

St. George's-by-the-River

The Feast of the Resurrection

March 31, 2024 7:30 a.m.



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Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #207 (vv. 1 & 2)

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who cn - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels cv - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

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

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."
14. The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
15. There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
16. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
17. I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
18. The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

19. Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20. "This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
22. The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24. On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (15:1-11)

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

standing

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (16:1-15)

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.^[a]

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Micah Cronin

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

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 men: 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 for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for 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 all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; 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 any others we might now name . . .

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.

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.

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

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

Announcements

† CELEBRATION of the HOLY COMMUNION †

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #208

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

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Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

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.

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,

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.

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.

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.

The People respond **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Priest invites the people to Communion

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

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude: Voluntary on *He is Risen*

P. Manz

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The Week Ahead at St. George's

Today	9:00am	Family Service with Eucharist followed by Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Festal Eucharist
Monday April 1		NO morning prayer this week
Wednesday April 3	Noon	NO Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing this week
Saturday April 6	5:00 p.m.	NO Come As You Are
Sunday April 7	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:00am	St. George's Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Solemn Communion
	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 Pastoral Care Committee is pleased to take the **Sacrament** to anyone who is unable on account of illness to attend one of the Easter services. Please call the parish office (732-842-0596) for home or hospital Communion.

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).

Refugee Welcome Project As many of you may know, a number of us from the church have committed to being part of a dedicated group that is teaming up with the International Rescue Committee to co-sponsor a refugee family.... Go to <https://www.stgeorgesrumson.org/refugee-welcome-project/> for more information.

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

Spring Fling BINGO!

By popular demand Bingo is coming back! We are having our Spring Fling Bingo Fundraiser on Friday evening, April 12. The event is by reservation only due to the seating limitations in Ralph Hall. Come for an evening of fun with prizes and community. Reserve a table for your group of friends.

Doors open at 5:45, Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Bring your dinner and beverage of choice. We will provide coffee and dessert.

\$40 gets you in the door with a set of cards for all 7 Bingo games. (Additional sets of Bingo cards are available for purchase.) 50/50, Favorite Date Game plus other raffles.

To sign up to attend, just contact Maggie Raynor or go to
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC2CA6FC1...>

We are asking our family of parishioners to help with donating some of the prizes. Gift cards (for local restaurants, VISA, AMEX – gift cards of gifts of any kind!) Nice bottles of wine would be great.

We would prefer that your entrance fee be paid in advance by Venmo, cash, checks or online through our church donation portal. (This will make the entry into Ralph Hall on Bingo night much quicker.) Look around the church for our Venmo QR code. Checks can be mailed to 7 Lincoln Ave., Rumson, NJ 07760. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Raynor – maggiec813@gmail.com or 732-233-4701

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

Mark **Sunday, May 5** on your calendars for the return of this classic event, which is quickly becoming a St. George's tradition. Last year, 75 parishioners, their friends and families joined the St. George's team. Whether they ran, walked, were pushed in a stroller or held signs of support along the route, each one was part of a tie-dyed tee shirt wave. It was exhilarating!

A joint project of three local high schools, Rumson Fair Haven, Red Bank Regional and Red Bank Catholic, the Run, first organized in 2018, is dedicated to the prevention of teen suicide by building strong communities and raising funds for mental health awareness programs.

Even if you can't run or walk the route, you can join our team, get your tee shirt, cheer us on and come to the **pre-race pasta dinner in Ralph Hall on Saturday evening, May 4** (new this year)

It's easy to sign up - just go to the race website ridgeroadrun5k.org. Right now, registration is only \$25, with the price increasing to \$35 on March 19.. And don't forget to join our St. George's team - A really cool and unique t-shirt, 2024 edition, has been designed just for our team.

If you have any questions about registering, you can email Laura DiPietro at laurachowansky@gmail.com, Liz Gearon at lizgearon42@gmail.com or Suellen Sims at suellenwsims@gmail.com.

Let's have a great turnout on May 5! And you won't want to miss Jeff and Micah running in their cassocks!



THIS YEAR'S 76TH CANTERBURY FAIR STEERING COMMITTEE AND AREA CHAIRS WISH YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!

76th Canterbury Fair

FRIDAY | JUNE 7TH: 11AM-3PM
SATURDAY | JUNE 8TH: 9:30AM-3PM

St. George's-by-the-River Church in Rumson presents it's 76th annual Canterbury Fair which goes on rain or shine! Featuring what is arguably the best "White Elephant Marketplace" sale this side of the river, the fair has something for everyone. An expanded Canterbury Kids section provides fun for all aged kids while adults can shop for garden items, jewelry, electronics and more. There will be food for all tastes from baked goods and tea to burgers. **We have also booked Arrow Limousine for free shuttle services on Satuday!**

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