

St. George's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Serving the Southern
Maine Seacoast Region**

"All are Welcome at God's Table"

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, WITH
CONFIRMATIONS, RECEPTIONS &
REAFFIRMATIONS**

April 5, 2008, 4:00 p.m.



THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *Prelude in E flat major—J.S. Bach*

Opening Hymn: 608, *Eternal Father, strong to save* Melita

The Liturgy of the Word *Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 413*

The Gloria—*setting by William Mathias* S278

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have united diverse peoples in the confession of your Name: Grant that all who have been born again in the font of Baptism may also be united in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm: 33:1-5, 18-22, *Exultate, justi*

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Alleluia Verse—*South African melody*

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

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

Holy Gospel: John 6:16-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Stephen T. Lane

Nicene Creed

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Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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The Baptismal Covenant

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Prayers for the Candidates

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Confirmations, Receptions & Reaffirmations

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: *180, He is risen, he is risen!*

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Offertory Verse: *The Doxology*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

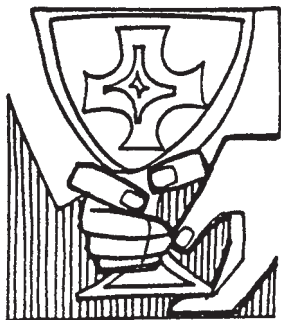
Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus & Benedictus es—*William Mathias*

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Ho - ly, 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.

Lord's Prayer & Breaking of the Bread

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All are welcome at God's table.

During the Ministration of Holy Communion:

Hymn: *WLP 758, You have come down to the lakeshore Pescador*

Hymn: *WLP 812, I, the Lord of sea and sky*

Send-off Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(please stand)*

O God, guide these Lay Eucharistic Visitors as they go forth bearing your holy gifts to those who cannot be with us. May we share with them the communion of Christ's body and blood. Lord, make us who are many, one body, because we share one bread and one cup. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Closing Hymn: *205, Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

Gelobt sei Gott

Dismissal

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Postlude: *Little Prelude and Fugue in B flat major—J.S. Bach*

St. George's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community where every person of every age is engaged in mission and ministry.

Welcome to St. George's! Please stay for a reception in the parish hall immediately following the service.

Being Confirmed or Received Today, or Reaffirming Their Baptismal Vows:

Maureen Caseley, St. George's, Sanford (*Reception*)
Joan Greenleaf, St. Ann's, Windham (*Reception*)
Angelica Phipps, St. Ann's, Windham, (*Confirmation*)
Chris Wallace, St. Ann's, Windham (*Reception*)
Beverly Fritz Collymore, St. George's, York (*Confirmation*)
Abigail Francis Duquette, St. George's, York (*Confirmation*)
Todd Eric Glasson, St. George's, York (*Confirmation*)
Tristan James Haugh, St. George's, York (*Confirmation*)
Gregory Scott Hesse-Stromberg, St. George's, York (*Confirmation*)
Heather T. Hesse-Stromberg, St. George's, York (*Reaffirmation*)
Kasey Morgan Poulin, St. George's, York (*Confirmation*)
Matthew Lawrence Reilly, St. George's, York (*Reception*)

Clergy Participating In This Worship Service

The Right Reverend Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine
The Rev. Stephen T. Lane, Bishop-Elect of Maine
The Rev. Paige Blair, Rector of St. George's, York
The Rev. Steven Godfrey, Associate Rector of St. George's, York
The Rev. Tim Higgins, Rector of St. Ann's, Windham
The Rev. George Lambert, Interim Rector of St. George's, Sanford
The Rev. Bette Pollock, Affiliated Clergy at St. George's, York
The Rev. Sudie Blanchard, Deacon at St. George's, York
The Rev. Janice Matter, Deacon at St. George's, Sanford
The Rev. Aaron Perkins, Deacon at St. George's, York

Laity Participating In This Worship Service

Acolyte: Peter Blanchard

Lector: Ralph Davison

Prayers for the Candidates: Barbara Boschert

Chalice Bearers: Donna Murphy, Barbara Boschert

Organist: Grover Marshall

Altar Guild: Jane Sweeney Beecher, Jean Mercer, Debby Ehret

Flower Guild: Kathy Hutchins

We welcome all those persons who may be visiting St. George's for the first time. Please sign the guest book and let us know who you are!