



St. Joseph's
Episcopal Church

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer Rite II | Year B



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 | LEV 194



WELCOME

Officiant:

Sandra Simpson

Voice of the People:

Percival Jones



Opening Hymn | 458 (1982 Hymnal)

MY SONG IS
LOVE UNKNOWN

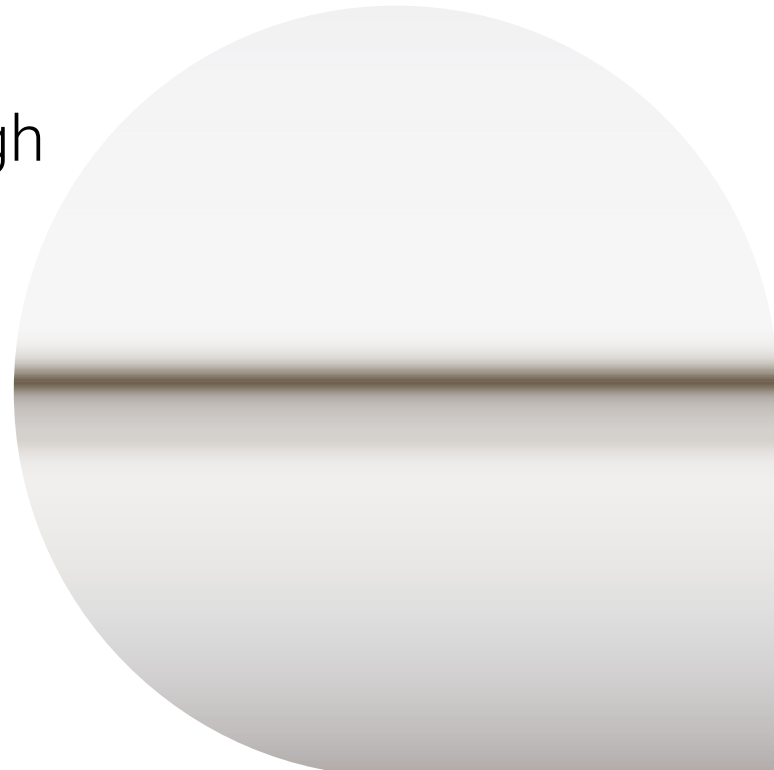
Opening Sentences

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

1 Corinthians 15:57



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.

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

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The Invitatory

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

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The Invitatory

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.



Psalm 4 | Yvonne Craffy

¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

³ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

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Psalm 4 | Yvonne Craffy

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *

 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *

 and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *

 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *

 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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Psalm 4 | Yvonne Craffy

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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 | Marie Gonet

A reading from Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 3, verses 12 to 19.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

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The First Lesson | Marie Gonel

and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

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The First Lesson | Marie Gonet

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Canticle 19 | The Song of the Redeemed

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you alone are the Holy One.

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Canticle 19 | The Song of the Redeemed

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



The Epistle | Joan Carrott

A reading from John's First Letter, Chapter 3, verses 1 to 7.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

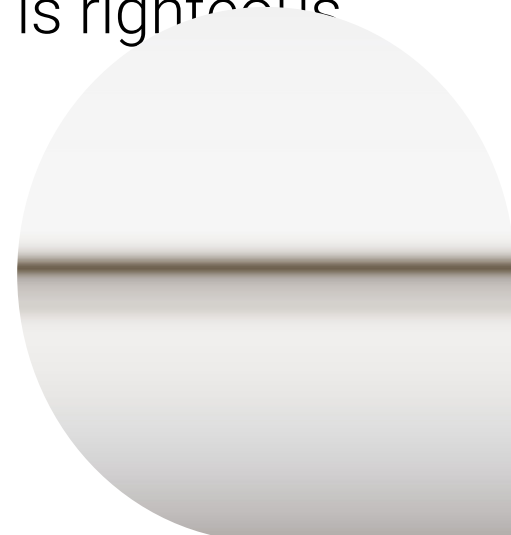
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The Epistle | Joan Carrott

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Gospel Hymn | 439 (1982 Hymnal)



The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 24, verses 36b to 48.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

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The Gospel

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

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The Gospel

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Second Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 1, verses 46 to 50.

