

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-  
ARDMORE, PA



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 3, 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**

Concerto in F, Mvts. I & II

*G. F. Handel*

**Hymn 192**

This joyful Eastertide

*Vruechten*

*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*

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.*

## 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 7:55-60

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** *Sung by the choir In te, Domine, speravi*

*Sir E. C. Bairstow*

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; \*

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \*

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*

for you have redeemed me,

O LORD, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

and in your loving-kindness save me.

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 2:2-10

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

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to



the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
        and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the † life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please kneel.*

God our Father hears what we ask for in the name of his Son. Let us then pray for those in any need or trouble.

For peace from on high and for salvation through Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, for the unity of all people, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Free Church of St. John, Philadelphia; and Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, 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 Nicholas, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Jack Reuben, Bruce Bachart, Jim Nolan, Tom Dorey, Janet Fischer, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Barbara Marg, Marty Margulies, Cindy Valintinsen, Brian Paul, Kevin, Steve, John, Tina Roberts Lightcap, Eileen Gallagher 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 Chase McGarvey and Chad Strickland, 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 Jeff & Linda Stout, 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, 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.**



**Sanctus and Benedictus** *in unison*

*Pew music, S-125*

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. **AMEN.** †

**The Lord's Prayer** *sung in unison*

*Pew music, S-119*

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,  
for ever 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.**

**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 194**

Jesus lives!

*St. Albinus*

### **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 432**

O Praise ye the Lord!

*Laudate Dominum*



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, please know that we are so glad you have joined us. We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

#### **Join us for communion**

All baptized Christians, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and Fr. Joel will offer you a blessing.

#### **Join us for coffee hour**

Immediately following the service there is a time of fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall. You can access it through the doors on the right side at the front of the church.

#### **Join us in our parish activities**

If you write your email address on one of the information slips located in the pew racks, and hand it to the priest, an ambassador, or drop it in the offering plate, we will add you to our weekly electronic newsletter, the "E-tale." It's the best way to stay up to date on what's happening at St. George's. The E-tale is also posted on our Facebook page.

#### **Join us as a baptized Christian**

Holy Baptism transforms a person's relationship to Christ and his Church, forever. If you would like to discuss baptism, for yourself or for a child, please speak to Fr. Joel or reach out to him at [rector@stgeorgeschurch.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgeschurch.org).

#### **Join us as a St. Georgian**

If you'd like to know more about St. George's or the Episcopal Church, or if you feel called to join this parish in its life of worship, fellowship, and service, please speak to Fr. Joel or reach out to him at [rector@stgeorgeschurch.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgeschurch.org). We would be a better church with you as a parishioner.

# 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

Mar. 23:	The story of David	May 10:	The story of Mary
Mar. 30:	The story of Daniel	May 17:	The Lord's Prayer
Apr. 6:	Jonah and the whale	May 24:	The Mystery of Pentecost
Apr. 13:	Jesus in Jerusalem	May 31:	The Holy Eucharist
May 4:	The story of Job	Jun. 7:	Jesus and the Twelve
May 3:	The story of Esther	Jun. 14:	Youth Sunday

## ST. FRANCIS CHOIR

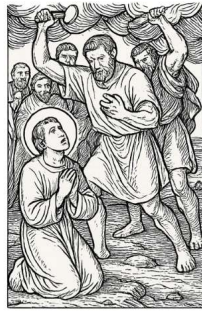
Sing with the spirit and with understanding! A youth choir at St. George's for ages 5-17, the St. Francis Youth Choir is an RSCM-affiliated choir using the Voice for Life curriculum and is open to students ages 5-17. The youth also learn instruments, form the Youth Orchestra, and play with the professional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

## 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.

## THE CORPS OF ACOLYTES

The primary task of an acolyte is to help the congregation worship through assistance at the altar, in order to ensure an orderly and edifying celebration of the sacraments. This is a profound and holy responsibility and one of the most significant contributions that can be made to the life of the parish. Youth can be admitted to the Corps of Acolytes at any time, with levels of responsibility appropriate to age and experience.



# Acts of the Apostles

## Faith, History, Heroism

A Bible Study meeting on Sundays at 9 a.m.

*The Book of Acts is a historical account of the early Christian church, describing the apostles and their mission to both Jewish and Gentile worlds. Acts show how the proclamation about Jesus Christ spread through the Mediterranean, the Roman Empire, and eventually to the ends of the earth.*



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).

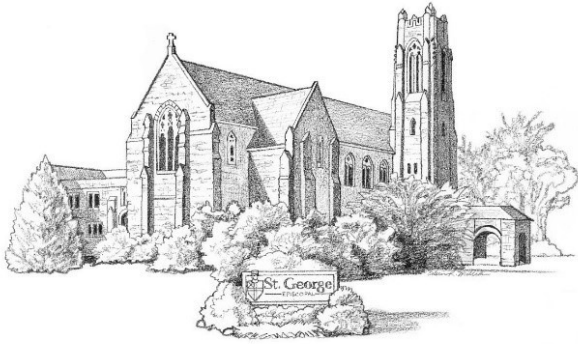
## Good Works

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 [ebrocksby@comcast.net](mailto:ebrocksby@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



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



# Sages Luncheon

Wednesday, May 13  
12:00 p.m.



# 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



## **NOTE NEW TIME – 1 p.m.**

*“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 1:00 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 Offertory Anthem is a setting of Psalm 32 by Viadana who was a Franciscan monk. The work was published in 1602 and is a synthesis of the Italian madrigal with the sacred polyphonic style. Viadana makes the notes and words of this joyous and musical Psalm jump right off the page. At the words, "Play to him upon the psaltery and lyre," Viadana has the voices of the choir sing short detached notes to imitate the plucking of lute strings, an early form of the guitar. Everywhere the work abounds with life and joy and the notes practically dance off the page.

**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 9: Scouts Pancake Breakfast  
May 9, 8 a.m.: Good Works  
May 13, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon  
May 14, **1 p.m.:** Ascension Day Eucharist and brown bag lunch  
May 16: Vestry Retreat & Meeting  
May 27: Outreach Meeting  
May 30: Dumpster Day  
June 13, 10 a.m.: Parish Food Drive



**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.





## THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE

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

### Thanks to those who are helping today:

**Acolytes:** TBD

**Lectors:** Roland Noreika, Kathie  
Friedenberg

**Intercessor:** Janet Reddin

**Chalice Bearers:** Steve Drabkowski,  
Stephen Krouse

**Ambassadors:** Karen Kennedy-Hall,  
Lorraine Wickersham, David Farnsworth

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

**Tellers:** Chris Magnani, David Farnsworth

**Coffee Hour:** Laurie Ney

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

**Nursery:** Amber Coughlin & Dianne Muhe  
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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.