

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18

Sunday, September 10, 2017

10:00 am, Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together from our week in the world, we ready ourselves to worship God.

Organ Prelude

Toccata in E Major

Johann Ludwig

The Processional Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore the”

Hymn to Joy

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Blessing of the Backpacks and Presentation of St. George's Sunday School Teachers

Antiphon: Teach us, O Lord, where wisdom is to be found, and show us the place of understanding.

Priest: Seek the Lord your God and you will find God.

People: **Search the God with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of light and Wisdom, thank you for giving us minds that can know and hearts that can love. Help us to keep learning every day of our lives—no matter what the subject may be. Let us be convinced that all knowledge leads to you and let us know how to find you and love you in all the things you have made. Encourage us when our studies are difficult and when we are tempted to give up. Enlighten us when our brains are slow and help us to grasp the truth held out to us. Grant us the grace to put our knowledge to use in building up the kingdom of God on earth that we may enter the kingdom in heaven. **Amen.**

Now † bless these backpacks, O Lord, that they may become instruments for our children's learning and symbols of the gift of joy and wonder in all your works, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Take these backpacks and go into God's world of learning, giving thanks in the Spirit for the gift of knowledge. Give care and respect to all teachers. Treat every classmate as your friend. Rejoice that our loving God looks over you always. Yes, even during homework.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119 33-40

The choir sings antiphon then congregation repeats antiphon. Choir sings verses and the choir and congregation sing antiphon as indicated.

Make me go in the path of your com - mand - ments, for — that is my de - sire.

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Antiphon

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.
Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.
Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.
Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Antiphon

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn 674

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"
vs. 1,2,3

Detroit

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

Matthew 18:15-20

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Abbott

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 as you are able.

God's word tells us that those who love their neighbors have fulfilled the law. Out of love and compassion for a broken world, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For nations crippled by international debt, for nations who must beg and scramble for the necessities of life, for nations whose people live in poverty, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christians who have more than they need, that taking the Lord's word to heart, they may be content, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in the path of Hurricane Irma, and for those recovering from Harvey, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the clergy, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Barbara our priest, and Toneh our deacon, for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Episcopal Church of the Sudan; for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Church, All Saints', Wynnewood; Christ Church, Ithan; Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont; Holy Cross Day Church of the Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne; Nevil Memorial Church of St. George, Ardmore, and for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Church of St. Anthony's, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the children of our own country caught in the cycle of poverty, ignorance, disease, and despair, as well as those undocumented, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Vicki Strickland, T.J. Newnham, Caroline Whitley and Edgar Alconera, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially David and Laurie Ney, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick, especially Tony Egan, Elizabeth Boggs-Ingles, James Ingles, Phoebe Weintraub, Anita Bowersock, Santino and Tristan Harvey, Lawrence Wrabetz, Annmarie, Jo-Zetta, Joseph Calhoun, Susan, Donald, Bill, Marie Schall, Joe Hughes, Patsy Stevenson, Clark, Gina Bullock and for their caregivers, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Please pray privately for Larry and Dana, James and Dominic; Kevin and Sherry; Ruth and Harry Cottman; Lewis Sessa, Louise Vitulli, Julie and Larry; Charlotte, The Brogan Family, R.J. Thomas and Family; Simone. David Pokorny, Joy Polito and Harry Urian)

For those who have died this week, for lack of basic needs, for those who have died alone and for all others who have died, especially Alice McElhinney let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.** For those in our own city and neighborhood who are out of work and out of luck, for broken families, for those crippled by debt, for those at their wit's end, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant

Lord, you invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom; and lo, here we are. Grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and ever. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin and the Absolution

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Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand.

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

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Offertory Music

"O Love of Whom is Truth and Light"

Finn Videro

O love of whom is truth and light, the word and spirit, life and power, Whose heart was bared to smite, to shield us in our trial hour: O love, I give myself to thee, thine ever, only thine to be.

Please stand as the monetary gifts and offering of bread and wine are brought forward and all sing,

The Doxology

Old 100th

† **The Great Thanksgiving** †

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-127

Please kneel as you are able

The Great Amen

Hymnal S-142

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. Then all join in and sing,

Fraction Anthems *All sing.*

"Christ Our Passover"

Hymnal S-154

"Agnus Dei"

Hymnal S-161

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

The Communion Hymn 336

Meinem Hirten bleib' ich treu"

J.S. Bach

Rebekah Graver, soprano

Meinem Hirten bleib' ich treu. Will er mir den Kreuzkelch fuellen, ruh' ich ganz in seinem Willen, er steht mir im Leiden bei. Es wird dennoch nach dem Weinen Jesu Sonne wieder scheinen, Meinem Hirten bleib' ich treu! Jesu leb' ich, der wird walten, freu' dich, Herz, du sollst erkalten, Jesus hat genug gethan. Amen, Vater, nimm mich an!

