

St. George's-by-the-River  
Rumson, New Jersey

April 28, 2024 8:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, *Rector*  
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Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

**We invite you to use the time before our service begins for a moment of silent prayer or quiet contemplation as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.**

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP 323

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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.**

**Gloria**

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Collect of the Day**

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty god, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of 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 *Acts of the Apostles* (8:26-40)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Reader:**        *The Word of the Lord.*

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

**Psalm 22:24-30**        *Deus, Deus meus*

24. My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
27. For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.
28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29. My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**Second Reading:** A reading from the first letter of John (4:7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel

*Please stand*

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8)

**People:** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Homily

The Rev. Jeffrey Roy

*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, 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, Avery, Don, Annelies, John B., Joseph, Charles, Eloise, Kathy, James, Jeff, Cathy, Jane, Meghan, Jackie, Emma, Al, Chris, Eve, John, Michele, Joyce, Michele C., Cesar, 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, Darren, Jamie, Dan, Riley, Michael, Austin and all others

Lord in Thy Mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Sustain, O Christ, the Church of Bangladesh 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

BCP 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### Celebrant & People

**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.**

### Blessing

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. Alleluia, alleluia.

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



The **flowers** on the High Altar and in the Chantry are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susanna (Susie) Poythress Bland Gordon by her family.

**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 Week Ahead at St. George's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:30am	St. George's Choir Warm-Up
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist
Monday April 29		Curate's Day Off
Tuesday April 30		Rector's Day Off
	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday May 1	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
	Noon	Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing
Thursday May 2	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Friday May 3	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Saturday May 4	5:00 p.m.	Come As You Are service
Sunday May 5		Ridge Road Run
	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:30am	St. George's Choir Warm up
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist

Please remember the following in your **prayers** this week: Normae, Avery, Don, Annelies, John B., Joseph, Charles, Eloise, Kathy, James, Jeff, Cathy, Jane, Meghan, Jackie, Emma, Al, Chris, Eve, John, Michele, Joyce, Michele C. and Cesar  
(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); Darren Ziolkowski (cousin of Paul & Jennifer Boudreau, Army); 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).

### **Mark Your Calendars! Save the Date! Summer Bells IV Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> 7PM**

Our guest artist this year will be Dr. Andrea McCrady, Dominion Carillonneur at Peace Tower, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario Canada. She has served as past President of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America and Secretary of the World Carillon Federation. Details to follow as we get closer, but set your calendars now!!

### **WANTED: Men and Women Volunteers for Hospitality Committee**

St. George's Hospitality Committee is a long-standing group that works together to organize and host events such as funeral repasts, or church celebrations held in Ralph Hall. One signs up to be active for a particular month; when needed volunteers either drop off food or help

to host. It is an easy lift, and perfect for new parishioners looking for a way to become more engaged in our church. Please call or email me for more information. Joan Mercer  
mercercer.joan@gmail.com or 732.673.5962



## **"Ready - Set - Go!" The Ridge Road Run is back!!!**

Sign up now for the St. George's Team by going to [ridgeroadrun5k.org](http://ridgeroadrun5k.org). Join us on Sunday, May 5 for the most fantastic 5k run/walk/pushed-in-a-stroller time of your life!

Pre-race Pasta Dinner on Saturday evening, Eucharist and a Blessing at the

Race, Brunch afterwards and a brand new team t- shirt! Over 50 team members so far!

Email suellen at [suellenwsims@gmail.com](mailto:suellenwsims@gmail.com); Laura DiPietro at [laurachowansky@gmail.com](mailto:laurachowansky@gmail.com); Liz Gearon at [lizgearon42@gmail.com](mailto:lizgearon42@gmail.com); or Cindy Sagosz at [cbsagosz@verizon.net](mailto:cbsagosz@verizon.net) if you need more information or help signing up, we are here to assist: Look for us after the Saturday and Sunday services or contact us:

## **Youth and Family Ministry**

### **Save the Dates:**

Sr. High Youth Group Dinner w/Micah, Wednesday 5/8 6:00pm-8:00pm  
All 7th-12th grade parishioners (and friends) are welcome to come for dinner.

Mother's Day Flower Sale Mission Trip Fundraiser, Sunday 5/12 9:00am and 11:00am

Jr. High Youth Group, Movie Night Under the Stars Saturday 5/18 6:00pm-8:00pm  
All 5th-6th grade parishioners (and friends) are welcome to join us!

Sr. High Youth Group Dinner w/Micah, Wednesday 5/22 6:00pm-8:00pm  
All 7th-12th grade parishioners (and friends) are welcome to come for dinner.

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**Canterbury Fair**  
76th Anniversary  
June 7th & June 8th

## Treasures



**Books:** We are collecting hard and soft cover books. Novels, biographies, mysteries, children's books, gardening, home decorating, non-fiction in good condition. No encyclopedias, medical books, textbooks.

Drop offs start on White Elephant Sunday, June 3

Questions? Reach out to Maureen Stilwell at [cavan1011p@gmail.com](mailto:cavan1011p@gmail.com)

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**Silent Auction**

Excitement is mounting for our big “Under the Tent.” Here’s a sneak peek at a few of our donations thus far: a kayak, kids’ golf club sets, Stangl Pottery dish ware , custom made Ralph Lauren bedding, beach baskets, and other great surprises. We will keep you posted.



Of course we are always hoping to continue to fill our coffers. These donation need not be tangible. Gifts of services, I.e. landscaping, household organizing, catering, chauffeuring, and lessons of any kind are just a few possibilities.

Let’s not forget the popularity of gift cards of any nature! New restaurants might be eager to promote their location and vibe. Florists, Dunkin D, and even Shop Rite cards are great! It goes without saying that wine and other libations are a draw and great additions to our baskets.



For drop off or pick up questions contact  
Annette Taylor at [teachkdg12@gmail.com](mailto:teachkdg12@gmail.com)



# Mother's Day Flower Sale

All proceeds support our  
**2024 Youth Mission Trip**

Order here:



Orders due May 1st. Flowers will be available for pickup  
Sunday, May 12th at 9 and 11 am in Ralph Hall.



