

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-

ARDMORE, PA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 28, 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

Processional March

Alexandre Guilmant

Hymn 192

This joyful Eastertide

Vruechten

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 8:26-40

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what

you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22:24-30 *Sung by the choir*

Deus, Deus, meus

Edward John Hopkins

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

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 John 4:7-21

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

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed

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.

God our Father hears what we ask for in the name of his Son. Let us then pray for those in any need or trouble.

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 Church of Bangladesh; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Holy Nativity, Rockledge; Messiah, Gwynedd; St. Anne's, Abington; St. Dunstan's, Blue Bell; 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, 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 Jackson Curry, Kate Baird, and Chase McGarvey, 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, especially Liz & Joe Havens, 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, for Diane Serafin, 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 Anthem

Cantate Domino

Michael Bedford

Cantate Domino canticum novum! Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Shout with joy to the Lord, you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp and voice of song. With the trumpet and sound of horn oh, shout with joy before the Lord.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

The Doxology

Old 100th

Pew music

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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

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 432

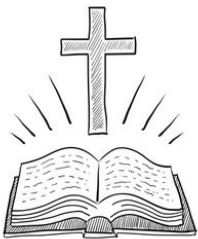
O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

Postlude

Interlude

Guilmant



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

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. RSVP to the office by 5/1/24.

Readings for the Year of the Bible

In Isaiah, there is a stark division between chapters 1-39 and chapters 40-66. Beginning in chapter 40, the text looks toward Babylon, which overthrew Assyria, conquered Judah, and destroyed Jerusalem in 587 BC. Chapters 40–55, sometimes called “The Book of the Consolation of Israel,” are addressed to the Hebrew exiles in Babylon. Here the hopeful theme of imminent restoration replaces the message of impending doom that characterized the first half of the book. The New Testament picks up on this language extensively to describe life in the kingdom of God, the New Jerusalem.

Sunday, April 28: Isaiah 38-40 (Day 206): *In 38-39, a prose account is given of the Assyrian king Sennacherib's siege of Jerusalem while Hezekiah was king (approximately 704 BC). Chapter 40 begins the second main section of Isaiah with “Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.”*

Monday, April 29: Isaiah 41-43 (Day 207): *After judgment comes the mercy of God, the theme of the latter part of Isaiah, written for the captives in Babylon.*

Tuesday, April 30: Isaiah 44-46 (Day 208): *Isaiah predicts that Cyrus the Great, founder of the Persian Empire, will function as the Lord's “anointed” and deliver Israel.*

Wednesday, May 1: Isaiah 47-49 (Day 209): *Isaiah taunts “Queen Babylon,” then reassures “Lady Zion,” of God's comfort and favor. Chapter 49 includes the second of four “Servant Songs” with imagery that looks forward to the life of Jesus.*

Thursday, May 2: Isaiah 50-52 (Day 210): *Isaiah conveys God's encouragement to his faithful people and calls Israel to be ready for the coming of the Lord.*

Friday, May 3: Isaiah 53-56 (Day 211): *The fourth and final Servant Song develops the theme of the Suffering Servant (“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows”).*

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.

Good Works Workday in Phoenixville

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, please sign up or e-mail Ed Brocklesby, Sr. ebrocklesby@comcast.net.

Spring Trivia Night!

Spring is here and it's time for Trivia at St. George's. Bring your team of not more than six players to the parish dining hall on Friday, May 10, at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for teens, which will be collected at the door. Feel free to bring snacks and beverages. Small groups and individuals can be combined to create a team at the event. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. All proceeds benefit St. George's Outreach.

Community Announcements

Music Notes: Today's anthem uses the text from Psalm 98:1, 6-8. It divides the choir into low and high voices who take turns singing. Near the end the voices sing a canon, or round while the organ plays a repetitive descending scale to increase the rhythmic intensity. Occasional syncopation adds rhythmic interest.

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. Beginners are welcome! Dates range from June 16 through Sept. 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 28, 11:30 a.m.: Run, Hide, Fight training
- May 4: Shortbread Gardeners (The more the merrier!)
- May 5: Children's Ark Spring Fling
- May 8: Sages Luncheon (RSVP to office by 5/1/24)
- May 9, 12:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day, and brown bag lunch
- May 10, 7pm: Trivia Night
- May 11: Good Works
- May 14: Outreach Meeting (All are welcome.)
- May 16: Choir Party
- May 18: Vestry retreat
- May 19: Youth Sunday
- May 24: Summer services begin
- May 30: Corpus Christi Eucharist and Benediction, followed by lunch
- June 1, 2:00 p.m.: Church tours return



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: Wren Coonradt, Aurelia Strickland, Everett Patterson, Ryan Block

Lectors: Eileen Kammerer, David Ney

Intercessor: Janet Reddin

Chalice Bearers: Bryan Freberg, Roland Noreika

Ambassadors: Stephen Lightcap, Rob McGarvey, and Eileen Kammerer

Altar Guild: Steve Drabkowski and Roland Noreika

Tellers: Stephen Krouse and Rich Kirk

Coffee Hour: Lorrain Wickersham

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

Nursery: Nikki Woods & Amber Buckley

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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.