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## **The Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024 at eleven o'clock in the morning



### **THE SEASON OF EASTER**

The Fifty Days of Easter form a single festival period in which the tone of joy (created at the Easter Vigil) is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

The lit Easter Candle (also known as the Pascal Candle) stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day of Easter, we celebrate Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival. *Liturgy Materials* from [ChurchofEngland.org](http://ChurchofEngland.org) *The People stand*



## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

*People* **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## OPENING HYMN 348 LORD, WE HAVE COME AT YOUR OWN INVITATION



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion  
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,  
4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us



cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:  
ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;  
vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:  
gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,



yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,  
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,  
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing  
help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,



ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.  
led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.  
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.  
Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

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## OPENING COLLECT

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. 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.**

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**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS, CHAPTER 10, BEGINNING VERSE 44**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Chapter 10:44-48*

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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**PSALM 98**

*The verses are read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory;

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.**

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**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN, CHAPTER 5, BEGINNING VERSE 1**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Chapter 5:1-6*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

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The People stand (as able) for the Processional Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN LEVAS 219 THIS IS THE DAY

Eb Eb F7 Eb/Bb Bb  
 This is the day — this is the day — that the Lord has made that the Lord has made  
 5 F13sus7 Bb F13sus7 Bb Fm/Ab Eb/G /F /Eb D<sup>b</sup> Ddim7 Eb  
 We will re joice we will re joice and be glad in it — and be glad in it —  
 9 Ab A dim7 Eb/Bb G/B Cm Fm7 Ab/Bb Gm G/B Cm Bmaj7  
 This is the day — that the Lord has — made We will re joice and be glad in — it —  
 13 Eb/Bb Cm6/A Ab Eb/G Fm9 Bb  
 This is the — day this is the — day that the Lord has  
 16 Eb Ab7 Db7 Abmaj7/Bb Eb Ab7 D<sup>b</sup>7 1, 2, 3. Ab/Bb  
 made BREAK

### THE GOSPEL

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Chapter 15:9-17

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### THE SERMON

After a few moments for reflection and silence, the People are invited to stand (as they are able) for The Creed and Prayers.

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 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 and the Son.

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.

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### A LITANY OF HEALING PRAYER

*PRESIDER:* Let us now offer our prayers to God, as we seek God's healing for ourselves and for our world:

*LEADER:* God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole, especially those who have asked for our prayers, and those we name either silently [we pause]... **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders: *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

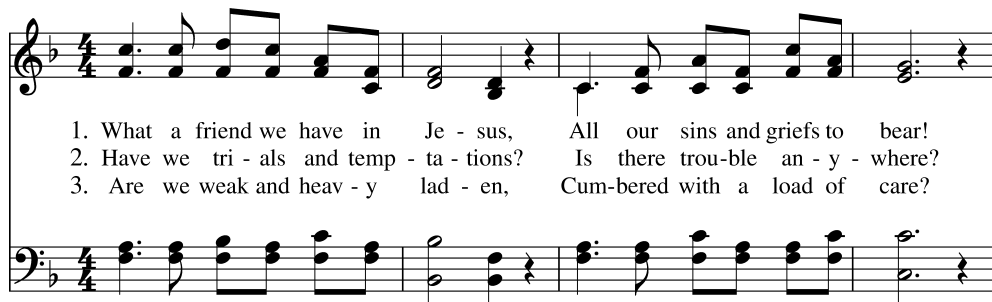
With you, O Lord, is the well of life: *And in your light we see light.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Healing

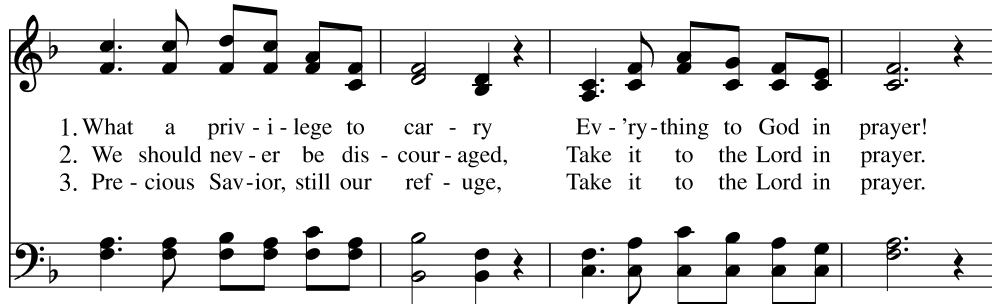
*LEADER AND PEOPLE*     **Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you made holy earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in your eternal love, my Lord and my God. Amen.**