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

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The Second Gospel Reading

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Sermon | Come and See Evangelism: A Non-Judgmental Sharing of Faith

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, 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 for 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 | Norma Mays

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God: and that is what we are. So let us appeal to the Lord, saying, “Answer us when we call, O God; have mercy on us and hear our prayer.”

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Prayers of the People | Norma Mays

Speak peace to your Church, Lord Christ. Open our minds to your truth. Open our hearts to your presence. Send us forth into the world as witnesses to your resurrection.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People | Norma Mays

Speak peace to our world, Lord Christ. Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance; give the people of the world hope.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People | Norma Mays

Speak peace to the earth, Lord Christ. You entered into the created order and blessed it. Give us eyes to see signs of redemption. Give us courage to responsibly care for all that you have made.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People | Norma Mays

Speak peace to those who work for the end of hunger and poverty, Lord Christ. You know the pangs of hunger; you know also the depth of our community's need. Comfort and encourage those who become discouraged in their work. Set free all those who are hard-pressed; fulfill all those in need.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People | Norma Mays

Speak peace to the sick and sorrowful, Lord Christ. When we call upon you, you hear us. You do wonders for the faithful. In your name we pray that our loved ones would have their health restored.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People | Norma Mays

Speak peace to those who are dying and those who are grieving, Lord Christ. Having been baptized into your death, O Christ, we await the day when we will be like you, experiencing the fullness of your resurrection.

Answer us when we call, O Lord;
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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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 for our Community

- † The Jones family gives thanks and praise to the Almighty in thanksgiving for Jessica Jones, who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday, April 9th. May God continue to bless her as she has blessed our 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 recovering from earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, fire, and other natural disasters;

We pray for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, occupied Palestine. We pray for the hungry and thirsty, for the homeless, and the suffering.

We pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the genocides in Palestine and Congo.

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 pray for Pearl Nurse and her family as they mourn the loss of Ahing Chung, cousin to Pearl Nurse. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and his memory be a blessing to all who knew them.

Prayer List

Afua J.

Agatha D.

Alison B.

Ancil W.

Anne A.

Anthony L.

Audi W.

Audley O.

Audrey A.

Avril S.

Azikiwea G.

Barbara L.

Beverly W.

Cessarine M.

Chandra R.

Charles K.

Christopher W.

Clarence S.

Claudette G.

Crystal N.

Daniela F.

Daphne A.

Daphne P.

David T.

Deborah S.

Desiree P.

Desmond G.

Desmond S.

Doreen R.

Dorothy M.

Dossie C.

Eda D.

Edris B.

Prayer List

Edson J.

Eric L.

Eulalee P.

Fitzroy G.

Freddie M.

George U.

Gloria S.

Greta P.

Harold J.

Heather G.

Hyacinth D.

James H.

Janelle A.

John E.

John L.

Jonathan N.

Joy S.

Julene K.

Justice D.

Kathleen N.

Keisha A.

Larie M.

Leighton G.

Leonard R.

Lois T.

M. Family

Marcia L.

Maria A.

Marilyn W.

Marina C.

Marlon K.

Marshall E.

Mary M.

Prayer List

Maureen T.

Melissa A.

Melissa A.

Michael A.

Michelle G.

Natalie B.

Nicola F.

Nishah C.

Noel J.

Noel K.

Norma J.

Norma M.

Orinthia S.

Marilyn W.

Pat W.

Pat Z.

Peggy D.

Peter T.

Rosa S.

Rosalind M.

Rosalind S.

Rose C.

Rupert W.

Ruth E.

Sade C.

Sheila S.

Shelly R.

Shelly R.

Sonia B.

Sr. Sheila

Verely P.

W. Family

Yolanda E.

