

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-  
ARDMORE, PA



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 12, 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten  
Pro Quartet and Choir

*Matthew Lundquist*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He, Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see, ever more and evermore.

### Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

*Diademata*

*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*

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 1:15-17, 21-26

*Reader*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through

David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

**Psalm 1** *Sung by the choir*

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

*Gerre Hancock*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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 5:9-13

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

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

**The Gospel**

John 17:6-19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*Priest*  
*People*The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

\* *The Paschal Candle, the sign of the physical presence of the resurrected Christ, is extinguished at this time.*

**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.*

Let us pray to our ascended Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who sits at the right hand of the Father, for the needs and concerns of 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 Burundi; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Trinity, Ambler; All Saints', Rhawnhurst; All Saints', Torresdale; Emmanuel Resurrection, Philadelphia; Free Church of St. John, Philadelphia; and in our companion diocese of Guatemala: Iglesia Episcopal Santa Trinidad, 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 Helen Lightcap and the Linton family, Gina Barson, Jessica Jones, Richard Pound, Joe, Dennis, Meg, Steve Coates and family, Dan Little, Al Revell, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Pat Carrafa, Carrie, Karen Slossburg, Gary Sague, Ray Beckey, Philippa Painter Pay, Lita Orlay, Claire, Lew Ryan, Rita Strassburg, Elaine Tambon, Howard, Neal Kearny, Bern Moorehead, Jamie, Harry Urian, 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 Luke Dorey, Michael Bacon, and Ed Brocklesby, 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, for Frank Alamia, 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

Ascension Hymn

*Michael Ryan*

Jubilation Ringers; Cynthia Pound, conductor

*Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.*

#### The Doxology

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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.*

**Communion Anthem**

Messiah: He shall feed his flock

*George Frederick Handel*

Rebekah Graver, Pleasants Tinkler, Serafina Belletini, women’s trio

Come unto Him, all ye that labor, come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden,  
and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek  
and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

**Hymn 215**

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

*In Babilone*



## 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 367

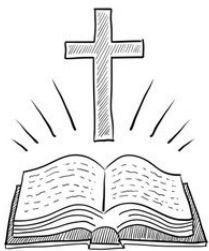
Round the Lord in glory seated

*Rustington*

### Postlude

Percussive Praise  
Jubilation Ringers

*Kevin McChesney*



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

On Thursday, May 30, at 12 p.m., we observe the Feast of Corpus Christi ("Body of Christ"), a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. A special luncheon will follow.

St. George's hosts a ward of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, whose members pray each day for the Church and the world, normatively in the presence of the Sacrament.



## Readings for the Year of the Bible

The selections from Jeremiah this week continue their focus on judgment against Judah. Beginning in Chapter 26, however, we find personal information about the prophet, as he describes his life before the fall of Jerusalem. (It wasn't great.) Through most of his book, Jeremiah has been majoring on judgment and minoring on blessing. In the four chapters, 30-33, he majors on blessing and minors on judgment, in what is called the "Book of Consolation."

Sunday, May 12: Jeremiah 15-17 (Day 220): *Jeremiah despairs; then, his seventh sermon concerns what he is to do (encourage, exhort) – and not do (marry or be merry).*

Monday, May 13: Jeremiah 18-21 (Day 221): *Jeremiah is instructed to engage in a symbolic action: visiting the potter's house. Jeremiah travels from potter's house to prison stocks after annoying a short-tempered priest (aren't we all?).*

Tuesday, May 14: Jeremiah 22-24 (Day 222): *Jeremiah tells the story of four godless Judean kings, then criticizes Judah's politicians, prophets, and priests.*

Wednesday, May 15: Jeremiah 25-27 (Day 223): *A prophecy of the 70 years of captivity in Babylon, followed by an oracle of judgment, comparing the Lord's wrath to a cup of wine.*

Thursday, May 16: Jeremiah 28-30 (Day 224): *After dispatching the prophet Hananiah, Jeremiah records the contents of three letters sent to the exiles in Babylon. He tells them to make themselves comfortable.*

Friday, May 17: Jeremiah 31-32 (Day 225): *Chapters 30-33 are known as the "Book of Consolation," a departure from Jeremiah's usually gloomy communications.*

Saturday, May 18: Jeremiah 33-36 (226): *An oracle of judgment against kings Zedekiah and Jehoiakim.*

See [www.stgeorgeschurch.org/events/year-of-the-Bible](http://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.

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### Learn about St. George's history!

Be sure to come tour St. George's Church on a Saturday, to learn more about our history.

Upcoming tour dates and times are:

Saturday, June 1 at 2 pm

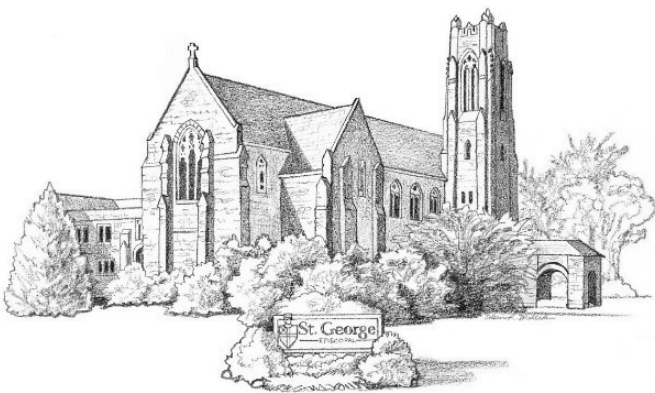
Saturday, June 22 at 10 am

Saturday, July 13 at 10 am

Saturday, August 17 at 10 am

Saturday, September 28 at 10 am

Saturday, October 26 at 10 am



## Community Announcements

*The Sanctuary Candles are offered this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Alamia III; Navy Commander, Ret. by his friends at Arbor Terrace.*

**Music Notes:** Today's prelude anthem is based on a Swedish melody from the 17th century. The text was written in the 4th-5th c. by Prudentius. The form follows an AAB structure, while short imitations occur between some voices. A quartet of voices sings first, followed by the entire choir.

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:

May 14: Outreach Meeting (All are welcome)

May 18: Vestry retreat

May 19, 10 a.m.: Youth Sunday

May 19, 3 – 6 p.m.: Children's Ark Spring Fling – Come out for food and fun!

May 20, 7 p.m.: Investment Committee meeting

May 23, 6 p.m.: Board Meeting of The Children's Ark

May 26: Summer services begin; no Sunday School, nursery care

May 30, 12 p.m.: Corpus Christi Eucharist and Benediction, followed by lunch

June 1, 2:00 p.m.: Church tours return

June 5, 7 p.m.: Vestry meeting

June 8, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast

June 14, 10:30 a.m.: Children's Ark pre-school graduation



**Sunday School** for children meets most Sunday mornings during the 10 a.m. service.

Children leave church following the Collect of the Day and return for Communion.

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





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

### Thanks to those who are helping today:

**Acolytes:** James Fingerut, Xander Fingerut,  
Steve Drabkowski, Roland Noreika

**Lectors:** Doug Stuart and James Graham

**Intercessor:** Stephen Krouse

**Chalice Bearers:** Roland Noreika and  
Bryan Freberg

**Ambassadors:** Andy Coonradt, David  
Farnsworth, and Cathy Hetznecker

**Altar Guild:** Steve Drabkowski and Roland  
Noreika

**Tellers:** Stephen Lightcap and Chris  
Magnani

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

**Nursery:** Nikki Woods & Dianne Muhe

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

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

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

### OUR MISSION

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