

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

April 21, 2024 8:00am

Episcopal Visitation by the Rt. Rev. Sally French



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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, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Word of God

BCP 325

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Joshua (1:1-9)

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 3 *Domine, quid multiplicati*

1. LORD, how many adversaries I have!
how many there are who rise up against me!
2. How many there are who say of me,
"There is no help for him in his God."
3. But you, O LORD, are a shield about me;
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4. I call aloud upon the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy hill;
5. I lie down and go to sleep;
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
6. I do not fear the multitudes of people
who set themselves against me all around.
7. Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God;
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.
8. Deliverance belongs to the LORD.
Your blessing be upon your people!

Second Reading: A reading from the Revelation to John (12:7-12)

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!’

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 (8:21-29)

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Again he said to them, 'I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.' Then the Jews said, 'Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?' He said to them, 'You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.' They said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus said to them, 'Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.' They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

The Rt. Rev. Sally French

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 Australia 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.

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.

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord

People **The maker of heaven and earth**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

BCP 339

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

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



The Propers, are presented today in observance of the upcoming feast of our patron saint – St. George – on April 23rd.

Today, we **welcome** into our midst, The Rt. Rev. Sally French and those being Confirmed.

Confirmands:

Brooke Jane Bigley
Emily Marcella Bumber
Delilah Leigh Carolan
Ava Grace Collins
Neil Anthony DeSena
Lilly Duncan Dusko
Riise James Hetherington
Connor Michael Marcoullier
Andreana Evaleni Milouchev
Katherine Anne Patton

A special **thank you** to Mr. Bob McGill, Mrs. Nicole Houston and The Rev. Micah Cronin for their devoted, prayerful instruction and assistance in preparing these young adults for Confirmation.

The loose plate offering received at today's service is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the young adults of our congregation who are being confirmed and in memory of James Brunner.

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The Week Ahead at St. George's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I service of Holy Eucharist
	9:00am	St. George's Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Rite II service of Holy Eucharist
		Confirmation
	11:00am	Girls' Friendly Society
Monday April 22		Curate's Day Off
Tuesday April 23		Rector's Day Off
	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday April 24	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
	Noon	Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing
	6:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group
Thursday April 25	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Friday April 26	7:45 – 8:05am	Morning Prayer
Saturday April 27	5:00 p.m.	Come As You Are service
Sunday April 28	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 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!!



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

The countdown begins for the seventh annual RIDGE ROAD RUN on Sunday, May 5! Have you signed up yet at ridgeroadrun5k.org? Only two weeks left to join the St. George's Team for the most fantastic 5k time of your life!

You can run, you can walk, you can stroll with your best friend, you can cheer the runners on, you can hand out water bottles. Whatever you can do to support the cause of mental health and suicide prevention awareness among our young people, we need you and your enthusiasm!

This year, we have planned an entire weekend of events:
Pre-race Pasta Dinner in Ralph Hall on Saturday evening
Eucharist and Blessing on Sunday morning before the race
Post-race Brunch

Free tee-shirts designed exclusively for our St. George's Team

And, best of all, seeing Jeff and Micah running in their cassocks -which one will finish faster this year?

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:

Suellen at suellenwsims@gmail.com; Laura at laurachowansky@gmail.com; Liz at lizgearon42@gmail.com; Cindy at cbsagosz@verizon.net

Youth and Family Ministry

This Week's Things to Know

Girls Friendly Society Ridge Run Bracelet Making, Sunday 4/21 11:00am

All girls (and friends) 5+ are invited to join us to make bracelets for our Ridge Run running team!

Save the Dates:

Sr. High Youth Group Dinner w/Micah, Wednesday 4/24 6:00pm-8:00pm

All 7th-12th grade parishioners (and friends) are welcome to come for dinner.

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.

What's a Fair without FOOD!

Canterbury Fair covers all the bases for every appetite!



Canterbury Kitchen: Did you know that each family in our parish is "strongly encouraged" to contribute a goodie to the Canterbury Kitchen? And with no overhead expensed to St George's, our sales are all GRAVY! So don your apron and get out your favorite recipe. We sell "to go" quiches, casseroles, soups, as well as cookies, cakes, and pies. We'd love a jar or two of your prize salad dressing or jam. Homemade or from your favorite market, we're always grateful for your contributions and help! Questions, suggestions, or to volunteer, contact Joan Mercer 732.673.5962 or jmerc@comcast.net

Tea Garden

Following the tradition of an English Tea Garden, enjoy our tasty selection of baked goods such as scones, cupcakes, muffins, cakes, pies and cookies. Enjoy these delicious treats with coffee, hot tea, iced tea or lemonade or purchase to take away. On Friday we will be selling boxed lunches (sandwich, chips, dessert and a drink)! The Tea Garden is always hoping to share your favorite homemade treats, so if you'd like to share some of your best recipes (and/or if you'd like to volunteer with our cheerful crew!) please reach out to either Janine Lamm-Roy (jlammroy@fonteva.com) or Pat Geiss (patgeiss@comcast.net). Everyone is welcome!!!



Outdoor Foods

Enjoy freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings lovingly prepared by your fellow St. George's parishioners. The lovely outdoor setting features tables and chairs for you to relax in the shade with your food, as well as refreshment from our selection of cold drinks.



Don't forget Cotton Candy and Ice Cream (Thanks Gracie & the Dudes)!





Mother's Day Flower Sale

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

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