

St. George's-by-the-River
Rumson, New Jersey
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2024
8:00am



The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, *Rector*
The Rev. Micah Cronin, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Ophelia Laughlin, *Rector Emerita*
The Rev. Dr. James Jones, *Associate*
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Mr. Philip Leininger, *Music Director*
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Office Hours: 9:00 – 1:00, Monday - Friday

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

BCP 324

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant unto thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Word of God

BCP 325

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Job (39:1-18)

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfill,

and do you know the time when they give birth,

when they crouch to give birth to their offspring

and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;

they go forth and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.
“Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?
“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5. The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35, 5:1-11)

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:25-30)

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Ophelia Laughlin

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

**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.**

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, and Sally our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our President, and Phil, our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor: Normae, Annelies, John B., Charles, Eloise, Jeff, Meghan, Al, John, Michele, Cesar, Gabe, Siegfried, Rachel M., Doug, Juan, Kathryn, Emily, John, Ronald, Joel, Rebecca, Doug K., Linda, Georgia, Gabriel, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Let us also remember in our prayers all veterans and all who have given their lives in service to our country and those serving in our Armed Forces: Jon, Tim, Nicole, Andrew, Joseph, Jamie, Matthew, Dan, Riley, Michael, Austin, Billy, James, Tristan and all others

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Sustain, O Christ, the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.that it may reflect thy glory and follow wheresoever thou leadest.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord in Thy Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

BCP 331

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

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 332

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

BCP 340

Offertory Sentence

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou art greatly glorified in the assembly of thy saints. All thy creatures praise thee, and thy faithful servants bless thee, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of thine only Son. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

BCP 339

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

BCP 339

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Week Ahead at St. George's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:00am	St. George's Choir Rehearsal
		Confirmation Class, Session 1
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist
		Church School
	2:00pm	Blessing of the Animals
Monday October 7		Associate Rector's Day Off
Tuesday October 8		Rector's Day Off
	7:45am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday October 9	7:45am	Morning Prayer
	Noon	Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing
	4:30pm	Confirmation Class, Session 1
	6:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group
Thursday October 10	7:45am	Morning Prayer
	6:30pm	Jr. High Youth Group
Friday October 11	7:45am	Morning Prayer
Saturday October 12	5:00 p.m.	Pet Friendly Service
Sunday October 13	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:00am	St. George's Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist
		Church School

Here is the information to access all of our worship services online:

<https://www.stgeorgesrumson.org/live>

<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesbytheRiver>

To dial in via mobile or land line: 732-375-1874.

The **flowers** on the High Altar are given to the glory of God by Peeka & Art Tildesley and Genie Flinn to honor The Rev Ophelia Laughlin, Rector Emerita, and to wish St. George's a happy 150th birthday! In the Chantry, the flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Blanche Brown Sparks Tompkins by her daughter Evelyn Winthrop Tompkins.

If you are interested in being a part of the St. George's Choir, please join us on Sunday mornings in the choir room off Ralph Hall for warm-ups and rehearsal, beginning at 9am. All are welcome.

Please remember the following in your **prayers** this week: Normae, Annelies, John B., Charles, Eloise, Jeff, Meghan, Al, John, Michele, Cesar, Gabe, Siegfried, Rachel M., Doug, Juan, Kathryn, Emily, John, Ronald, Joel, Rebecca, Doug K., Linda, Georgia, Gabriel
(Prayer request names will be retained for two months unless the office receives further updates).

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our **Armed Forces** Jon Erwin (son of Don & Anne Marie Erwin, Army), Tim Brady (brother-in-law of Brian & Susan Mauro, Marines), Nicole, Andrew, (daughter, son-in-law of Karen Hooten, Coast Guard); Jamie Laughinghouse (friend of Richard & Kathryn Singleton, Marines); Dan Fisher (brother-in-law of John & Ashley Cuffari, Army); Riley Plosica (daughter of Kathryn and Michael Plosica, Navy); Michael (friend of Jeff & Janine Roy), Austin Mellina (friend of Jeff & Janine Roy); Billy Schottman (nephew of Kathleen Kenney Amato, Army), James Greeley (son of Kris Greeley, Army); Lawrence Tristan Izzo (son of Lenny & Stacy Izzo, Army)

A Message from the Treasurer -

As we get back to our Fall routines, please don't forget your 2024 Stewardship Pledge to St. George's. If you have any questions about the balance of your 2024 pledge, please reach out to me at treasurer@stgeorgesumson.org and or 732-233-4701.