(To my shepherd I am true. Tho' my cup of woe be bitter, as He wills is always fitter, He is near when troubles brew, tho' my tears and my repining, rays of hope will soon be shining. To my shepherd I am true. I am His and He my ruler; up then, heart, nor grow thou cooler, think what Jesus did for thee. Amen, Father, take thou me.)

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Please kneel.

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Celebrant: May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 617

"Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round"

Song 1

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Music

"Fugue in E Major "

Krebs

Community Announcements

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God and for victims of hurricane Harvey and Irma by St. George's parishioners.

Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara J. McElwee, by Bryn Smythe (Main Altar) and in thanksgiving for the lives of William A. and Marion Zirkman, their daughter Bonnie (Edna May Kelby) and Forbes H. Ryder by Ruth Z. Ryder and Anne Ryder Borgess and in loving memory of my beloved sister, Jean Z. Ladlein, by Ruth Z. Ryder. (St. George's Altar)

First Day of Sunday School is TODAY! Immediately following the Blessing of Backpacks, all children in kindergarten through 5th grade will follow the teachers out of church. Middle school kids can speak to Vicki after the service about the new "Sunday School Volunteer Opportunity" that will be starting. If you have any questions about St. George's Sunday School Program, please contact Vicki Strickland at vickip73@gmail.com We are looking for more Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher, please contact Vicki.

Blessing of the Backpacks TODAY! Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks up to the altar, immediately following the collect. Pastor Barbara will help them get their school year started with a prayer for God's blessing on their study and activities.

Lou Carol's Notes: Today's anthem is a setting by the 20th c. Danish composer Finn Videro of a Lutheran tune written in 1539. The tune is commonly set to the text "All glory be to God on high." The musical style is from the late Renaissance/early Baroque eras, and the tune migrates from the soprano to the tenor, and back to the soprano voice.

Community Announcements Continued

Lou Carol' Notes: All are invited to come and sing with the Senior Choir this season. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 PM, upstairs in the choir room call. All voices are welcome to sing with us: soprano, alto, tenor and bass, and no audition is necessary! The choir has a lot of fun learning a variety of music of many different styles and time periods, and I do take suggestions for repertoire from all. Our 4 professional singers are all returning to sing at St. George's, and they will provide excellent support and continuity, along with our excellent regular volunteers. Come give us a try, and perhaps commit to a few Sundays. Please contact Lou Carol Fix (LCFix@moravian.edu), Organist/Choirmaster, if you have questions or need more information.

Do you love hearing our bells ringing out at church? Why not come along and join in! St. George's is looking for two additional persons for Bell Choir. Bell Choir practices on Thursdays at 6:00 PM beginning on September 14th. Performance are on Sundays at 10:00 AM services. Sunday performances are every 6 weeks. First performance will be Sunday, October 22nd. For more information contact Cynthia Pound by email at C16OZ@verizon.net or call 610356-2343.

Thank you to Our Sunday School Teachers today: Primary – Sam Soldan and Intermediate Vicki Strickland.

Nursery sitters start on Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 AM Service

Career Wardrobe Drop-Off: Is coming up this Tuesday, September 12th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Bible Study returns on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM with Pastor Barbara.

A Saturday Matinee of "A Dog's Purpose "at St. George's. On Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2:30 PM. Contact Roland Noreika at 610-909-6920 or rolandnoreika@gmail.

Outreach Meeting: September 19, 7:00 PM. St. George's Church. Everyone is welcome!



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The Rev. Barbara Abbott, *Interim*

**Thanks to those who are
helping today ...**

The Rev. Deacon: Toneh Williams

Altar Guild: Sally Hale

Acolytes: Ray Beckey, Steve Drabkowski,
Roland Noreika, Colette White, and
Margot White

Ambassadors: Bryn Thompson, Eileen
Kammerer and Susan LaBrake

Chalice Bearers: TBD

Coffee Hour: Bryn Smythe

Floral Guild: Kirsten Curry

Intercessor: David Farnsworth

Lectors: Eileen Kammerer and Steve Krouse

Tellers: Chris Magnani and
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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 AM

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.**