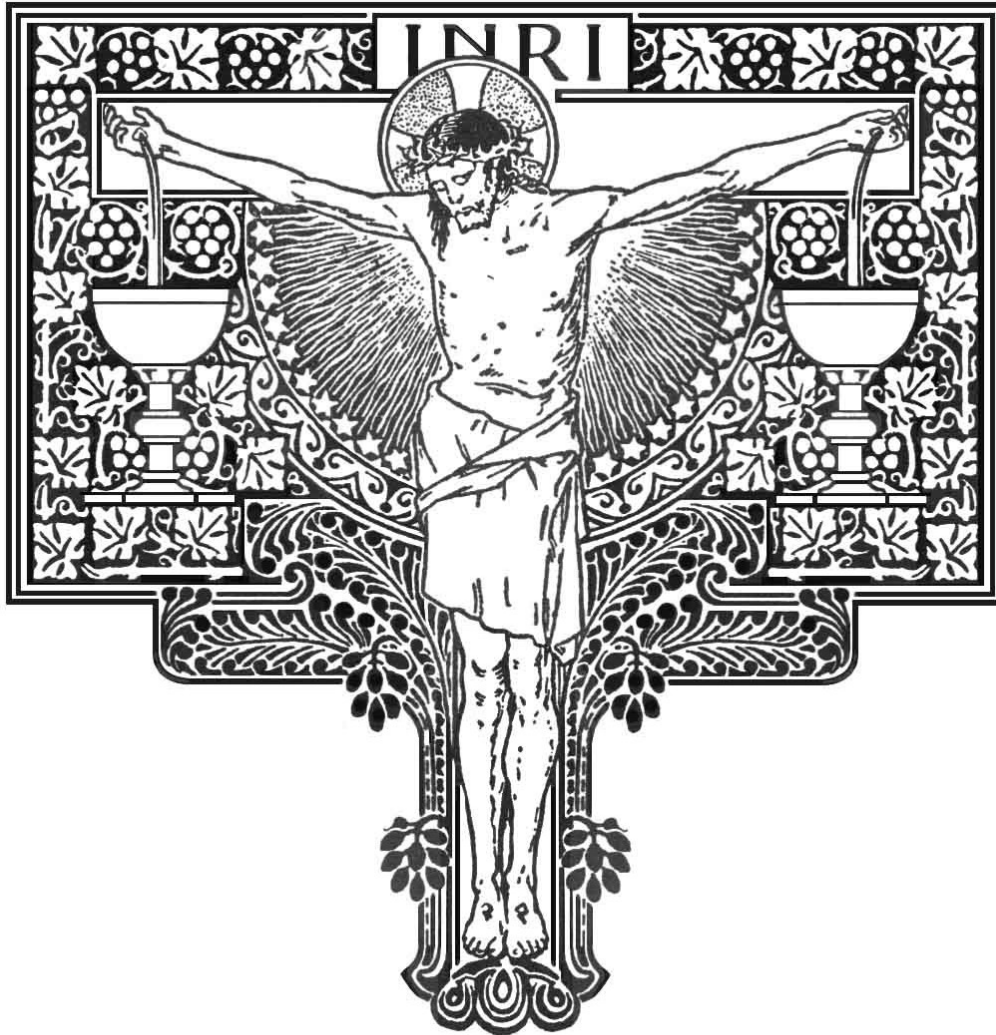


THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024

10:00 a.m., Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together during our Lenten observance, we ready ourselves to worship God.

Note: † Where this mark is seen, it is traditional to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

All standing, the Celebrant says.

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† Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

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Please kneel.

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant reads the following:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

Confession of Sin *in unison*

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Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Please stand following the † absolution.

Kyrie *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-89

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated. Children may proceed to Sunday School in the parish hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord tells us in scripture and preaching the stories of His saving acts in human history, of which we have become a part through baptism. We respond in hope, proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves and greeting one another in His name.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13 *spoken*

Miserere mei, Deus

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

Reader A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having

been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Nova Vita

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

Let us pray to God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the needs and concerns of the world.

