



St. Joseph's
Episcopal Church

May 19, 2024

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Morning Prayer Rite II | Year B



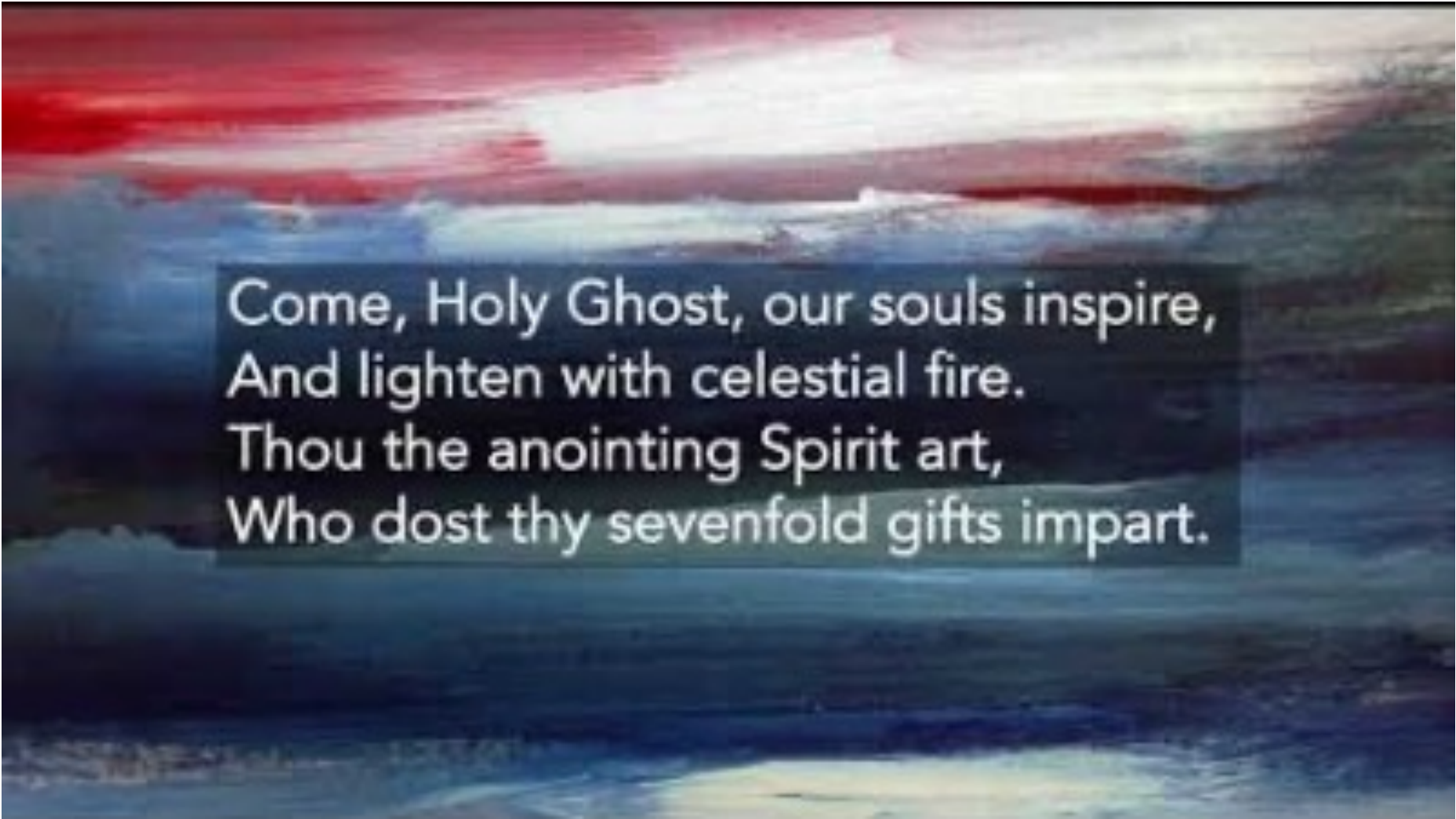


St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

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 Hymn | 503 (1982 Hymnal)



Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

WELCOME

Officiant:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara

Voice of the People:

