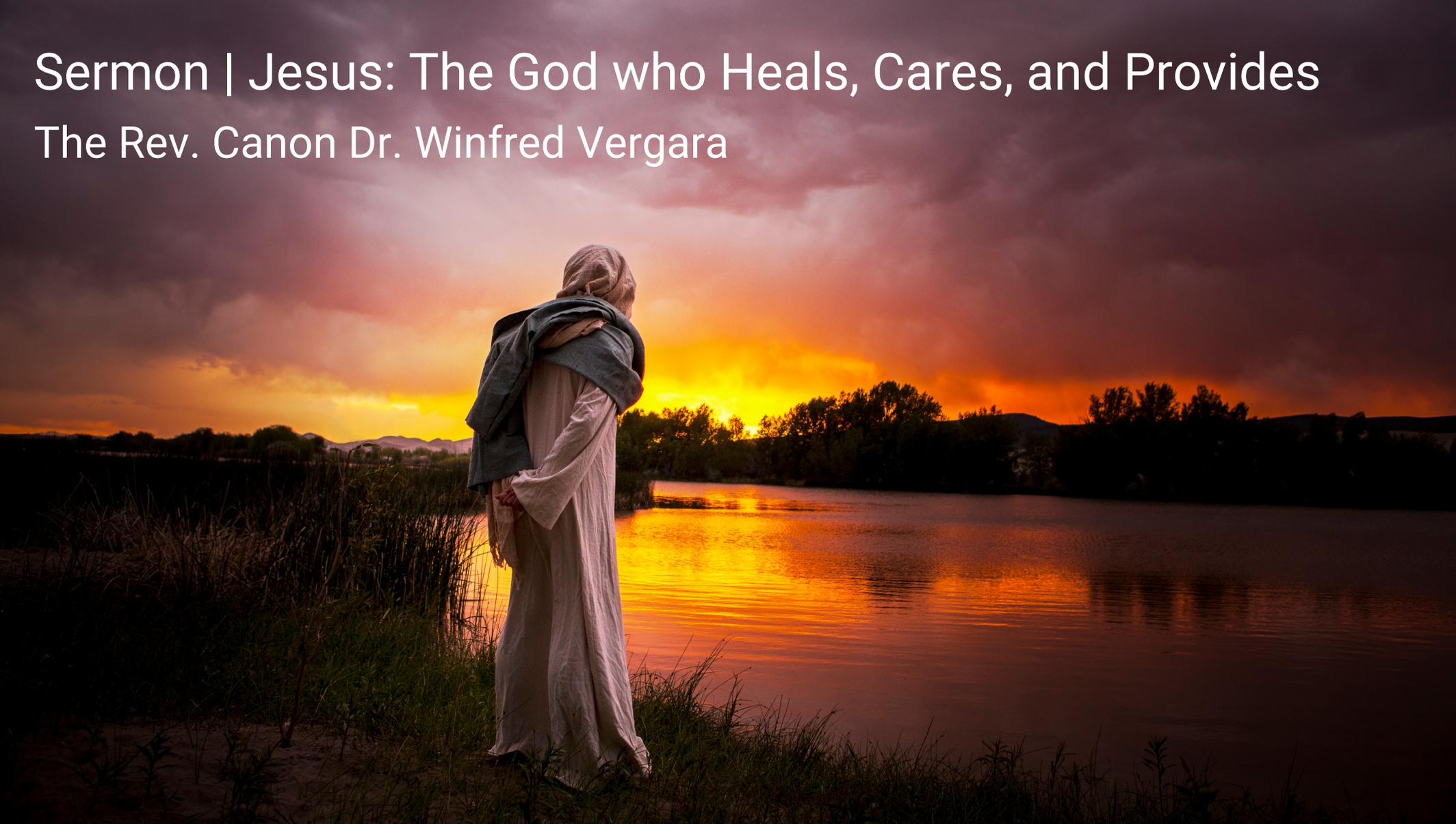
*Lector*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



# Sermon | Jesus: The God who Heals, Cares, and Provides

The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara



# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

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# The Suffrages

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**



# Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# Collect for Our Parish

Almighty God, hear our prayer for this our parish family at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church of Queens Village. Strengthen the faithful, revive the inactive, restore the penitent and inspire us for mission. Grant to us all things necessary for our common life, provide for our ministries and bring us to unity of heart and mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Sisters and brothers, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, “Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.”

