

St. George's-by-the-River

Rumson, New Jersey

May 5, 2024 10:00am

Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, *Rector*
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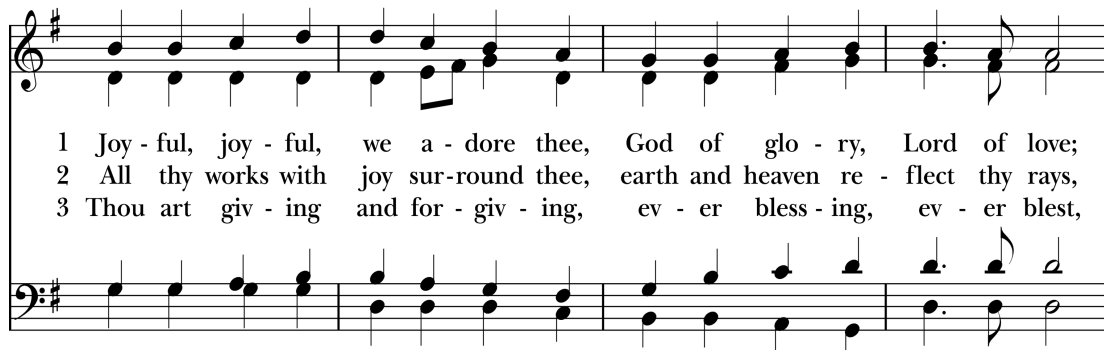
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Prelude: Chant de Mai (Song of May)

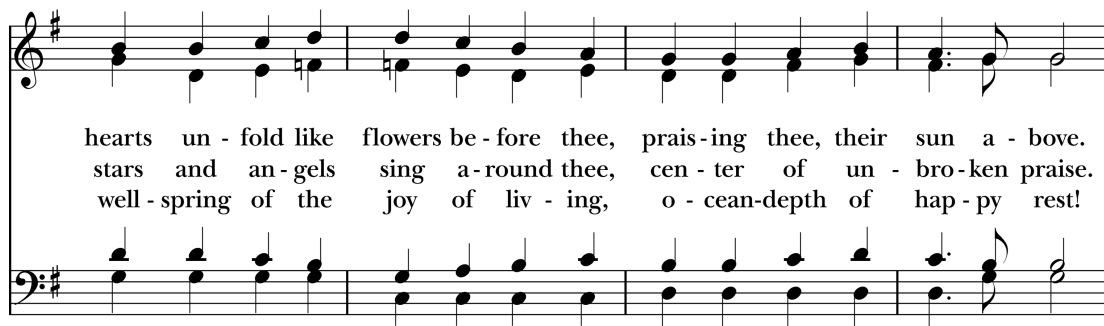
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Opening Hymn

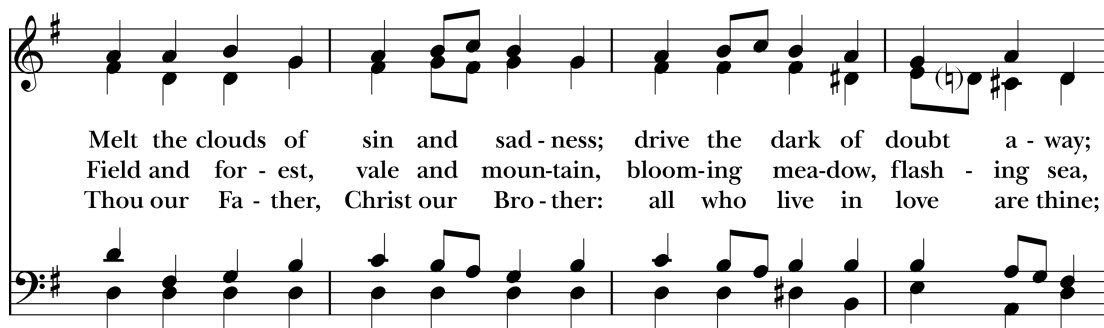
The Hymnal 1982 #376



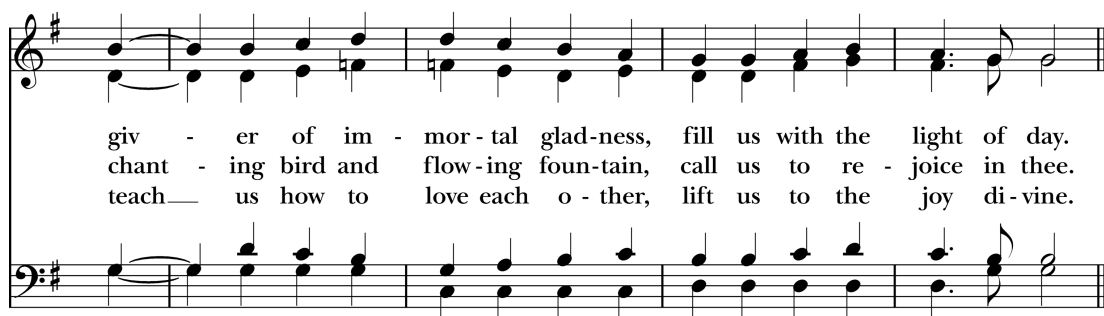
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

Pascha nostrum

Wonder, Love & Praise #880



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

All children are invited to attend Church School. The children will gather at the front of the Nave, where the congregation will say the following prayer in unison.