Hyacinth Hutchinson



Opening Hymn | LEV 119

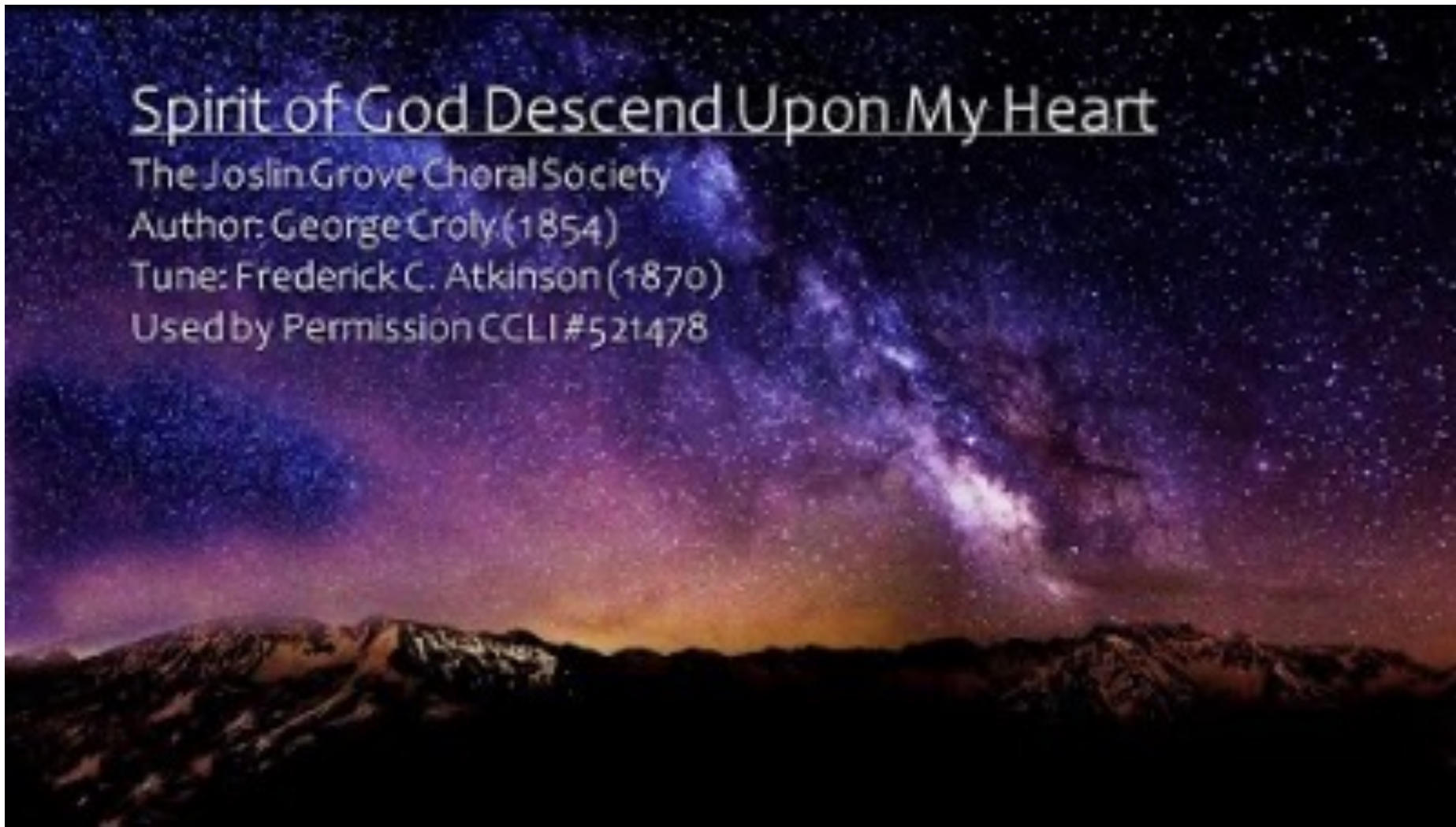
Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

The Joslin Grove Choral Society

Author: George Croly (1854)

Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson (1870)

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Opening Sentences

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24



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 Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: 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.

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The Invitatory

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

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.

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The Invitatory

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

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



Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Norma Mays

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

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Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Norma Mays

28 All of them look to you *

to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *

you take away their breath,

and they die and return to their dust.

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Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Norma Mays

³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³² May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

³³ He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

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Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Norma Mays

³⁵ May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

³⁷ Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

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 | Yvonne Craffy

A reading from Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, verses 1 to 21.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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The First Lesson | Yvonne Craffy

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

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The First Lesson | Yvonne Craffy

Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

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The First Lesson | Yvonne Craffy

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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The First Lesson | Yvonne Craffy

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Canticle P | A Song of the Spirit

“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,

“and bringing my reward with me,” *

to give to everyone according to their deeds.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.

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Canticle P | A Song of the Spirit

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.

“ I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”

“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *
“Come!” let each hearer reply!

Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the
water of life as a gift.



The Epistle | Joan Carrott

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 8, verses 22 to 27.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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The Epistle | Joan Carrott

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Gospel Hymn | 512 (1982 Hymnal)



The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 15, verses 26 to 27 and Chapter 16, verses 4b to 15.

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

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The Gospel

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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The Gospel

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Sermon | Pentecost: The Fire, the Power,
and the Spirit of Mission

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

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

Brothers and sisters, we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. So let us make our invocation, “Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.”