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# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the ways of Jesus. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

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# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your throne in praise and worship.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

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# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

O God from whom all good proceeds: bless the earth to bring forth her increase. Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

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# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Give to our city, O God, your peace. Shine the light of your love on those places that are plagued by gangs and violence, hatred and sadness. Be merciful to us and bless us.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

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# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

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# Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.

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# Concluding Collect

Holy Parent, in your tenderness and compassion, hear our prayers. May they be to you as a precious offering from the treasure of our hearts. We present them to you because you are faithful and your love endures forever and ever. **Amen.**



# Prayers from the Congregation

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries:

- The Johnson-Morgan family gives thanks and praise to the Almighty in thanksgiving for giving Ivy Johnson another year of life. Ivy and her family celebrated her birthday on Friday, May 16th. May God continue to bless her. Given by her family.

# Prayers for Birthdays/Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most Gracious God, look with favor upon these your servants as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of Your grace and blessing, that they may continue to cherish each other and continue to grow in love and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayer for Travelers

Heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find everywhere: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care, protect them from any danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Prayers from the Congregation

We continue to pray for the people of the world affected by natural disasters, especially those in Missouri and Kentucky who were hit by tornadoes, We pray for the dead and for the survivors.

We pray for a renewed ceasefire in Gaza, and occupied Palestine. We pray for a ceasefire in Ukraine and the war in Congo; the genocides in Palestine, Sudan, and the Congo; we pray for the people of the world affected by political violence and civil unrest.

We pray for the disappeared and kidnapped; for families separated; we pray for the souls of the massacred, for the hungry and thirsty, for the homeless, and the imprisoned. We pray for activists protesting injustice worldwide and fighting for liberation.

We pray for the political leaders of the United States; we pray that the rule of law endures, and for leadership with honesty, compassion, and mercy.

# Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Prayers from the Congregation

We continue to pray for Wayne, Edris, and Joan Carrott asks us to pray for healing mercies for Rena and John. Let us pray for all who need healing. May God guide those who care for them.

We pray for the soul of Mrs. Marian U. Hamblin, beloved mother of the Rev. Sheldon Hamblin, Rector of St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush. Mrs. Marian U. Hamblin transitioned on the evening of Saturday, May 17, 2025, in Barbados. Please keep Fr. Hamblin and his family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

# Prayer List

Adlai C.

Afua J.

Agatha D.

Alfreda

Alison B.

Anthony V.

Antonia N.

Audia W.

Audley O.

Avril S.

Barbara L.

Beverley W.

Cessarine M.

Chandra R.

Christine

Clarence S.

Claudette G.

Corey T.

Crystal N.

Daisha D.

Daphne A.

David T.

David W.

Delores

Desmond G.

Desmond S.

Doreen R.

Dorette H.

Dorothy M.

Eda D.

# Prayer List

Edris B.

Fitzburt D.

Francine B

George U.

Georgia D.

Harold J.

Hyacinth D.

Ivy J.

James H.

Jean G.

John L.

Jon V.

Joy S.

Judy

Julene K.

Kathleen N.

Keisha A.

Leighton G.

Leonard R.

Lois T.

Lorraine

Madeline

Marcia L.

Marcia

Marie M.

Marlon K.

Mary M.

Maureen T.

Melissa A.

Michael A.

# Prayer List

Monica

Myrna C.

Natalie B.

Nichola & Family

Nishah C.

Noel J.

Noel K.

Norma J.

Norma M.

Pat W.

Pat Z.

Peter T.

Rena G.

Renae

Rosa S.

Rosalind M.

Rosalind P.

Rose C.

Rosemary C.

Rupert W.

Sade C.