Thank you!. You can mail in your donations to: 7 Lincoln Avenue, Rumson, NJ 07760. You can also conveniently pay on-line by using the following link <https://www.stgeorgesumson.org/give/>

Our **Saturday services**, return with our Pet Friendly service on October 12th. We invite you to join us at 5:00pm.

Youth and Family

Church School/Nursery Registration! If your child(ren) will be attending the Nursery or Church School this program year, please complete the registration form found here - <https://www.stgeorgesumson.org/church-school/>

Church School Teachers Needed! If you have a child attending Church School, please consider signing up for some dates to lead Church School classes! It takes a village, and we need you :-). Deep theological knowledge is not needed, and all lessons and materials will be provided to you prior to your scheduled teaching date!

Please sign up using the link below, and/or reach out to me if you have questions.

K-4th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADA928A0FD0-50936827-k4church#/>

5th-8th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADA928A0FD0-50987206-58church#/>

Confirmation Class of 2025!

If you have a child in 8th grade (or beyond but has not yet completed the program) who would like to participate in the Confirmation program in 2024/2025, please complete the Confirmation registration. Confirmation Registration Link -

<https://www.stgeorgesumson.org/confirmation/>

Save the Date:

Sr. High Youth Group Dinner w/Micah, Wednesday 10/9/24 6:00-8:00pm

All 9th -12th grade parishioners (and friends) are welcome!

Jr. High Youth Group Dinner w/Nicole Thursday, 10/10/24 6:30pm-8:00pm

All 5th to 8th grade parishioners (and friends) are welcome to meet us in Ralph Hall!



Special Requests from the Canterbury Christmas Elves

Last year, we had a wonderful donation of handcrafted, wooden Charcuterie Boards shaped like Christmas trees. Unfortunately, we don't know the name of the donor, only that woodworking was a hobby of his. If anyone might know who this craftsman might be, please let us know!

St. George's is blessed with many talented Crafters. Now is the time for the Elves to encourage you to share your talents with the Canterbury Christmas Sale.

Here is what we love and what definitely sells:

Handmade jewelry, knitted hats, scarves or mittens, paintings, decorative pillows, beautiful wreaths, bird houses, jarred jams and fudge sauces... and baked goods closer to the sale.

Please contact any one of the Elves with questions. Thank you so very much for your kind consideration!

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Daren Hutchinson | 732-241-7185

Kathy Welch | 216- 272-7722

Mary Ann LaSardo | 609-306-4761

Carole Rogers | 732-533-9972

Join us for

Morning Prayer Online

Morning Prayer from the Book of
Common Prayer
Tuesday-Friday, 7:45-8:05 at
stgeorgesrumson.org/morningprayer
Starts October 1.



ST. GEORGE'S-BY-THE-RIVER

Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 6TH | 2:00PM

Bring your dogs (leashed), cats, parrots, fish,
turtles, hamsters or whichever pet you choose
to the church. EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
ESPECIALLY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.



Jr. High Youth Group

Fall Schedule



- September 24
- October 10
- October 22
- November 7
- November 23
(Friendsgiving Dinner)
- December 3
- December 19

6:30-8:00 pm | Meet in Ralph Hall @ ST.
George's | all 5th-8th graders welcome!

Sr. High Youth Group Fall Schedule

- Sept. 25
- Oct. 9
- Oct. 30
(Pumpkin carving)
- Nov. 13
- Nov. 23
(Friendsgiving)
- Dec. 4
- Dec. 18

6-8 pm | Meet in Ralph Hall @ St.
George's | All high school
students welcome