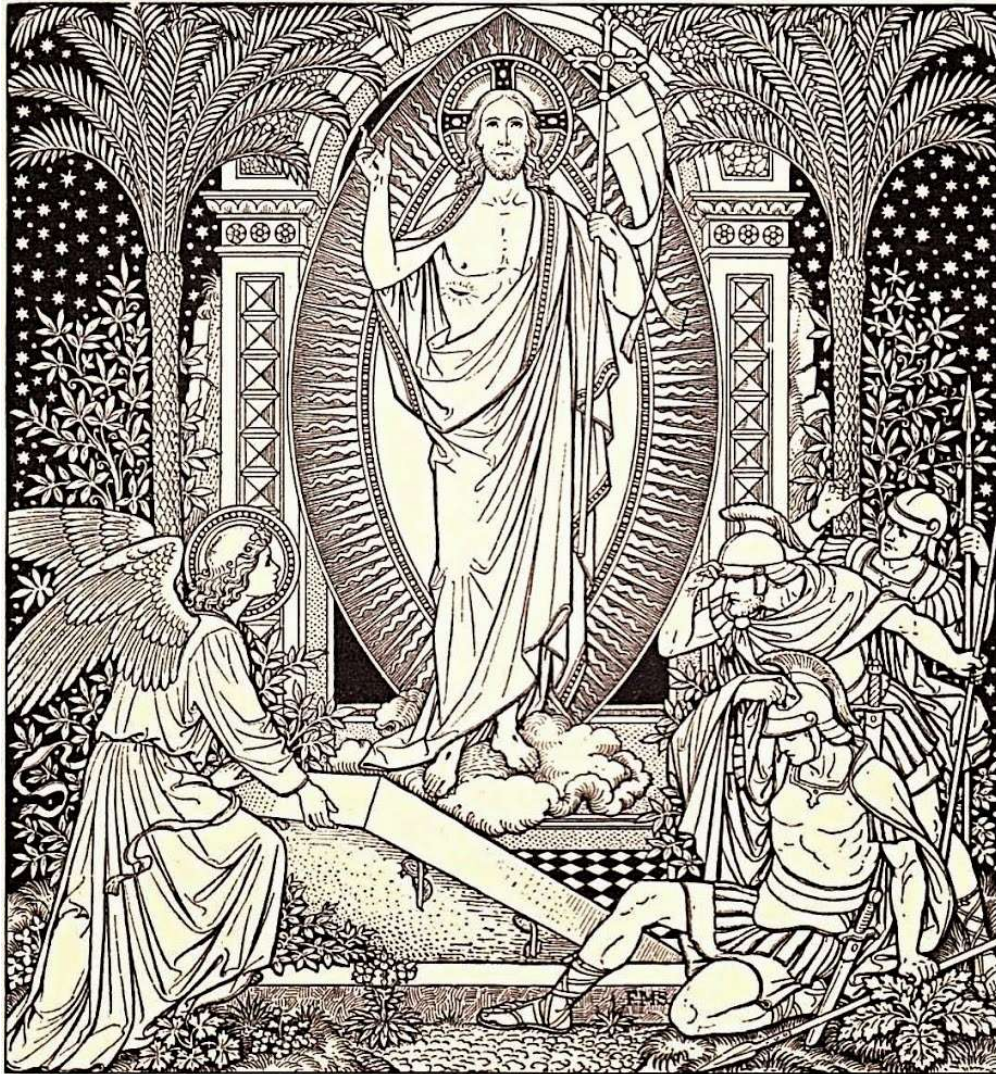


THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



EASTER DAY **THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

Sunday, March 31, 2024
10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*The hymns are located in the blue book in the pew rack in front of you.
Music marked "Pew music" is found in the folded booklet in the pew rack in front of you.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We gather to praise God for the Resurrection of His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Please stand for the hymn.

Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity *in unison*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, vs. 1

Pew music, Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about how He has saved all humankind from the power of death by raising His Son to life again. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 *Sung by the choir*

George Thalben-Ball

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *

in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *

the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *

but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Reader

A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed *in unison*

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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.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! At this the heavenly choirs of angels rejoice, the earth exults, and mother Church is glad. Therefore, I ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all of God's people, and for people everywhere, that all may know the benefits of the Easter victory of Christ.

Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for those who have come through the waters of baptismal rebirth into the promised land of your eternal kingdom. Guide all your baptized people who struggle to know and to do your will in the kingdoms of this world, that by their lives they may show forth new life in Christ to all nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the people of God in every place; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament; and for all who minister in Christ, that guided by the Holy Spirit their lives may be testaments to your grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Prosper and sustain their efforts, that they may act with charity and prudence to plant the signs of your dominion on the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the abiding presence of your Son in word and sacrament. As we feast this Easter Day on the true bread from heaven, set our minds on things above, that we may gain a new perspective on the things that are on earth, and hold fast to that which abides. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that Mary Magdalene found healing in her encounter with the risen Christ. May your presence give wholeness and peace to all those in need, that they may find the peace of God that passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith: for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George our patron, and all the saints; and for all those who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruits of the victory of Christ, the paschal lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Grant to us, O Lord, that as we celebrate the mysteries of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, so at His coming we may be enabled to rejoice with all his saints; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution *in unison*

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.

The Peace

All stand.

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

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Presentation of children's gift to the Breaking Bread Community Shelter

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet and we receive Him with grateful hearts.

Offertory Anthem

Rise, Shine! *arr. by Marques Garrett and Tom Trenney*
Negro Spiritual

Oh rise, shine! for the light is a-comin', my Lord says he's comin' by an' by. 'This is the year of jubilee, my Lord has set his people free. Wet or dry, I intend to try, to serve the Lord until I die. I intend to shout an' never stop, until I reach that mountaintop.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts and join in singing

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed

for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-128

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.

The Great Amen *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-147

The Lord's Prayer *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-119

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthems *sung in unison*

Christ our Passover
My flesh is food indeed

Pew music, S-155

Pew music, S-169

Invitation to Communion

<p><i>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.</i></p>

Communion Anthem

Rise up, my love, my fair one

Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come.

Hymn 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

St. Kevin

The Postcommunion Prayer *in unison*

Please kneel.

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 met the risen Lord to carry on the work of the women at the tomb, telling of His resurrection and the world's salvation.

The 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 forever. **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 always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn 210

The day of resurrection!

Ellacombe

Postlude

First Symphony: Finale

Louis Vierne



GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Godly Play Sunday School meets most Sundays at 10 a.m. from September to May. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible. Ask the Rector or one of the Sunday School teachers for more information ... or, better yet, ask one of the many Sunday School children who have learned so much from the program.

Congratulations to our Sunday School students who raised over \$350 during Lent to benefit the Breaking Bread Shelter in Upper Darby!

YEAR OF THE BIBLE READINGS

March 31 (Day 178) Psalms 120-133
April 1 (Day 179) Psalms 134-140
April 2 (Day 180) Psalms 141-150
April 3 (Day 181) Proverbs 1-3

April 4 (Day 182) Proverbs 4-7
April 5 (Day 183) Proverbs 8-11
April 6 (Day 184) Proverbs 12-14
April 7 (Day 185) Proverbs 15-17

Community Announcements

EASTER DAY

Easter egg hunt following the 10:00 a.m. service.

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.

For the Bible tells me so: This continuous Bible study resumes on April 14 at 9:10 a.m. The texts being studied follow those from the Year of the Bible, but no prior reading is expected.

Godly Play Sunday School returns on Sunday, April 7. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible. Sunday School meets in the parish hall.

Nursery care also resumes on Sunday, April 7.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

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Year of the Bible continues through October 4, 2024.



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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Thanks to those who are helping today:

Acolytes: Roland Noreika, Steve Drabkowski, Wren Coonradt, Aurelia Strickland, Ryan Block

Lectors: Kathy Friedenbergh, David Ney

Intercessor: Paul Joslin

Chalice Bearers: Luke Dorey & Steve Drabkowski

Ambassadors: Susan LaBrake, Catherine Stuart, and Lorraine Wickersham

Tellers: David Farnsworth & Paul Joslin

Sunday School: Resumes Sunday, April 7

Nursery: Resumes Sunday, April 7

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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.