

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Healey Willan

Hymn 432

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

Laudate Dominum

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

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.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Sung by the choir*

Laudate Dominum

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;
 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
 creeping things and winged birds;
 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the world;
 Young men and maidens, *
 old and young together.
 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
 for his Name only is exalted,
 his splendor is over earth and heaven.
 He has raised up strength for his people
 and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hallelujah!
 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

Revelation 21:1-6

Reader A reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 583

O holy city, seen of John

Morning Song

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give

you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

Sermon

Suzanne Clune
Candidate for Holy Orders, Diocese of Pennsylvania

The Nicene Creed *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-105

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.

As we look for the coming of the new heaven and the new earth, let us offer our prayers to the one who is Alpha and Omega.

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 the Province of Myanmar (Burma); the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church, Ithan; St. Alban's, Newtown Square, 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 the Guild of Saint Sebastian; for those in our parish cycle of prayer: Jim Burns and Glyn Daughn-Wood; and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation: Aurelia Strickland, Liam Freberg, Grady Wickersham, Everett Patterson, Jordan Patterson, Trent Coonradt, Kara Cherwinski, and Xander Fingerut, and their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for pilgrimage: James Fingerut, Ryan Block, Aurelia Strickland, Morgan Dorey, and Brody Dorey, 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 Diane Butto, Lauren Exley, Leni Vale, Daphne Beltramo, Carmella Lewis, Joe Barefoot, Marcus Dent, Gail Barson, Carolyn Walter, Barbara W., Dennis Hall, Renee Teich, Eric Taylor, Lisa, Grace Powell, Andreas Pas, Fr. Steve Snider, Roberta Clements, Melinda, Bernadette Gaudio, Robert Gaudio, Megan Shields, Steve, Kennedy, David Bullock, Sharlene Levin, Debra Weiss, Marie Weder, Vic Velez, Stephanie, Chris Coleman, the Pili family, Caroline Welty, the Blatstein family, Theresa, Jessica Jones, Richard Pound, Joe, Meg, Dan Little, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Karen Slossburg, Philippa Painter Pay, Howard, Jamie, Cynthia Pound, and Mark Alston, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ed Brocklesby, Ryan Block, and Janice Capoferri, 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 Valerie Smith, 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

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy on that day, with the light of dawn, the dark is gone...for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone. There'll be peace and contentment evermore, Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice. And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love, sweet love everywhere. There'll be joy!

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 *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 †

<p><i>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.</i></p>

Hymn 306

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Sursum Corda

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 520

Blessed city, heavenly Salem

Oriel

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz



Each weekday, at least one member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament will pray with special intention for the Church and for the world, usually in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. The intercessions include those on our parish intercession list. In addition to those named in the Prayers of the People above, the Confraternity will also pray for:

Rita Strassburg, Lita Orlay, Neal Kearny, Shirley Jones, Elaine Tambon, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Stephanie Tanner, Kukki, Melissa Rhodes, Karen Garcia, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Jessie, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, Frank Dennis, the Lewis family, Lee West, Megan Pinkham, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Ann Calef, Rita Leedy, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Godly Play Sunday School meets most Sundays at 10 a.m. from September to May. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible.

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE FOR WINTER & SPRING 2025

Jan. 12:	Epiphany/ Holy Baptism	Mar. 23:	The story of David
Jan. 19:	Adam & Eve	Mar. 30:	The story of Daniel
Jan. 26:	The story of Moses	Apr. 6:	Jonah and the whale
Feb. 2:	Youth Sunday	Apr. 13:	Jesus in Jerusalem
Feb. 9:	The story of Sarah	May 4:	The story of Job
Feb. 16:	The story of Jacob	May 11:	The story of St. Mary
Feb. 23:	The story of Joseph	May 18:	The story of Esther
Mar. 2:	The story of Abraham	May 25:	The Lord's Prayer
Mar. 9:	The story of Ruth	Jun. 1:	The Mystery of Pentecost
Mar. 16:	The story of Samuel	Jun. 8:	Youth Sunday



Community Announcements

St. George's Parishioners offer this week's Sanctuary Candles to the greater glory of God and for the health and wellbeing of the residents and staff of Arbor Terrace. Flowers on the Main Altar this morning are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Jennifer Dennis and Tom Lewis by Carmella Lewis.

Music Notes: Today's anthem was written in 1976 for the West Virginia Wesleyan College Choir. It details the happy and excited emotions felt on Easter morning with the resurrection of Jesus. While the anthem is in a minor tonality, occasional dotted rhythms and setting off the "glory" text create much excitement in the music. In the middle a chromatic modulation takes the music up higher with forte dynamics.

Today at 11:30am the Children/Youth choir will rehearse an anthem in the sanctuary. They are preparing to sing for Youth Sunday on June 8 "Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary." All youth are invited to sing.

Outreach: We are collecting cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese for **The Ardmore Food Pantry**. Collection bins are in the Sulgrave entryway. **The St. James School/Welcome Table** collection of cleaning products (Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners) can be placed in the large red bucket outside the parish office. Thank you!

Please consider attending **St. James School's annual Dr. Audrey Evans fundraising benefit** on Tuesday, May 20. Your support strengthens their mission! Visit stjamesphila.org/benefit/ for details.

SAVE THE DATES:

May 29, 12:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day, and brown bag lunch

June 14, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast

June 14, 2 p.m.: Church Tour

June 17-22: Youth Pilgrimage

June 21, 10:30 a.m.: Ordination of Suzanne J. Clune to the Sacred Order of Deacons

June 22, 3:00 p.m.: Breaking Bread Dinner Prep

October 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Good Works

October 11: National Acolyte Festival in Washington D.C.

Learn about St. George's 90+ years of history!

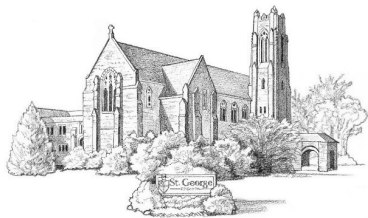
Visit us for one of our next series of upcoming tours of the church. Tour dates and times this summer and fall are:

Saturday, June 14 at 2 pm

Saturday, July 19 at 10 am

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm

Saturday, October 18 at 10 am



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 young 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:

Celebrant: The Rev. Clare Schoenberg

Acolytes: TBD

Lectors: David Farnsworth, Andrew
Coonradt

Intercessor: Kathie Friedenberg

Chalice Bearers: Luke Dorey, Stephen
Krouse

Ambassadors: Cathy Hetznecker, Susan
LaBrake, Andrew Coonradt

Altar Guild: Steve Drabkowski, Roland
Noreika

Tellers: Cathy Hetznecker, Kirsten Curry

Floral Guild: Janice Dea

Coffee Hour: Laurie Ney

Sunday School: Jessica Jones, Sam Soldan,
Vicki Strickland

Nursery: Carleen Megow & TBD

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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.