Prayer List

You may speak aloud the 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.**

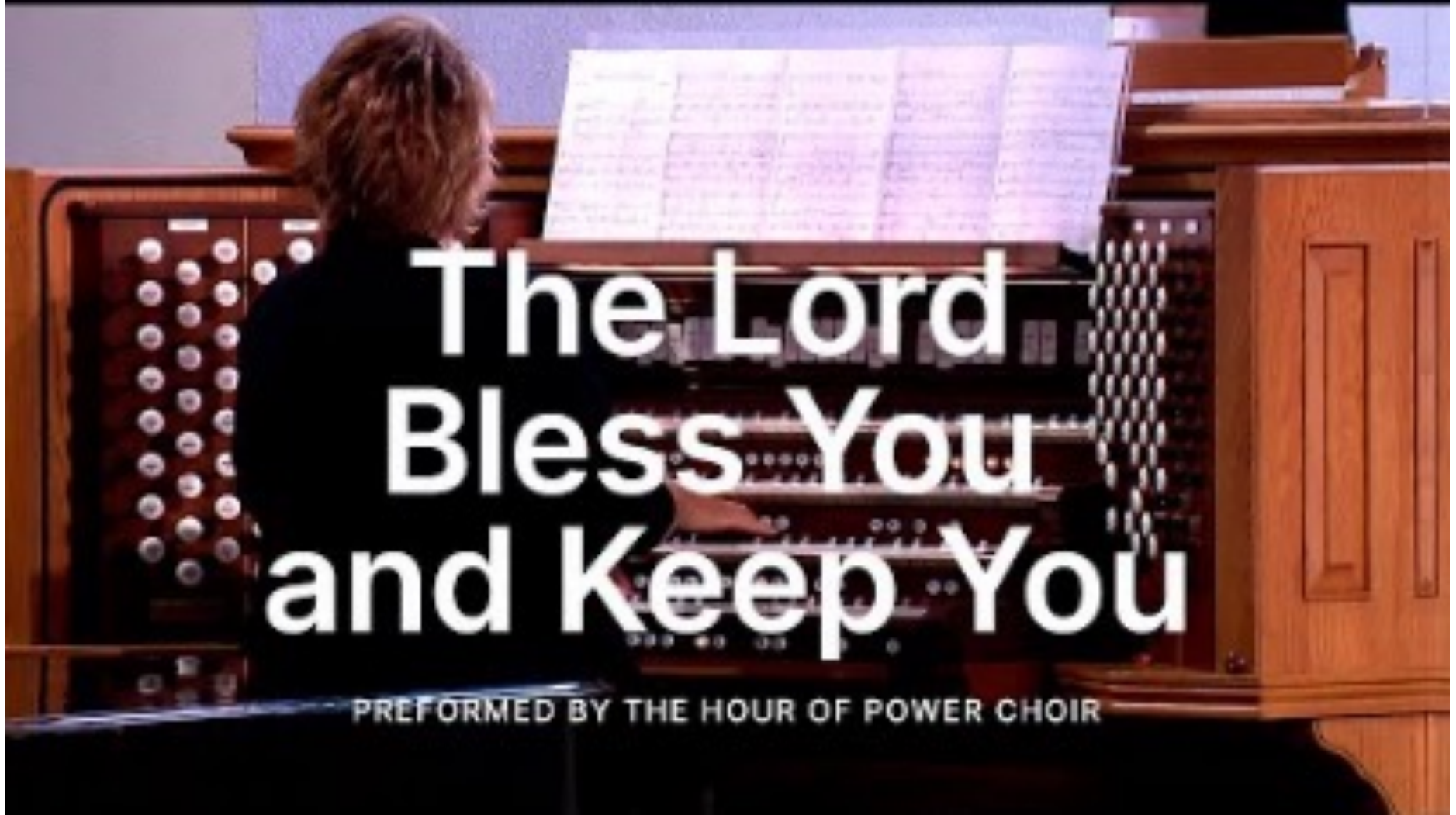
The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



The Peace | The Lord Bless You and Keep You



The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of this blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