*PRESIDER:*     God our Healer, keep us aware of your presence, support us with your power, comfort us with your protection, give us strength and establish us in your peace. Amen.


## HYMN FOR HEALING PRAYER LEVAS 109 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus,     All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions?     Is there trou-ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en,     Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry     Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged,     Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge,     Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit,     Oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful     who will all our sor - rows share?  
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee?     Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry     Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness,     Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee,     Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866). Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918).

## THE PEACE

*The People stand.*

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

**And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We shake hands with one another or embrace saying, "The Peace of the Lord" or "Peace be with you."*

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## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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### OFFERTORY

Presider

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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(1) From your phone: text your offering amount to 833-977-0553

(2) From our website: [www.SaintJamesFordham.org](http://www.SaintJamesFordham.org); click on ONLINE GIVING

(3) From the mail, send checks to:

St. James Church, Fordham; 2500 Jerome Ave.; Bronx, NY 10468

### OFFERTORY HYMN 610 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we  
need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's  
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we  
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our  
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing  
per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion  
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens  
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,  
to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



*The People remain standing*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *[The presider adds a proper preface, stating why we offer our thanks and praise to God].* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your 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.**

*After the Sanctus, the People stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People:** **AMEN.**  
*Presider:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER HYMNAL S-119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Presider*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**FRACTION HYMN: JESUS LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace.**

**THE INVITATION**

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 151 ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One bread, — one bod - y,

one Lord of all, — — — — — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. — — — — — And we, — — — — — though

man - y, — — — — — through - out the earth, — — — — — We are one

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one — — — — — Lord. — — — — —

*Last time* ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,  
2. works, one in the Lord  
3. grown, gath - ered to one

*D.S.*

1. — no more. One  
2. — of all. One  
3. — for all. One *D.C.*

**⊕ CODA**

Lord.

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## COMMUNION HYMN 292 O JESUS, CROWNED WITH ALL RENOWN

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with thee  
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food,  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage,  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**THE BLESSING**

May God's Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 344 LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## POSTLUDE

### WELCOME TO FATHER NAT!



**The Reverend Nathanael Saint-Pierre** is a seasoned Episcopal priest who is passionate about Prophetic Preaching, Social Justice, Liturgy, Mission, the Transformative Power of Jesus Christ, and the Way of Love. He loves teaching and desires to develop a prophetic voice that provides hope to the marginalized, especially those dealing with trauma and Internalized Oppression. He welcomes all people to Christ regardless of their gender, political views, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity. He comes to SJF as the Missioner for Community Development after serving as Rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Manhattan, for twelve years.

Fr. Nat has achieved a Doctor of Ministry in Homiletics at Bexley Seabury Seminary, Chicago, IL. He completed a degree in computer science in Montreal, Canada, and is a self-proclaimed digital missionary. Utilizing his skills and experience to link theology and technology, he provides IT support and training at home and abroad. He is a graduate of the Seminaire de Theologie Eglise Episcopale d'Haiti.

In addition to his role as a priest, Father Nat is an entrepreneur, an automobile mechanic, a radio and TV host, and a journalist. Fr. Nat was an At-Large Board Member of UBE, representing the Association of Episcopal Haitian Clergy Living Abroad (AEHCLA). He is on Diocesan Council and the Leadership Committee for Mission Review.

Father Nat was born in Haiti and is married to the Rev. Deacon Robin Newman. Together, they have five children, four grandchildren, and one dog whose name is Shepherd.

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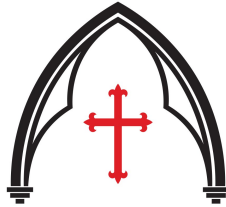
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