

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 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 ministers.*

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.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **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

Isaiah 51:1-6

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 *in unison*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *

before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple

and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *

and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *

you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *

that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *

he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.
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 12:1-8

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God -- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the $\dagger$ 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 Tanzania; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. James, Langhorne; Trinity, Coatesville; and House of Prayer, Philadelphia, 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 the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Guild of St. Sebastian, and the Daughters of the King; and for all God's people, 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 Angie Vernick, Derek, Jones, Maureen Ruiz del Arbol, Andy Ryan, Charlene Echard, Randy Kulp, Wyatt MacGaffey, Isabella Smith, Glenn Boseman, Jude Adams, Bryn Thompson, Gail Barson, Penny Dougherty, Sheila Farnsworth, Rita Strassburg, Samuel Manthorpe, Nicholas, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Bruce Bachart, 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, and Richard and Cynthia Pound, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Donna Pili, Everett Jara, Roland Noreika, Gary Bullock, and Maureen Krouse, 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 Caroline Welty and Andrew D'Elia, 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 *in unison*

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus *in unison*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

† Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as the celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, 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 †

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

The Postcommunion Prayer

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

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Flowers on the Main Altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew D'Elia by Frank & Marianne D'Elia.



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, 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 p.m.

Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m.



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.

Community Announcements

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:

August 30, 4-6:30 p.m.: Diocesan Youth Wild Adventure (see E-Tale for info)

September 5 and October 3, 8-10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners

September 10, 7:30 p.m.: Choir practice resumes

September 13: St. George's Day; BBQ following 10 a.m. service

September 16, 7 p.m.: Outreach Meeting

September 19, 2 p.m.: Church Tour

October 3, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast

October 10, 8 a.m.: Good Works

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.

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. 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.



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:

Lector: Gretchen Magnani

Intercessor: Joe Yamulla

Server: Donna DiPaulo

Chalice Bearer: Cheryl Ames

Ambassador: Jim Burns

Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare, Frank Hadden

Altar Guild: Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri,
Joan Cesare

Tellers: Stephen Krouse, TBD

Coffee Hour: Brigitte Neil

Nicholas Mynyk, *Organist/Choirmaster*

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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.