

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-  
ARDMORE, PA



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 12, 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.*

*Please stand at the entrance of the ministers.*

*Celebrant* † Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The 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 God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto

thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **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 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

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise 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.*

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**

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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

*Please be seated.*

## 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.*

*Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And 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. Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly 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 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 the celebrant continues.*

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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore 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**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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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. Corpus Christi is a special day of obligation for Confraternity members. Please join us! Contact Donna DiPaulo for more information at [ddipaulo@att.net](mailto:ddipaulo@att.net).



## 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.*

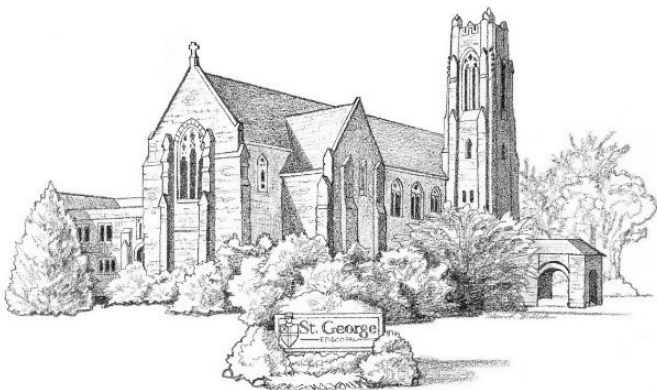
Wednesday, May 15: Jeremiah 25-27 (Day 223): *A prophecy of the 70 years of captivity in Babylon, followed by an oracle of judgment, comparing the Lord's wrath to a cup of wine.*

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.



### 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 p.m.

Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 17 at 10 a.m.

Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m.

Saturday, October 26 at 10 a.m.

## 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:** 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.

**For the Bible Tells Me So.** Each Sunday morning at 9:10 a.m., there is a bible study in the Rector's office. The texts covered are those from the previous week's Year of the Bible, but no previous reading is expected.

**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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### Thanks to those who are helping today:

**Lector:** Garry Neil

**Intercessor:** Chris Butto

**Server:** Jim Burns

**Chalice Bearer:** Frank Hadden

**Ambassador:** Garry Neil

**Altar Set-up:** Joan Cesare

**Altar Guild:** Janice Capoferri & Joan  
Cesare

**Tellers:** Stephen Lightcap and Chris  
Magnani

**Coffee Hour:** Brigitte Neil

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.