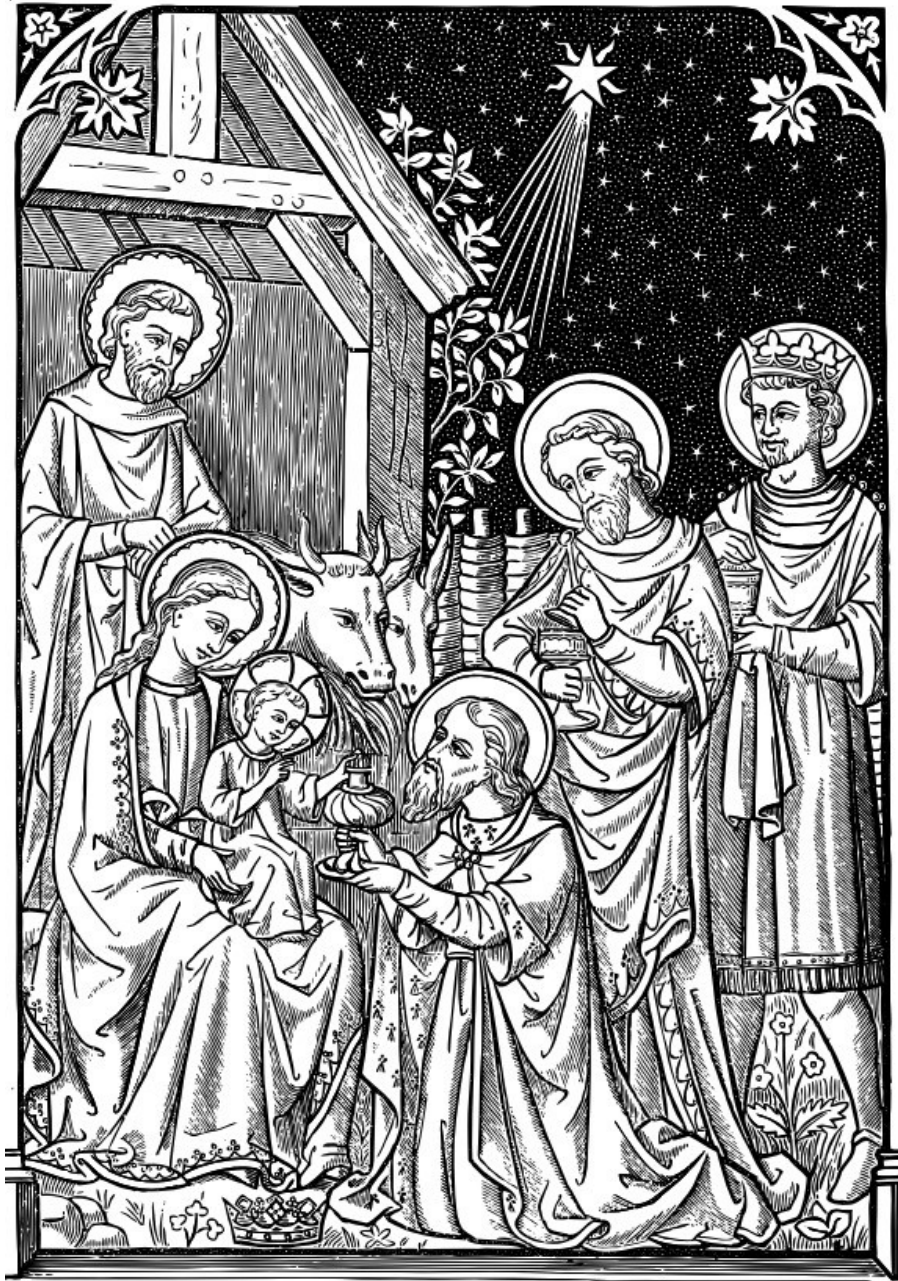


THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord (trans.)

Friday, January 10, 2025

6:00 p.m., Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Having concluded our Christmas celebration, we ready ourselves to thank God for his Son's first manifestation of himself to his children outside the Jewish covenant.

Prelude

Epiphany

Alan Bullard

Hymn 128

We three kings of Orient are
Vs. 1-all, 2-James Graham, 3-Paul Joslin, 4-Doug Stuart, 5-all

Three Kings of Orient

Celebrant
People

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

Collect for Purity *in unison*

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.

Hymn 100

Joy to the World, v. 1

Antioch

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about his revelation of himself to the nations.

