

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

- EPISCOPAL -  
ARDMORE, PA

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Proper 18**

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 am, Rite I

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*The Celebrant and People together say*

### **The Collect for Purity**

**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.**

**The Summary of the Law**

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**The Kyrie**

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**The Gloria**

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### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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.*

### 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

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.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Abbott

**The Nicene Creed**

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*All stand and together say.*

## **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 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.**

### **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**

## **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.*

### **The Offertory**

*Please stand as the monetary gifts and offering of bread and wine are brought forward.*

### **† The Great Thanksgiving †**

### **Eucharistic Prayer I**

*The people remain standing.*

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**Sanctus**

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*Please kneel as you are able.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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*A period of silence is kept*

**The Prayer of Humble Access**

**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.**

*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 as you are able.*

**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.**

*Please stand.*

*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.

**Dismissal**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## 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)*

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

**Bible Study returns on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Rector*

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

**The Rev Deacon:** Toneh Williams  
**Altar Guild:** Janice Capoferri  
Joan Cesare  
**Ambassador:** Chris Butto  
**Chalice Bearer:** Donna DiPaulo  
**Coffee Hour:** Donna DiPaulo  
**Floral Guild:** Kirsten Curry  
**Intercessor:** James Burns III  
**Lector:** Tisha Wolcuff  
**Server:** Ray Beckey  
**Tellers:** Chris Magnani and  
Stephen Lightcap

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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.**