

## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

### Collect of the Day

Brother Jesus, you came among us, not to wear an earthly crown but to serve as one of the least: teach us how to lead and live in your ways, so that this world will know the power and authority of your Way of Love. Amen.

### The First Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-18

Now it was that when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "Look here! You - you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now then, set up for us a ruler to judge us, like all the heathen nations." But the thing was evil in Samuel's sight when they said, "Give us a ruler to judge us." Then Samuel prayed to the HOLY ONE OF OLD. And the HOLY ONE said to Samuel, "Hearken to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for it is not you they have rejected, but it is me they have rejected from ruling over them. Like everything else they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this very day, forsaking me and serving other gods; they are doing the same to you. Now then, hearken to their voice; but - you shall testify against them, and show them the judgment of the ruler who shall rule over them." So Samuel relayed all the words of the HOLY ONE to the people who were asking him for a ruler. Samuel said, "This will be the judgment of the ruler who will rule over you all: your sons he will take and set them aside for himself in his chariots and in his cavalry, and to run before his

chariots. And he will set aside for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his plowing and to reap his reaping, and to make his furnishings of war and the furnishings of his chariots. Your daughters he will take to be apothecaries and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards; he will take and give to those who serve him. One-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards he will take and give to his eunuchs and those he enslaves. Your male slaves and your female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, he will take and put them to his work. Your flocks he will tithe ... and you all, you shall be his slaves. And you all will cry out on that day in the face of your sovereign, whom you have chosen for yourselves; and GOD WHOSE NAME IS HOLY will not answer you all on that day."

**Psalm 72:1-4,12-14,18-19**

God, give the ruler your justice,  
and your righteousness to a ruler's son

**May the [next] ruler judge your people with  
righteousness,  
and your afflicted ones with justice.**

May the mountains raise up well-being for the people,  
and the hills, righteousness.

**May the ruler do justice for the poor of the people,  
grant deliverance to those born in need  
and crush the oppressor.**

For the ruler delivers the needy when they call,  
the oppressed and those who have no helper.

**The ruler has pity on the poor and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.**

From oppression and violence the ruler redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in the sight of their ruler.

**Blessed be the FOUNT OF JUSTICE, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be her glorious name forever;  
may her glory fill the whole earth.  
Amen and Amen.

### **The Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-6

I urge firstly that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all persons: for monarchs and all who are in authority, so that we might live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires every person to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

For God is one;  
and there is one mediator between God and the woman-born,  
the woman-born Messiah, Jesus,  
the one who gave himself a ransom for all;  
this testimony came at the right time.

### **The Holy Gospel**

John 6:14-20

When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done [multiplying the loaves and fish], they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to kidnap him in order to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. And when it was evening, his disciples went down to the sea. And they boarded a boat and headed across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea surged; a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about twenty-five stadia [three or four miles], they saw Jesus walking upon the sea and coming near the boat and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; be not afraid."

Numbers last week:

**8.00 am** 12

**10.00 am** 50

## **Coffee Hour**

Our coffee hours are hosted by either St. George's, a specific ministry or by a parishioner. Are you able to host? It's simple and easy to do.

For more information, and to sign up, scan the QR code, or email [mofun@stgeorges-maplewood.org](mailto:mofun@stgeorges-maplewood.org)



## **Announcements**

### **Important Upcoming Events**

#### **Sunday July 14**

- Worship in the Park
- Second Sunday Supper Church

#### **Sunday July 21**

- Ice Cream Social
- Baseball Game

#### **Wednesday July 24**

- 20's/30's gathering

#### **Sunday July 28**

- The Philadelphia 11 Documentary Screening
- Ice Cream Tasting Fundraiser

## **Monthly Food Pantry Collection**

We will be collecting for St. Joseph's Food Pantry through the month of July. We are accepting non-perishable food donations. Questions: contact Lindsay McHugh at [mchugh.lindsay@gmail.com](mailto:mchugh.lindsay@gmail.com).

## **Summer Playground Sunday School**

Sunday School continues throughout the Summer as Playground Sunday School! Children will meet on the playground at 9.45 am for playground time, and then will go inside for a Bible story and a snack, before rejoining their families for worship and Communion.

## **Summer Choir**

If you want to try out singing in a choir, have fun making music with some great people, experience the joy of collaborating with others, or really miss your good buddy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, come to the choir room at 9.00 am on summer choir sundays! Join us on **July 7, July 21, August 11 and August 25.**

## **Worship in the Park**

On **Sunday July 14**, St. George's and St. Andrew and Holy Communion invite you to join us for combined Worship in the Park, followed by a festive potluck brunch and fun activities for all ages.

We will gather for worship at 9:30 am under the Clipper Pavilion at South Mountain Reservoir, located on Cherry Lane in West Orange.

There are no morning services at St. George's on this Sunday.

## **Second Sunday Supper Church**

**Sunday, July 14, at 4.30 pm.**

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on the journey, we would love to have you at our table. Join us for Second Sunday Supper Church. All are invited to bring a dish to share.

## **Ice Cream Social**

In honor of National Ice Cream Sunday, we have one of our favorite events - our Annual Ice Cream Sunday on **Sunday, July 21**, after both services. Come and sample delicious home-made ice creams and sorbet. Any flavor except vanilla! GF options available.

Contact Aleeda Crawley at [mofun@stgeorges-maplewood.org](mailto:mofun@stgeorges-maplewood.org) for more information!

## **Minor League Baseball Game - Sunday July 21st at 5pm**

Come join us on **Sunday July 21st at 5:00 pm** to watch the Somerset Patriots play the Altoona Curve at TD Ballpark in Bridgewater. If we can get a large enough group together we can get discounted tickets. Scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/StGeorgesBaseball](http://bit.ly/StGeorgesBaseball) to register your interest in attending. Please let us know by July 6th if you can make it!



