

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-  
ARDMORE, PA



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

Andante

*Sir E. C. Bairstow*

### Hymn 191

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

*Lux eoi*

*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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 2:42-47

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**Psalm 23** *Sung by the choir*

*Dominus regit me*

*Sir E. C. Bairstow*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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 Peter 2:19-25

*Reader*            A reading from the First Epistle of St. Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**The Gospel**

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

**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.*

Under the watchful and loving eye of the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the needs of the beloved flock of God throughout 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 Melanesia; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Holy Nativity, Rockledge; and St. Andrew and St. Monica, Philadelphia, 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, the Guild of St. Sebastian, and the Daughters of the King, 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 Jack Reuben, Bruce Bachart, Eileen Devine, Jim Nolan, Tom Dorey, Janet Fischer, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Barbara Marg, Marty Marguilies, Cindy Valintinsen, Brian Paul, Kevin, Steve, John, Tina Roberts Lightcap, Eileen Devine, Sue Hammoud, Sam Tucker, Al Venter, Bob Weder, Jackie Young, Sarah, Mark Pelchat, George Sharretts, Janet MacGaffey, Roberta Clements, Carmella Lewis, the Pili family, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Richard and Cynthia Pound, and the Breaking Bread Community Shelter, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially April Chester and Jackson Curry, 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, especially Anne Remey Hevner and James Bryson Gilbert, 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 Music**

God so loved the world

*Sir J. Stainer*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. — *John 3: 16-17*

*Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.*

### **The Doxology**

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

*Pew music*



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. **AMEN.** †

**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** *sung in unison*

Agnus Dei

*Pew music, S-157*

**Invitation to Communion** †

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.  
If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

**Hymn 334**

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

**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*

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

*People*

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

### Hymn 180

He is risen

*Unser Herrscher*

### Postlude

Allegro

*Sir E. C. Bairstow*



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: *Eileen Snyder, Stephanie, Mary Rose, Lauren Exley, Daphne Beltramo, Fr. Steve Snider, Andreas Pas, David Bullock, Chris Coleman, Vic Velez, Megan Shields, Marie Weder, Caroline Welty, Philippa Painter Pay, Debra Weiss, Lita Orlay, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, the Dennis and Lewis family, Theresa, the Blatstein family, Lee West, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom*

## Visiting St. George's today? **Welcome!**

If this is your first time at St. George's, we are glad you're here and hope your faith has been strengthened. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with your arms crossed for a blessing. After the service, join us for **coffee hour** in the parish hall through the doors at the front right of the church. To stay connected, leave your email on an information slip to receive our **weekly E-tale newsletter**, also posted on Facebook. If you'd like to learn more about St. George's or feel called to join our parish life, **speak to Fr. Joel** or email [rector@stgeorgeschurch.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgeschurch.org). We would be a better church with you here.

# MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service, September to June, for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children's Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers.

## 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. Old Testament and New Testament stories alike come alive as students discuss, question, and wonder aloud at God's ongoing relationship with his creation.

## GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE

Apr. 26:	The story of Job	May 24:	The Mystery of Pentecost
May 3:	The story of Esther	May 31:	The Holy Eucharist
May 10:	The story of Mary	Jun. 7:	Jesus and the Twelve
May 17:	The Lord's Prayer	Jun. 14:	Youth Sunday

## ST. FRANCIS CHOIR

Sing with the spirit and with understanding! A youth choir at St. George's for ages 5-17, the St. Francis Youth Choir is an RSCM-affiliated choir using the Voice for Life curriculum and is open to students ages 5-17. The youth also learn instruments, form the Youth Orchestra, and play with the professional Academy of St. George's Chamber Orchestra.

## YOUTH LENT AND EASTER SERVICE PROJECT

**Our friends from the Providence Animal Center will be visiting TODAY following the 10 a.m. service.** For the Youth Lenten and Easter Project, we have been collecting new or gently used sheets and towels, as well as new dog/cat toys, treats, and food.

## THE GUILD OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

The Guild of Saint Sebastian is intended for children and youth who are involved in athletics, the arts, or other extra-curricular activities. The mission of the guild is to inspire youth to achieve excellence to the glory of God and for them to benefit from the prayerful support of the congregation. Look for the blue Guild of Saint Sebastian prayer cards in Jerusalem Hall and the Parish Hall.

JOIN US FOR A LADIES  
SNACKS, SIPS, AND BOOK SWAP

Share stories, discoveries, and favorite reads.  
Handle with care, pass it on, and let the love continue.

AUTHOR St. George's Book Lovers Club 

TITLE Open Shelf Night

DATE DUE

BORROWER'S NAME

RETURNED

BOOK SWAP  
PARTY

Parish Hall

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

6:00 PM



Last Name A-M - Snacks

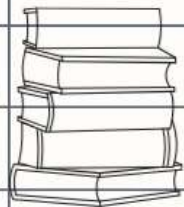
Last Name N-Z - Desserts

BYO Drinks

Bring up to 3 books to swap



RSVP JAN HEIDINGER  
JANHEIDINGER@ME.COM



RAIN DATE:  
MAY 9, 2026



ST. GEORGE'S



# PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MAY 2, 2026

**\$5 RIDE (KIDS UP TO 85LBS)**

1 W. ARDMORE AVE; ARDMORE, PA 19003

PARKING: DARBY RD CHURCH LOT

EVENT: SULGRAVE AVE. CHURCH YARD



*We are looking for volunteers for set up and clean up, and to fill shifts to man the ticket sales table and pony ride lines. Contact the office if you can volunteer.*