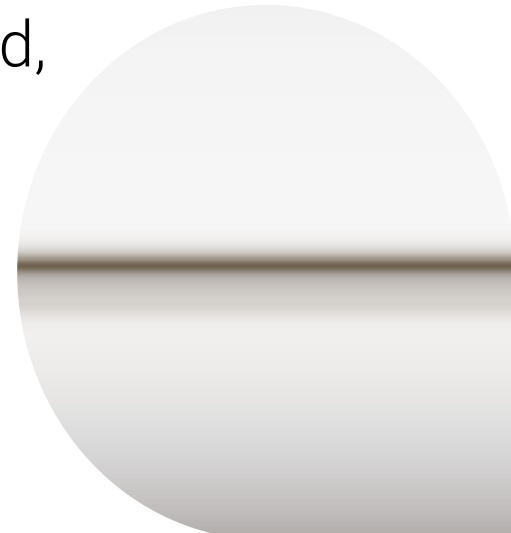
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

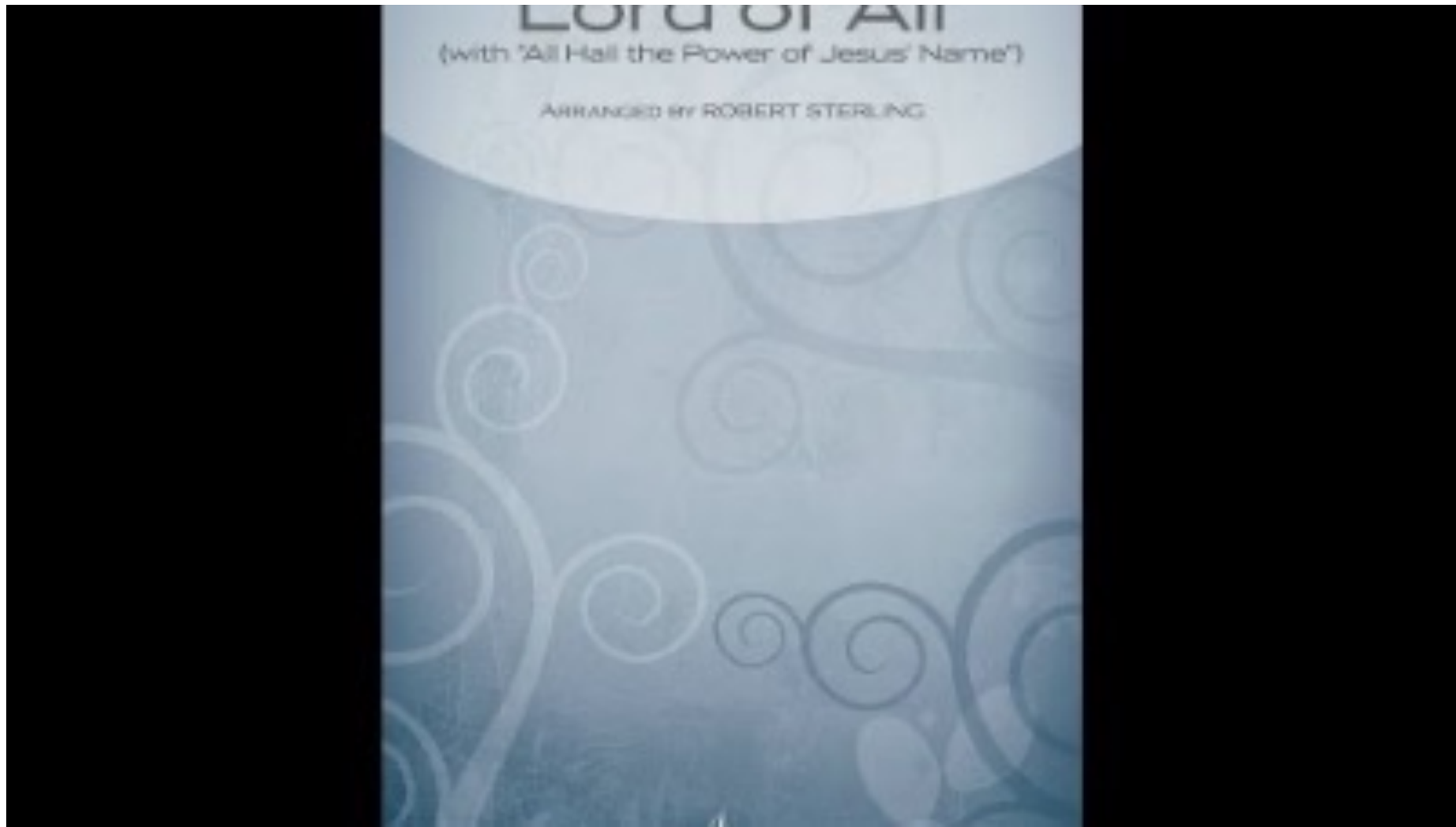
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The grace our 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



