

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-

ARDMORE, PA



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together from our week in the world as Easter People, we ready ourselves to continue our celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death for our salvation.

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

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn 180

He is risen

Unser Herrscher

Celebrant
People

† Alleluia. Christ is risen.
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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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 4:5-12

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from

the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

Psalm 23 *Sung by the choir*

Dominus regit me

Robert A. Hawthorne

Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *
and leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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.

Antiphon

Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Reader A reading from the First Epistle General of St. John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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.

Under the watchful and loving eye of the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the needs of the beloved flock of God throughout the world.

For peace from on high and for salvation through Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, for the unity of all people, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Martin's, Radnor; St. Mary's, Ardmore; St. Mary's, Wayne; Advent, Hatboro; All Hallows, Wyncote; and in our companion diocese of Guatemala: San Andres, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Daniel, our bishop; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for those who minister in Christ; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the world and its leaders, and our nation and its people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the sick and the dying; and especially for Gina Barson, Jessica Jones, Richard Pound, Dennis, Diane Serafin, Beth Doherty, Meg, Steve Coates and family, Dan Little, Al Revell, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Pat Carrafa, Carrie, Susan Schultz, Karen Slossburg, Gary Sague, Ray Beckey, Philippa Painter Pay, Lita Orlay, Sherry Everett, Claire, Lew Ryan, Rita Strassburg, Elaine Tambon, Howard, Neal Kearny, Bern Moorehead, Jamie, Harry Urian, Sandy Manthorpe, Shirley Jones, Mark Alston, 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, , Ann Calef, Rita Leedy, Walter Haenn (Haan), and Marcia Bloom, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Eileen Kammerer, Laurie Ney, and April Chester, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, hear our prayer.**

For those who † rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George our patron, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, as we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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.

The Peace

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

Offertory Music Messiah: All we like sheep have gone astray *George Frederick Handel*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;
and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

The Doxology

Old 100th

Pew music

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

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 *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

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

Christ our Passover
My flesh is food indeed

Pew music, S-155

Pew music, S-169

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.*

Hymn 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

The Postcommunion Prayer

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

Blessing †

Dismissal

*Celebrant
People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn 191

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Lux eoi

Postlude

Christ lay in bonds of death

Bach

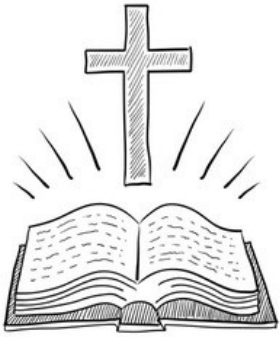
JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW

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



SAGES LUNCHEON COMING SOON: MAY 8TH

The next SAGES luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, May 8th starting at noon and ending before 2 PM.** This is your opportunity to join other parishioners in fellowship and support and to receive an update about life at St. George's.

Good Works Workday in Phoenixville Saturday, May 11, 2024

Good Works, Inc. is a Christian non-profit organization which exists to improve the living conditions of low-income families. Services to make their homes drier, safer, and warmer are offered at no cost – with the help of volunteers like us.

St. George's Outreach Committee is recruiting a team for our next Good Works Day in Phoenixville on Saturday, May 11. We will carpool from church at 7:45 a.m. and will be back around 4 p.m. Building skills are a plus, but not required – you'll be assigned a task that matches your ability. Our team will be guided by a Good Works leader throughout the workday – all tools and materials will be supplied, as well as lunch.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you can help on May 11, please sign up or e-mail Ed Brocklesby, Sr. – ebrocklesby@comcast.net.

For more information about Good Works, Inc. visit www.goodworksinc.org.

Readings for the Year of the Bible

The prophet's condemnation of the nations, alongside Israel itself, gives way to a prophecy of a brighter future for all: a righteous king, a peaceful future, a promise of renewal, and ultimately the coming of that glorious age that the final book of the Bible, Revelation, assures the faithful is coming at the end. Isaiah is quoted extensively in Revelation.