Simone

Sr. Sheila

Sowande

Teron

Verely P.

Wayne W.

Willacey & Maxfield  
family

# Prayer List

You may speak aloud the first names of those for whom you would like to pray.



# Prayer for Healing

God of all power and wisdom, by the might of Your command, drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity; grant to your servants your healing touch so that their weakness may vanish and their strength renewed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Peace

Officiant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     And also with you.



The Peace | LEV 143

**PEACE LIKE A  
RIVER**

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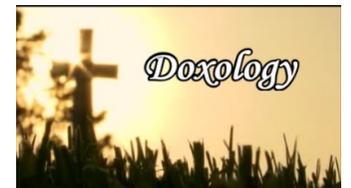
LYNDA RANDLE

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When you are blessed by our ministry, we invite you to donate.



To support us, please visit our website at [www.stjosephqv.org/donate](http://www.stjosephqv.org/donate) or scan this QR code by opening the camera on your cell phone, scanning this image, and clicking on the yellow link that pops up or send payment via Zelle to [treasurer@stjosephqv.org](mailto:treasurer@stjosephqv.org)



# Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You have blessed us with your abundant, abiding love so that we may be inspired to live generously. From your plentiful gifts, we give you our own first fruits, the gathering of our time, talent, and treasure. May they be a blessing to the world. **Amen.**



# The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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# The General Thanksgiving

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



# The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

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Closing Hymn | LEV 188



it is well with my soul



saddleback worship

# *Announcements*



# Journey into Joy

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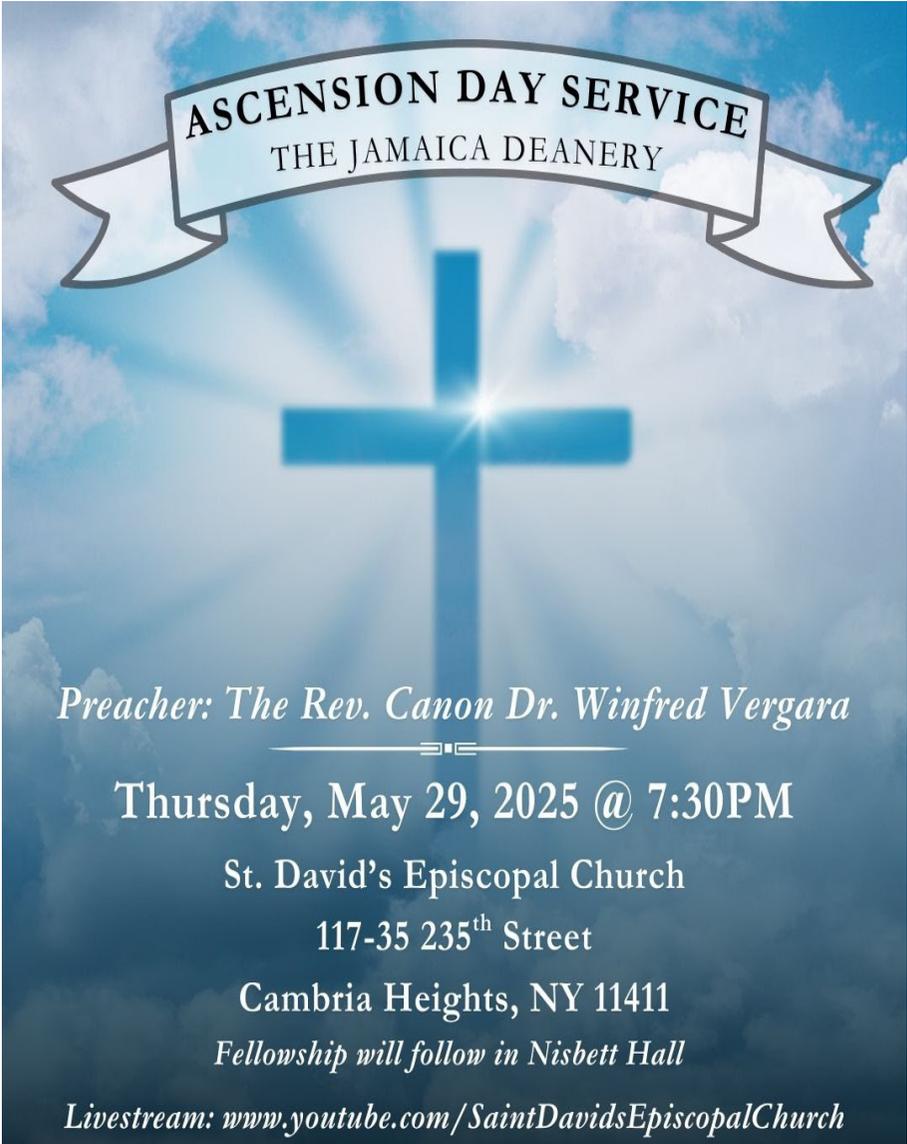
May 14 to October 8

