# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE -Episcopal-Ardmore, PA



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:00 a.m., Rite I

## 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.

Celebrant† Alleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### The Collect for Purity in unison

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

#### Summary of the Law

#### Kyrie

Celebrant	Lord, have mercy upon us.
People	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant	Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### Gloria in Excelsis in unison

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

- O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
- O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of † God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and

reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 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

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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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 among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

## The Gospel

John 15:1-8

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.PeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise be to thee, O Christ.

#### Sermon

The Rector

#### The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say 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.

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 Barbara Speers and 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**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We

acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please stand following the + absolution.

#### The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.

#### **Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.CelebrantAll things come of thee, O Lord.PeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### **Eucharistic Prayer I**

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Unison Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as you are able.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be † filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** †

## The Lord's Prayer in unison

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.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Agnus Dei in unison

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Prayer of Humble Access in unison

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## 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.

#### The Postcommunion Prayer in unison

Please kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

# † Blessing

#### Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

# 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:** 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: 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!

# 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:

Lector: Liz Havens Intercessor: Joan Cesare Server: Jim Burns Chalice Bearer: Donna DiPaulo Ambassador: Frank Hadden Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare Altar Guild: Janice Capoferri & Joan Cesare Tellers: Stephen Krouse and Rich Kirk Coffee Hour: Joan Cesare 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.