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Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon your Church. May our young people see visions; may our old people dream dreams. Bless all your ministers, lay and ordained, to declare your salvation.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

continued

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. May young people see visions; may old people dream dreams. May all people experience your salvation.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

continued

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Holy God, the whole creation groans for your redemption. You have filled the earth with good things; we often fail to appreciate those good things. Give us eyes to see your saving works in the world around us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

continued

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Holy God, we thank you for the rich and diverse religious community of our city. We agree and we disagree. Give us faith to trust you to guide all religious communities into all truth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

continued

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Holy God, grant that all those who are sick and suffering, threatened and afraid, may evermore rejoice in the Spirit's holy comfort.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

continued

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Holy God, you send forth your Spirit to create and renew. Give us patience to hope for that great and glorious day on which the dead shall be raised to new life in your Son Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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Concluding Collect

Show your goodness, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Look past our selfish desires and remember your own faithfulness. In your great compassion, consider our petitions and in your mercy do in our lives that which is truly good. We pray in the name of your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns One God, now and forever.

Amen.



Prayers from the Congregation

- † We pray for those celebrating birthday and anniversaries and ask God to bless them.
- † The family of Vanivy Delaney give thanks and praise to Almighty God in celebration of Vanivy's Summa Cum Laude graduation from Ithaca College on Sunday, May 19th. A donation has been made in the name of this beloved YPF leader, Acolyte, and member of the Youth Choir and Sunday School. To God be the Glory!
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Prayers from the Congregation

- † We pray for those celebrating birthday and anniversaries and ask God to bless them.
- † Diane Grannum celebrates her birthday today, Sunday, May 19th. Here's to wishing her lots of joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments as she celebrates another birthday! A donation will be made to the Legacy Fund from 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 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, the imprisoned and the suffering.

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

We pray for students and activists protesting injustice and fighting for true liberation of all peoples.

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

Father Fred asks us to hold hold Nichola, Wayne, Edris, Oraine, Malcolm, Stephen, and all their family in prayer over the sudden passing of Nicholas Walker yesterday morning. May God Almighty receive Nicholas into His heavenly kingdom and grant him an entrance into the land of light and everlasting life. May the tender mercies of our God comfort and strengthen the Walker Family at this time.

Prayers from the Congregation

We pray for Carol Carrington and family as they mourn the loss of Carol's mother Marina Chester who passed away on Wednesday, May 15th. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory and her memory be a blessing. We pray that God provides comfort and peace for the family at this time.

Prayers from the Congregation

Romy John Abraham requests our prayers for his discernment process. He is now an Aspirant and has been meeting with the Diocese with Father Fred as his Sponsoring Priest and Justin Sinclair as his Companion. Romy's final meeting is set for June 20th and he asks for our prayers and continued support as he moves through the stages to Priesthood.

The Francis family asks for us to pray for Edgar who is in rehabilitation recovering. May the Holy Spirit guide those who care for him.

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.

Greta P.

Gwendolyn W.

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.

Prayer List

Mary M.

Maureen T.

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.

Willacy & Maxfield 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 | LEV 115

Spirit of the living God,
fall fresh on me.



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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 enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13



Closing Hymn | Holy Ghost

Consuming fire, my heart's desire
Oh how I need you more, a fresh outpour
With no resistance I give permission
So come now invade my heart
This life is yours

*Come fill me up holy ghost
Shine bright until the whole world
Knows your love, your love
Come set me on a holy fire
Burn bright until the whole world
Finds your love, your love*

Repeat

This is my one desire and only this I seek
To be a living fire consumed completely



Announcements



St. Joseph's Announcements

FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Please join us for a Father's Day event on June 7th at VFW Post 1790 at 65 East Merrick Road, Valley Street. For additional event information, please contact Mrs. Norma Byfield.



Juneteenth Jubilee Ceremony & Reception

"Lift Every Voice & Sing!"

Saturday, June 15th at 11 am
Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City

Juneteenth Jubilee Ceremony & Reception

Saturday, June 15 at 11 AM

Scholars selected for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island's Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program will be presented with their scholarships by the Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, during a "Juneteenth Jubilee" on June 15th at 11 am at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, NY.

The service and luncheon is free and open to the public. Space is limited, so advance registration is required. Sign up by visiting the Diocese website at dioceseli.org/



St. Joseph's Announcements

ERROL C. BYFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

The Errol Carlton Byfield Scholarship Foundation will award three scholarships to students enrolling in college or trade schools. Eligible students must apply by June 28, 2024 with an essay, a biography, and two letters of reference. Chosen applicants will be awarded \$1500 each and honored at an awards dinner on August 23, 2024. Details are on the St. Joseph's website. For additional information, please call Mrs. Norma Byfield at 917 929 8312



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.

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