Join The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara for a 13-week course on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Wednesdays at 8 PM via Zoom

Meeting ID 817 5362 7244

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ASCENSION DAY SERVICE  
THE JAMAICA DEANERY

# Jamaica Deanery Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 29 | 7:30 PM

St. David's Episcopal Church

Livestream:

[youtube.com/saintdavidsepiscopalchurch](https://youtube.com/saintdavidsepiscopalchurch)

*Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara*

Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 7:30PM

St. David's Episcopal Church

117-35 235<sup>th</sup> Street

Cambria Heights, NY 11411

*Fellowship will follow in Nisbett Hall*

*Livestream: [www.youtube.com/SaintDavidsEpiscopalChurch](https://www.youtube.com/SaintDavidsEpiscopalChurch)*



# St. Joseph's Announcements

## LAKE COMPOUNCE DAY | MAY 31, 2025

The Lake Compounce Trip originally scheduled for May 31, 2025 has been cancelled. If you had signed up and have questions, please contact the organizers: Justin Sinclair, Edline Severe-Joseph, or Nichola Walker.

### **Questions**

If you have questions, please contact Nichola Walker (516-972-5536), Edline Severe-Joseph (516-343-6453, or Justin Sinclair (516-698-4908)



# Juneteenth Jubilee

June 21, 2025 | Time: 11am - 1pm

Scholars selected for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island's Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program will be presented with their scholarships

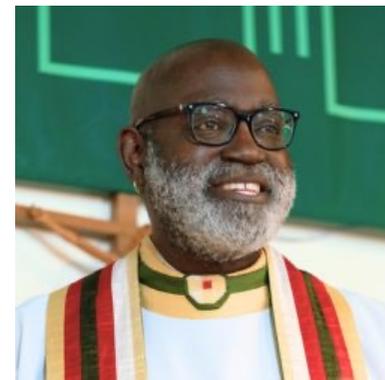
Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City

To register:

[www.dioceseli.org/events/juneteenth-jubilee](http://www.dioceseli.org/events/juneteenth-jubilee)

## Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones

The Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones is priest for pastoral care and community at Trinity Wall Street, and a regular retreat facilitator and spiritual director. Born and educated in Kingston, Jamaica, he attended St. George's College and the University of the West Indies and completed graduate studies at institutions including Loyola University Chicago and the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.





# St. Joseph's Announcements

- May 28      *Journey Into Joy* Week 3 of 13-week study of Philippians  
Updated schedule with summer break included
- May 29      Deanery Observance of Ascension Day | 7:30 PM Thursday 5/29  
at St. David's with Fr. Fred preaching
- June 21      Juneteenth Jubilee | 11 AM to 1 PM, Cathedral of the Incarnation
- June 22      Awards Sunday | Sunday School
- July 12      International Day | 12 Noon to 5 PM
- July 13      Mass on the Grass



Bike Light Giveaway

Tuesday, May 27 4pm to 7pm

Queens

Alley Pond Park (77 Avenue and 220 Street)

Bike Light Giveaway

Friday, May 30 4pm to 7pm

Queens

34 Avenue, between 93 Street and Junction Boulevard

*End of Announcements*



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