

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 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.

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

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 324

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont

to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14 *in unison*

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has planted.
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

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces

the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 326

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 and The Blessing of the Animals

Please remain standing.

Intercessor For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers,
People **We thank you, O Lord.**

Intercessor For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
People **We thank you, O Lord.**

Intercessor For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life,
People **We thank you, O Lord.**

Intercessor For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees,
People **We thank you, O Lord.**

Intercessor For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these creatures,
People **We thank you, O Lord.**

Intercessor That each pet here may be treasured with care,
People **We pray to you, O Lord.**

Intercessor That we may love and honor all your works, O God,
People **We pray to you, O Lord.**

Intercessor That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation,
to the honor and glory of your Name,
People **We pray to you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Generous God, whose own self-giving is reflected in the love and devotion of these
animal companions: Bless them with your Spirit and make us mindful of the great
responsibility we bear for all creatures. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated. You are invited to bring your pets forward at this time.

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 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

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 340

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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine 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,

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,

forever 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.**



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, 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



Acts of the Apostles: Faith, History, Heroism



Sundays at 9 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall



Choral Evensong for the Commemoration of All Souls

Join us on **Sunday, November 2 at 3 p.m.** for a service of Choral Evensong, commemorating all faithful departed. The service begins in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting.

The commemoration of All Souls provides us with an opportunity to pray for all those for whom we grieve, to publicly share private prayers, and hear the Church of Christ name before God those whom we love but see no longer. May they go from strength to strength, from glory to glory, from death to life.

“A time to be born, and a time to die.” – Ecclesiastes 3:2

At the service of All Souls, we read the names of anyone and everyone that the congregation would like to remember. **One day, one of the people we will pray for at All Souls will be you.** One of my jobs as rector is to prepare the congregation for death, in spiritual ways (say your prayers and put your trust in the Lord) and practical ways (record your funeral wishes and gift plans). After having had the privilege of officiating at many funerals, I can assure you that a funeral plan can be the best gift you can leave your family, and a memorial contribution can be one of the best gifts you can leave your parish. Please speak to me directly about setting those up if you haven't already.
– Fr. Joel

GOOD WORKS

We need volunteers on October 10 for Good Works. Good works is a Non-Profit Christian organization that helps low-income families keep their home safer, warmer, and dryer with your help.

St George's congregation helps out 3 times a year, March, May and October on the second Saturday of the month. We could use your help.

We meet at the church on Saturday, October 10 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.

Community Announcements

Do you like to sing? Choir rehearsals have started and all are welcome to attend Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands” (Ps.100:1).

Bell Choir: The remaining rehearsals for the Jubilation Ringers this year are 10/1, 10/8, 10/29, and 11/5 to practice for their performance on 11/8. Carol McGarvey will be leading the bell choir until Cynthia Pound’s return. Rehearsals will be at 6:00 p.m.

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 reuseable will also be accepted) please drop off outside of the parish office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES:

September 29, 12 p.m.: Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, Eucharist and Brown Bag Lunch

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

October 3, 9 a.m.: Men’s Breakfast

October 10, 8 a.m.: Good Works

October 24, 10 a.m.: Church tour

November 11, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon (RSVP by 11/5 to office)

Note: St. George's Team Trivia Night previously scheduled for October 16 will be rescheduled in the spring.

Read the E-Tale each Wednesday for up-to-date event announcements!



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.



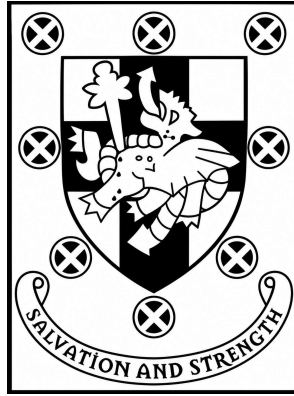
Calling all of St. George’s more “experienced”
parishioners and friends...



ST GEORGE'S

Sages Luncheon

Wednesday, November 11
12:00 p.m.



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1 West Ardmore Avenue, BOX C
Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

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

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Lector: Joan Cesare

Intercessor: Garry Neil

Server: Frank Hadden

Chalice Bearer: Donna DiPaulo

Ambassador: Jim Burns

Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare, Frank Hadden

Altar Guild: Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri,
and Joan Cesare

Tellers: Marlee Bullock & TBD

Coffee Hour: Brigitte Neil

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.