

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00 a.m., Rite I

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Coming together from our week in the world, we ready ourselves worship God.
Please stand at the entrance of the minister.*

Note: † Where this mark is seen, it is traditional to make the sign of the cross.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass

through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves, and greeting one another in his Name.

First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; *
 therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light; *
 it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant; *
 I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy, *
 as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word; *
 let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
 and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
 and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.
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

Romans 8:26-39

Reader A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. David Beresford

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 for the Church and for the world.

For the church of Jesus Christ in every nation; and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Trinity Church, Solebury; St. Matthew's, Maple Glen, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Daniel, our bishop; for Joel, our priest; 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 mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love, and especially for Isabella Smith, Glenn Boseman, Jude Adams, Bryn Thompson, Gail Barson, Penny Dougherty, Sheila Farnsworth, Rita Strassburg, Samuel Manthorpe, Nicholas, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Bruce Bachart, Tom Dorey, Janet Fischer, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Marty Marguilies, 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, Janet MacGaffey, Roberta Clements, Carmella Lewis, 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 Janice Dea, Pete Ricci, Lori Sweeney, Graham Wilhelm, and William Luetzen, 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, for Andrew & Katherine Coonradt and Ed & Heidi Brocklesby, 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 Natalie Wrzenski, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, 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

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Please remain kneeling.

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

All stand.

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

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 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 II

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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 of 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, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be † filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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,
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.**

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 †

<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>

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel. The celebrant and people together say,

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

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond

Thanks be to God.



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

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 are:

Saturday, September 19 at 2 pm

Saturday, October 24 at 10 am

Returning August 16!



Acts of the Apostles: Faith, History, Heroism



Sundays at 9 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall

Community Announcements

Flowers on the High Altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Irene Conway for her birthday by Cathy Hetznecker.

We thank Fr. David Beresford for joining us this morning.

Fr. David Beresford is a retired priest who has served as interim rector in churches across Pennsylvania and Delaware. Ordained in the Church of England, he has lived in the U.S. since 2015, and currently resides in Wilmington, DE. He contributes film reviews for the Living Church Magazine and writes a weekly newsletter at <https://davidberesford.net>.

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!

Lankenau Medical Center Food Pantry needs paper grocery bags (plastic and reusable will also be accepted) please drop off outside of the parish office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES:

July 29, 2-7 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive
August 1, 8-10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
August 5, 12-2 p.m.: Sages Luncheon
August 12, 7 p.m.: Vestry Meeting
August 16, 9 a.m.: Bible Study returns
August 30, 4-6:30 p.m.: Diocesan Youth Wild Adventure (see E-Tale for info)
September 13: St. George's Day; BBQ following 10 a.m. service
September 19, 2 p.m.: Church Tour

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. We would be a better church with you here.



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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Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

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

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Lector: Spencer Flohr

Intercessor: Gretchen Magnani

Server: Frank Hadden

Chalice Bearer: Donna DiPaulo

Ambassador: Jim Burns

Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare

Altar Guild: Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri,
Joan Cesare

Tellers: Stephen Krouse, TBD

Floral Guild: Sarah Farnsworth

Coffee Hour: Donna DiPaulo

Nicholas Mynyk, *Organist/Choirmaster*

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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.