

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

May 5, 2024 8:00am

Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, *Rector*  
The Rev. Micah Cronin, *Curate*  
The Rev. Dr. James Jones, *Associate*  
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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.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

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.

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

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

**Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino*

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.

**Second Reading:** A reading from the first letter of John (5:1-6)

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.

**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 (15:9-17)

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

*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, Cesar, Gabe, Siegfried, Linda, Margit, Rachel M. 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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil 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, especially remembering the Rev. William Feus, 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 Week Ahead at St. George's

Today		Ridge Road Run
	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist
Monday May 6		Curate's Day Off
Tuesday May 7		Rector's Day Off
	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday May 8	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
	Noon	Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing
	6:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group
Thursday May 9	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Friday May 10	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Saturday May 11	10:30am	Doug Yorke funeral
	5:00 p.m.	Pet Friendly service
Sunday May 12	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:00am & 11:00am	Mother's Day Flower Sale Pick Up
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist

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

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

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

We welcome The Rev. Scott Russell as our guest celebrant and preacher today. Scott is the Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers University.

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, Cesar, Gabe Siegfried, Linda, Margit and Rachel M. (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 mercer.joan@gmail.com or 732.673.5962

**Youth and Family Ministry**

Mother's Day Flower Sale Pick up, 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

Save Your Treasures!



Included under White Elephant Marketplace but with areas of their own are toys/games/sporting goods, electronics and appliances, linens and furniture. Must be in good/working condition.



White Elephant Marketplace Drop off:  
Friday, May 31st- June 5th (Drop off 9am-2pm)



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## Priceless Prints & Mirrors



We'd love to have your framed prints, mirrors, sports memorabilia and movie posters. Your beautiful travel destination paintings which you no longer have room for will be loved by a new family. We can always find a new home for those old framed museum prints you purchased years ago.

This is a great chance to clean out your collection of empty frames. Beach art, boating and surf pictures are very popular. Antique framed art and previously loved very special pieces are especially welcome.



Contact Cindy Sagosz for pickups  
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