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church in Wales; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church, Media; Christ Church, Ridley Park; Darby Mission; Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill; Incarnation Holy Sacrament; and in our companion diocese of Guatemala: Inglesia Episcopal San Juan, Apostol, Chichicastenango, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our bishop, and Joel, our priest; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for the members of the Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament; for all who minister in Christ; and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love, and especially for Bob and Rosemary Troilo, Al Revell, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Pat Carrafa, David Saner, Carrie, Susan Schultz, Karen Slossburg, Gary Sague, Ray Beckey, Philippa Painter Pay, Lita Orlay, Sherry Everett, Claire, Lew Ryan, Rita Strassburg, Elaine Tambon, Edgar Reed, Howard, Neal Kearny, Bern Moorehead, Jamie, Harry Urian, Sandy Manthorpe, Shirley Jones, Mark Alston, Dave & Michelle Morgan, Rasmus, Christine Boggi (Bow-gee), Stephanie Tanner, Kukki, the Aurora family, Melissa Rhodes, Karen Garcia, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Jessie, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, Cynthia Pound, the Lewis family, Lee West, Megan Pinkham, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Lewis Sessa, Ann Calef, Rita Leedy, Walter Haenn (Haan), and Marcia Bloom, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all † faithful departed, for Marie Bates, and for all who have died, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

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

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Offertory sentence

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet, and He strengthens us to persevere in our Lenten discipline.

Offertory Anthem

Praise for the Morning
Jubilation Ringers; Cynthia Pound, conductor

Michael Akers

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

The Doxology

Old 100th

Pew music

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy

for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 and Benedictus

Pew music, S-122

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

† Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as you are able.

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 *in unison*

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Pew music, S-157

Invitation to Communion †

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Anthem

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

John Rutter

Michael Bacon, baritone; Jubilation Ringers

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Hymn 301

Bread of the world, in mercy broken

Rendez a Dieu

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Please kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

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.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ.

As our time of worship has ended, our time of service begins.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Let us bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major
Jubilation Ringers

David Johnson

The ministry of reconciliation, which has been committed by Christ to his Church, is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship, and through the priesthood of the Church and its ministers declaring absolution. Sacramental confession is always available by appointment with Fr. Joel, and is especially appropriate during the holy season of Lent. Please contact Fr. Joel to schedule a private appointment: rector@stgeorgeschurch.org or 610-642-3500.



JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

A continuous Bible study, following the readings for Year of the Bible.
No prior reading required.

Sundays at 9:10 a.m. in the rector's office



St. George's Youth Lenten Project: This year the children and youth of St. George's will be reaching out to help the shelter Breaking Bread in Upper Darby. Students will not only be collecting spare change to donate to the shelter, but also coming together in March to collectively cook a meal to deliver to the residents of the shelter. Please reach out to Vicki Strickland with any questions (vickip73@gmail.com).

Accessory & Clothing Swap Party

Friday, March 22 7:00 PM

A St. George's Ladies Night Out

Bring Handbags, Scarves, Wallets, Jewelry*, Shoes* & Clothing* for no cost swapping!

Bring Appetizer, Beverage or Dessert to share

Feel free to bring a friend!

*Please limit to 10 pieces of each



RSVP to Laurie Ney
loneysti@gmail.com
by Tuesday, 3/19

Readings for the Year of the Bible

This week's readings take us to the halfway point in the psalter, the fancy name for the collection of psalms. Yes, it's a long book. The 90's band House of Pain told us as much when they said, "I've got more rhymes than the Bible's got psalms."

Sunday, March 17: Psalms 43-49 (Day 164): *Psalm 42 began Book II of the Psalter. Psalm 43 is used by your priest and acolytes in the sacristy as part of the preparation for celebrating Mass.*

Monday, March 18: Psalms 50-55 (Day 165): *Psalm 51 is one of the classic psalm of lament: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness." By tradition, it was composed by King David after the prophet Nathan confronted him following his adultery with Bathsheba.*

Tuesday, March 19: Psalms 56-61 (Day 166): *Lots of lamenting: individually by an Israelite, corporately by Israel, and one by a king.*

Wednesday, March 20: Psalms 62-68 (Day 167): *"For God alone my soul in silence waits" (Ps 62). The very definition of quiet confidence in the saving power of God.*

Thursday, March 21: Psalms 69-72 (Day 168): *The psalms show up in the New Testament all over the place, none more than Psalm 69, quotes from which are in all four gospels, Acts, two epistles, and Revelation.*

Friday, March 22: Psalms 73-77 (Day 169): *These psalms are attributed to Asaph, the chief musician of the Temple, appointed by King David. Psalm 73 begins Book III of the psalter.*

Saturday, March 23: Psalms 78-80 (Day 170): *History in verse: Psalm 78 recounts God's faithfulness, and Israel's shortcomings, during the time of the Exodus.*

See www.stgeorgeschurch.org/events/year-of-the-Bible for more information, links to online texts and audio versions of the bible, Rector's rambling reflections for each day, a discussion board, and other helpful information.