All: Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of our children. They are the youngest of our seeds planted in the soil of your church. Open their eyes so they may see the love of their community. Open their ears to hear the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ. Open their hearts so they may feel your loving embrace. Amen.

The Word of God

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.**

Anthem: The Earth Adorned

W. Åhlén

*The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flow'rs from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer splendor.*

*From out the wood, the birds do sing and each its song now raises,
To join with all the universe in voicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation,
in praise of God's creation.*

*O God, amid these joys of life, creation's glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep your word, and live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ever;
God's word remains forever.*

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17)
People **Glory 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.”

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

Homily

The Rev. Scott Russell

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.**

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sally our bishop; for this gathering and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the Rev. William Feus and all the departed,

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

I ask your prayers of healing for 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 any others we might now name . . .

I ask your prayers for 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

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant: O loving Father, grant that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit, may be dedicated more fully to your service, and live united in love, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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


Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #292



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
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).

The Great Thanksgiving

- Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
- Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was

sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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

Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Priest invites the people to Communion

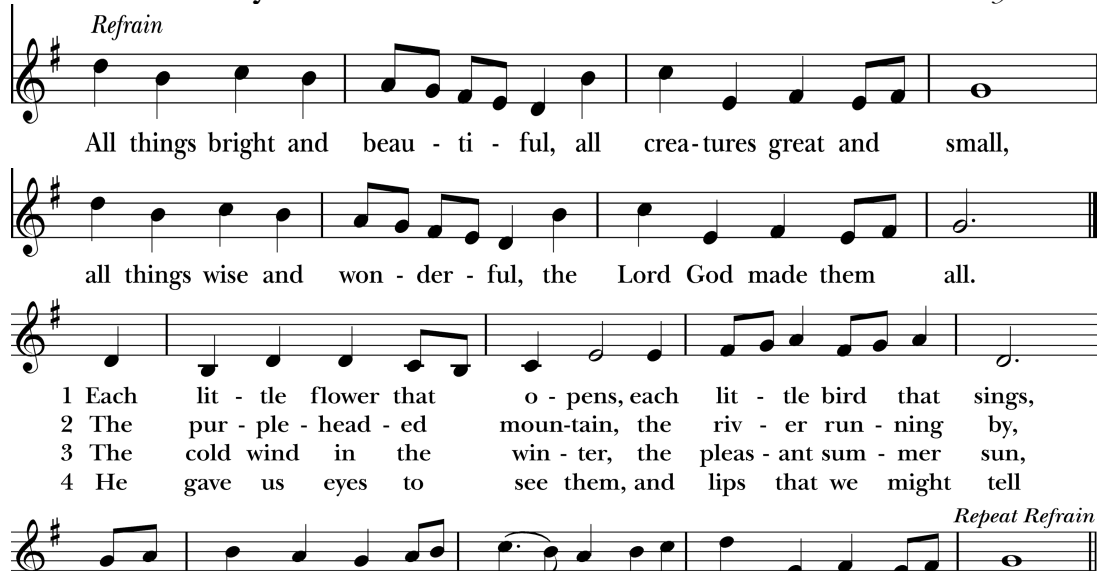
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Baptized Christians of all ages, are welcome to make their Communion at the altar of St. George's.

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #405

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

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.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn *Sung to Dix*

The Hymnal 1982 #416

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: Procession on *Hymn to Joy*

J. Barr

Today (Easter VI) is Rogation Sunday, a day traditionally designated to seek blessings for community and its sustenance, the stewardship of creation, as well as a fruitful season.

Today also marks the last Sunday of the 2023-24 choral season. Thanks to our parishioner colleagues who have voluntarily given of their time and talent to enrich our worship this past season and to our section leaders – Elizabeth, Sarah, Kevin, and Lucas – for leading us in these efforts. The 2024-25 choral season will begin in the fall and all parishioners are encouraged to consider participating.

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>

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

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).

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Mark Your Calendars! Save the Date! Summer Bells IV Thursday August 8th 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
at Cbsagosz@verizon.net