# Acts of the Apostles: Faith, History, Heroism



Sundays at 9 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall



The Order of the Daughters of the King is an international women's order that focuses on prayer, service, and evangelism with the mission toward the extension of Christ's kingdom. The Daughters are recognizable by the Greek Fleury Cross worn daily by members throughout the world. Members include women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic churches. **A chapter is forming at**

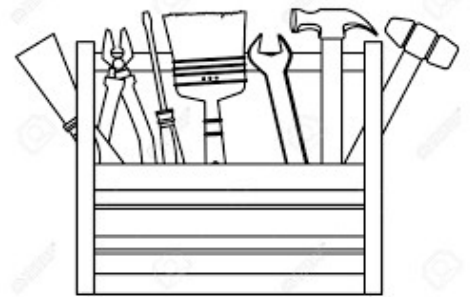
**St. George's.** For more information about the Order at St. George's, please contact Karen Kennedy-Hall at 352-445-3075 or [klkhall13@gmail.com](mailto:klkhall13@gmail.com).

## Good Works

Volunteer opportunities are available for Good Works on **May 9**. Good Works is a non-profit Christian organization that helps low-income families keep their home safer, warmer, and dryer with your help.

We meet at the church on Saturday, May 9 at 8am and are usually back here by 4-4:30pm. No skills are needed. They provide all the direction, tools, and lunch.

If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Ed Brocklesby at [ebrocklesby@comcast.net](mailto:ebrocklesby@comcast.net).



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



Visit us for one of our next series of upcoming tours of the church.

Upcoming tour dates this summer are:

Saturday, May 23 at 10 am

Saturday, June 20 at 2 pm

Saturday, July 18 at 10 am

# SUMMER MUSIC CAMP



Experienced faculty  
from Peabody  
Conservatory,  
Westminster Choir  
College, Temple  
University, and The  
Juilliard School

**June 22 - 26**  
**8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Ages 7-17**

ages 5 & 6 should make an appointment  
for reading assessment

Choral/Vocal  
String exploration  
Percussion  
Music Theory  
Worship  
Chamber Music



*“He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.”*

## Ascension Day

Holy Eucharist  
and brown bag lunch

On **Thursday May 14 at 12:00 p.m.**, we will celebrate a brief service of Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel. Afterwards, all who desire may gather in the kitchen for a brown bag lunch.

Ascension Day is one of the seven principal feast days of the Church. Recorded in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus’ bodily ascension is our promise that every part of our humanity – body, soul, and spirit – will be part of the redeemed creation and live with God forever.

*“I go to prepare a place for you ... that where I am, there you may be also.”*

## Community Announcements

**Music Notes:** Today's choral offering is taken from the larger work *The Crucifixion*, composed by Sir John Stainer in 1887. "God So Loved the World" is the only a cappella (unaccompanied) movement in the oratorio. It is a stunning moment within the context of the whole work. After many movements that are richly orchestrated, we arrive at the reason for our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion: "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." At this point, the music turns to a major key to represent our salvation in Christ Jesus. Stainer infuses light and hope into the midst of the atonement and the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. In this way, Stainer, through music, teaches exactly why God so loved the world, drawing together the final verse of today's Gospel: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

**St. Francis Choir** has rehearsal today following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

**Outreach:** Collection bins for **The Ardmore Food Pantry** are in the Sulgrave entryway and outside the parish office. We are collecting full-size personal items, baking & packaged goods, and any brand of pet food. A list of needs can be found in the E-Tale and by the collection bins.

**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!

### SAVE THE DATES:

- May 1: Snacks, Sips, and Book swap
- May 2, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
- May 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Pony Rides and Petting Zoo (*rain date 5/9*)
- May 9: Scouts Pancake Breakfast
- May 9, 8 a.m.: Good Works
- May 13, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon
- May 14, 12 p.m.: Ascension Day Eucharist and brown bag lunch
- May 27: Outreach Meeting



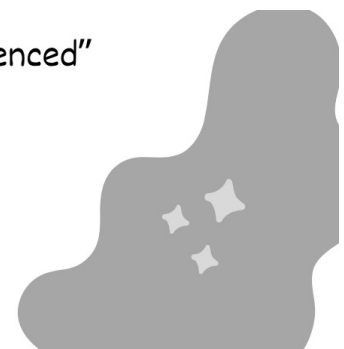
Wednesday, May 13  
12:00 p.m.



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*Sages Luncheon*

Calling all of St. George's more "experienced"  
parishioners and friends...



**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:** Grady Wickersham

**Lectors:** Kathie Friedenberg, David Farnsworth

**Intercessor:** Andrew Coonradt

**Chalice Bearers:** Bryn Thompson, Karen Kennedy-Hall

**Ambassadors:** Eileen Kammerer, Ed Brocklesby, Clare Block

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

**Tellers:** Rich Kirk, David Farnsworth

**Coffee Hour:** Lorraine Wickersham

**Sunday School:** Jessica Jones, Sam Soldan, Vicki Strickland

**Nursery:** Amber Coughlin & Nikki Woods

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Nicholas Mynyk, *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.