Closing Hymn | 450 (1982 Hymnal)



Announcements



St. Joseph's
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TEN BIBLE DOCTRINES

Join The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Queens Village for a riveting 10 week Bible Study Course discussing 10 Great Biblical Doctrines.

Wednesdays at 8 PM (EST)

April 17th to June 19th

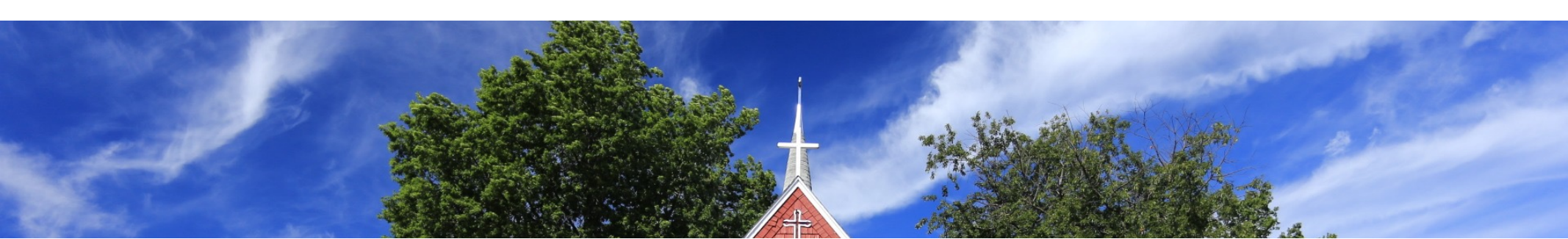
This course is free and all are welcome!

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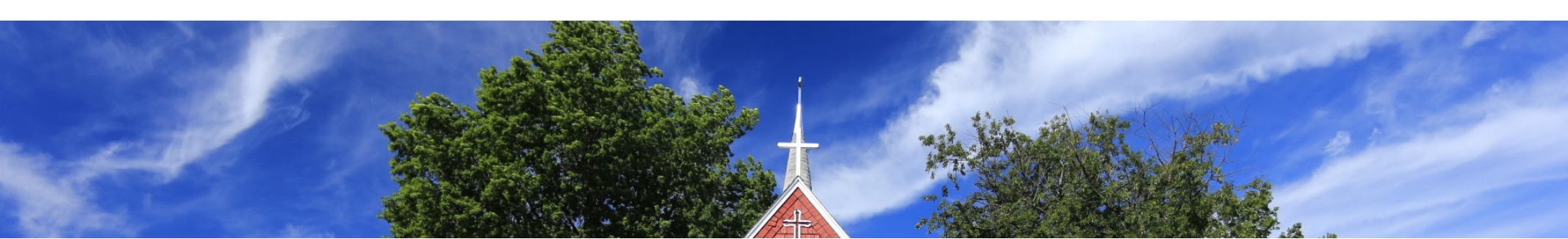


JAMAICA DEANERY PULPIT SWAP

On April 21st there will be a Jamaica Deanery wide pulpit swap!

The Rev. Canon Karen Davis-Lawson will celebrate both the 8 AM virtual service and the 11 AM in person mass at St. Thomas Church.

Father Fred will celebrate Mass at St. Alban the Martyr.



COMMUNITY FOOD GIVEAWAY

The Outreach Committee requests our support for food items and/or cash donations for a Community Food Giveaway on Saturday, May 11 from 9 AM to 1 PM on the St. Joseph's Rectory Lawn.



UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

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Trinity Church Wall Street has internships open to undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in a program. Internships include:

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Visit www.dioceseli.org/reparations or email reparations@dioceseli.org for more information or to apply.

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