## **Childless in the Suburbs: A Christian Gathering for Young Adults Without Children**

Life is full of different seasons, bringing with it its own joys and challenges. In the season of young adulthood, there are many unique joys and challenges to be faced, especially today; a faith gathering of like minded peers can be a rich, nurturing, and supportive community as people navigate through the realities of this particular season as a follower of Jesus.

Rev. Grant warmly invites our young adults without children to join him for a social gathering and conversation on **Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30pm**, graciously hosted in the home of Alessandra and Phoebe Hill. It will be a time to hang out, meet other young adults in the parish, and discuss the opportunities of an ongoing group or other future gatherings for this season of life. Feel free to bring a snack or drink to

share. Please RSVP by texting Rev. Grant at (973) 477-1907 by the day before and he will respond with the address.

## **Ice Cream Tasting**

**Sunday, July 28 - 1 PM until we run out!**

Sample 10 of your favorite ice cream, gelato, sorbet or sherbet flavors, plus a surprise treat. 20+ homemade flavors including:

**Cookie Butter, Blood Orange, Lavender, Blueberry, Peach, Maple Walnut, Mango, Mexican Chocolate, Ginger, Mocha, and more!**

Tickets: Early Bird: \$23 before July 21, National Ice Cream Day; \$30 after July 25-27. Includes processing fees. No tickets at the door. It's homemade! Ice cream pints available for sale for select flavors. Ticket info to come; visit [stgeorges-maplewood.com](http://stgeorges-maplewood.com) after July 8

## **Screening of the Philadelphia Eleven Documentary**

On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church, St. George's and St. Andrew & Holy Communion celebrate the courage of these women by presenting a screening of "The Philadelphia Eleven", the documentary of their story. Join us on **Sunday, July 28 at 1.00 pm** at Saint Andrew and Holy Communion in South Orange. The screening will be followed by discussion and then Evening Prayer.

## **Summer Sermon Conversations**

Sermons are not meant to be one-way lectures, but an invitation to converse with God's Word, our lives, and our community.

Join us in worship on **July 28, and Aug. 25!**

On these Sundays, rather than a traditional sermon, the sermon will be conversation-based between a three-person panel. These conversations will not be planned ahead of time, but will model in the moment

reflection on Holy Scripture and the unfiltered processing of its impact on our daily lives.

### **Education for Ministry 2024-2025**

This EfM group has been an active part of Christ Church (in Short Hill)'s commitment to lifelong education and Christian formation since Fall 2000.

EfM is a 4 year program of study to which participants commit one year at a time - Old Testament (Year 1), New Testament (Year 2), Church History (Year 3) and Theology (Year 4). This is a safe, fun environment in which to deepen your experience and understanding of your own faith and religious tradition while working with others on applying it to your life experiences and challenges.

The current group meets in person on Monday evenings from 7:30 – 10:00 pm from mid-September to Memorial Day. There is a Zoom option available for those times when travel and weather make it more practical!

Several fellow St Georgians are active in this EfM chapter. If you'd like to find out more, please reach out to Anthony Zuco, Valyrie Laedlein, Magaly Roman or Anthony Errante.

Group size is required to be 6 – 12 so we are actively recruiting for the Fall 2024.



## **Stay Connected with St. George's!**

Are you new to the parish? Are you excited to learn about the amazing ministries and activities happening at St. George's? Be sure to sign up for our weekly online newsletter so you don't miss out! To sign up, please email our Parish Administrator, Ruth Deane, at [parish-office@stgeorges-maplewood.org](mailto:parish-office@stgeorges-maplewood.org).

## **St. George's Property issues**

Help us to maintain our building! You can now inform us of any property or maintenance issues that need attention by completing an online "Report of Property Issues" found on the Contact Us page of our website (<https://stgeorges-maplewood.org/contact/> ) Describe issue as fully as possible. If you would like to include a picture of the problem, please email it to the office.

## **Stay Connected with the Diocese of Newark!**

As a part of the Diocese of Newark, St. George's contributes to and participates in the larger mission of our diocese— *Join us in following Jesus Christ with bold acts of justice, peace, and love.* Sign up to receive The VOICE Online (our diocesan digital newsletter) and check out the amazing things going on in our Diocese!



## **In Our Prayers this week**

Rich; Jerry Hudson & Christine; Richard & Bea Berggren; Roland Spiotta; Clarence Clarke & Andrezj; Marlene Eubanks; Marianne Dwyer; James & Mary Ip; Orlando; Laticha; Nancy Storrs; Lisa Jubilee & family; Suzanne & Rev. Bob Morris; Mandy Robinson; Mel Kantor; Rita Paolillo; Andrea; Annette; Tilly-Jo Emerson; Bill Lorentz; Shaunille McDonald; Jillian Hamer; Mark Roy; the soul of Deborah McBride & her family; the soul of Peter Franco & his family; the soul of Christopher Sparks & his family; Bonnie; Elizabeth Allen; Beth Kinney; Robert Oliphant & spouse Kathy Jo Blaske; Rev. George Dredde, his daughters & the soul of Marguerite Smith; Ruth Davies; AJ Hoffs-McCauley, the Bullis-Martinez family, Lauren, Kaaren Patterson; Chris Tietjen.

If you wish to request special prayers, please email your request to [st-georges-healing@googlegroups.com](mailto:st-georges-healing@googlegroups.com). Include the name or names (preferably both first & last) and what we should be praying for. NOTE: After one month names are routinely removed from the list unless we receive a request to continue the prayer.