Decorate The Church




SATURDAY, MARCH 23 @10AM
DECORATE FOR PALM SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 @7PM
DECORATE FOR HOLY THURSDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 @10AM
REMOVE FLOWERS/PALMS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 @10AM
DECORATE FOR HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER DAY

DEDICATION DEADLINE
3/17



CONTACT Susan LaBrake slabrake@verdantas.com
See E-Tale for scheduling updates.



Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

Sign-ups will be posted to help the Floral Guild, to participate in The Watch, or to volunteer or donate items for the Lamb Dinner and the Egg Hunt.

March 24, Palm Sunday
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

March 25, Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM

March 28, Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM *THE WATCH FOLLOWS UNTIL 12 AM

March 29, Good Friday
7:00 PM *STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:15 PM

March 30, The Great Easter Vigil
5:00 PM *LAMB DINNER FOLLOWS SERVICE

March 31, Easter Day
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM *EGG HUNT @ 11 AM

IMPORTANT: Deadline for Easter dedications is Sunday, March 17



Easter

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

*Cash, check, or online donations can be made by Sunday,
March 17 for placement in Easter bulletins.*



In Memory of...



In Thanksgiving for...



In Celebration of...



DONORS: _____



Community Announcements

Music Notes: Today's communion anthem was selected for the observance of St. Patrick's Day today, and is sung by our resident Irishman Michael Bacon in his thickest Irish brogue. The text comes from the 5th c. and is known as St. Patrick's Breastplate. The music by Rutter uses much sequence and a repeated rhythm in each measure. The overall melodic pattern rises gradually to a high point at the word "love" before falling back to the original pitch.

The St. George's Band will rehearse some Easter hymns at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Anyone who plays a brass or woodwind instrument is welcome to join us.

Caring for Friends: Caring for Friends will be held after the 10 o'clock service. Our fall Caring for Friends Food Prep was a success thanks to those who donated and to those who came to help. Please consider doing so again.

The Ardmore Food Pantry: Name brands, cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese. Collection bins are in the Sulgrave entryway.

Breaking Bread Community Shelter. The Breaking Bread Community is an emergency homeless shelter that serves those in need of transitional housing. The community is currently in need of meals a few times a week that serve approximately 20 adults. If you are able to provide a meal, either independently or in combination with others, please sign-up on the sheet in the parish hall, or visit Breaking Bread's Sign-up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/mvrn55dz>. Our goal is to have volunteers from St. George's provide meals once per month.

The St. James School/Welcome Table: For the next few months we will be collecting feminine products for The St. James School's Welcome Table. Please bring in feminine pads or tampons and place them in the large red bucket in the hall outside the parish office.

SAVE THE DATES:

March 22, 7 p.m.: Accessory and Clothing Swap Party

March 30: Easter Vigil and Lamb Supper

March 31: Easter Day: Egg hunt follows 10 a.m. service

April 3: Red Cross Blood Drive

April 4: Anniversary of the consecration of St. George's in 1932

April 10: Vestry meeting

April 23, 12:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St. George, and brown bag lunch

April 27: Men's Breakfast

May 5: Children's Ark Spring Fling

May 9, 12:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day, and brown bag lunch

May 18: Vestry retreat



Sunday School for children meets most Sunday mornings during the 10 a.m. service. Children leave church following the Collect of the Day and return for Communion.

Nursery: Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children's Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers. Please ask an ambassador to direct you.





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The Rev. Joel C. Daniels, PhD, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Acolytes: Everett Patterson, Roland Noreika, Steve Drabkowski

Lectors: Trent Coonradt and Andy Coonradt

Intercessor: Doug Stuart

Chalice Bearers: James Graham and Bryan Freberg

Ambassadors: Cathy Hetznecker, Ed Brocklesby, Sr., and Rich Kirk

Altar Guild: Steve Drabkowski & Roland Noreika

Tellers: Kirsten Curry, Cathy Hetznecker, and Susan LaBrake

Coffee Hour: Laurie & David Ney

Sunday School: Jessica Jones, Sam Soldan, Vicki Strickland, and Joseph Yamulla

Nursery: Nikki Woods & Dianne Muhe

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Lou Carol Fix, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Violette DeSantis, *Parish Administrator*
Mark Alston, *Sexton*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 a.m. ~::~~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

St. George's mission is to share together God's work in our lives through liturgy and sacrament, through joyous and caring fellowship, and through courageous and compassionate engagement with the world.