Sunday, April 21: Isaiah 12-14 (Day 199): *Isaiah 13 begins the second section of the book (chapters 13-23), which tell of the Lord's judgment of the nations.*

Monday, April 22: Isaiah 15-19 (Day 200): *Prophecies against Moab, Damascus, Ethiopia, and Egypt.*

Tuesday, April 23: Isaiah 20-24 (Day 201): *After prophecies against Babylon, Edom, Arabia, Jerusalem, Tyre and Sidon, chapter 24 introduces the idea of a global judgment, beginning section three.*

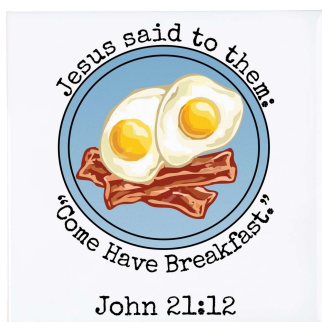
Wednesday, April 24: Isaiah 25-28 (Day 202): *Sometimes called the "Isaiah Apocalypse," these chapters foretell God's judgment of a corrupt world, and his salvation for the faithful remnant.*

Thursday, April 25: Isaiah 29-31 (Day 203): *In the fourth section of the book (beginning in chapter 28), Isaiah conveys six messages of judgment against Israel.*

Friday, April 26: Isaiah 32-34 (Day 204): *A condemnation of surrounding nations (chapters 32-33) and a message of blessing for Israel (34-35).*

Saturday, April 27: Isaiah 35-37 (Day 205): *The fifth section contains historical information about the siege of Jerusalem under Sennacherib and the deliverance by the Lord.*

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.



Men's Breakfast.

The next men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, April 27** at **9 a.m.** No RSVP necessary; contributions welcome.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." John 21:12

The Feast of Saint George

Celebrate the feast of our patron saint on Tuesday, April 23rd with a Holy Eucharist at noon, followed by a brown bag lunch in the parish kitchen.

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Community Announcements

The Sanctuary Candles are offered this week to the glory of God and for the health and well-being of Al Revell by the Parishioners of St. George's.

Music Notes: Today's anthem is a lively chorus from The Messiah oratorio that Handel wrote in only 3 weeks. The text is from Isaiah 53:6. Note how the music goes in opposite directions at the words "have gone astray" and peters out at the end. For "we have turned" Handel writes a musical turning motive in fast sixteenth notes. The final section slows down dramatically with the important message of Easter, and ends solemnly in a minor mode.

Anyone who would like to sing an anthem or play an instrumental piece during the summer months is welcome to do so. Please let Lou Carol Fix know of your interest and we will find a date for you to share your musical talents during a Sunday service. Beginners are welcome! Dates range from June 16 through September 1.

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 posted in the next E-Tale. 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:

April 21, 11:30 a.m.: Run, Hide, Fight training

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

April 27: Men's Breakfast

May 4: Shortbread Gardeners (The more the merrier!)

May 5: Children's Ark Spring Fling

May 8: Sages Luncheon

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

May 10: Trivia Night

May 11: Good Works

May 14: Outreach Meeting (All are welcome.)

May 18: Vestry retreat

May 19: Youth Sunday



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.





THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE

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

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Acolytes: Wren Coonradt, Liam Freberg,
Steve Drabkowski, Roland Noreika

Lectors: Marlee Bullock, Gary Bullock

Intercessor: Stephen Krouse

Chalice Bearers: April Chester, Steve
Drabkowski

Ambassadors: Rich Kirk, Stephen Krouse,
and Susan LaBrake

Altar Guild: Steve Drabkowski and Roland
Noreika

Tellers: Kirsten Curry, Cathy Hetznecker,
and Susan LaBrake

Coffee Hour: Kirsten & Stephen Curry

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

Nursery: Dianne Muhe & Amber Buckley

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Lou Carol Fix, *Organist/Choirmaster*
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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.