We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves, and greeting one another in his Name.

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of

Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 124

What star is this, vs. 1-2

Puer nobis

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel as you are able.

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father, saying, Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

The Magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds at the beginning of this year. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: Father, protect in your love our neighbors, our families, and this community of which we are a part. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, and the Magi: Father, in your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son Jesus Christ. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: Guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Community Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our infant Savior comes to us in his sacrificial banquet and we receive him with grateful hearts.

Offertory Anthem

All Glory be to God on High

Michael Burkhardt, arr.

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven, and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given. We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise, O God, Almighty Father. Glory to God! Glory in highest heaven! Sing 'Gloria in excelsis!' All glory be to God on high and thanks and praise forever! You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation, and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation. You, only, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit, you alone share in the Father's glory.

Please stand as our monetary gifts are brought forward and all sing,

The Doxology

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

The people remaining standing, the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ

our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal, S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pew music, S-119

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.

Invitation to Communion

*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.*

Hymn 117 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning *Morning Star*

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 366

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 109 The first Nowell, v. 1-5 *The First Nowell*

Postlude Christe sanctorum *David Blackwell*



ST. GEORGE'S 2025

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m.



Potluck brunch, election of vestry members, ministry reports, and presentation of budget

JESUS SAID TO THEM,

**“COME AND EAT
BREAKFAST.”**

John 21:12

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
9 A.M.**

Join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast.
Contributions appreciated but not required.
Boys welcome, too.



Wednesday January 22, 2025

Wednesday April 2, 2025

2pm – 7pm

St. George's Episcopal Church-Dining Hall

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GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Godly Play Sunday School meets most Sundays at 10 a.m. from September to May. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible. Ask the Rector or one of the Sunday School teachers for more information ... or, better yet, ask one of the many Sunday School children who have learned so much from the program.

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE FOR WINTER & SPRING 2025

Jan. 12:	Epiphany/ Holy Baptism	Mar. 23:	The story of David
Jan. 19:	Adam & Eve	Mar. 30:	The story of Daniel
Jan. 26:	The story of Abraham	Apr. 6:	Jonah and the whale
Feb. 2:	Youth Sunday	Apr. 13:	Jesus in Jerusalem
Feb. 9:	The story of Sarah	May 4:	The story of Job
Feb. 16:	The story of Jacob	May 11:	The story of St. Mary
Feb. 23:	The story of Joseph	May 18:	The story of Esther
Mar. 2:	The story of Moses	May 25:	The Psalms
Mar. 9:	The story of Ruth	Jun. 1:	The Mystery of Pentecost
Mar. 16:	The story of Samuel	Jun. 8:	Youth Sunday



The Guild of Saint Sebastian, a membership guild for parishioners 18 years of age and younger, is intended for children and youth who are involved in athletics, the arts, or other extra-curricular activities. The purpose of the guild is to inspire these younger parishioners to achieve excellence to the glory of God, and for them to benefit from the prayerful support of the congregation by publicizing their accomplishments and including their important events in the Sunday prayers of the people. Members of the guild will receive a certificate of participation and gift at the end of the academic year. Please email me for more information or to apply. – Fr. Joel (rector@stgeorgeschurch.org)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. *2 Timothy 4:7*



Immediately the Magi, falling down before the Lord, adore him newly-born, and lying in a manger, and offering gifts they venerate the infancy of a weeping babe. With the eyes of their body they saw one thing, another with the eyes of the mind. The lowliness of the assumed Body is before their eyes, yet the glory of the Divinity is not concealed. It is a Child that is adored. And together with it the unspeakable mystery of the divine condescension! That invisible and eternal nature has not disdained, for our sakes, to take to itself the weakness of our flesh.

The Son of God, who is the God of all things, is born a man in body. He permits himself to be placed in a crib, who holds the heavens in his hand. He is confined in a manger whom the world cannot contain; he is heard in the voice of a wailing infant, at whose voice in the hour of his passion the whole earth trembled. The Magi, beholding a child, profess that this is the Lord of Glory, the Lord of Majesty, whom Isaiah has shown was both Child and God, and King Eternal, saying: “for a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the World to come, the Prince of Peace.”

John Chrysostom (349-407), *Sermon for Epiphany*

Community Announcements

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Opportunity: Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 20. The Outreach Committee is organizing a meal prep that afternoon at 3:00. We will be assembling turkey and cheese hoagies for the men and women living at the Breaking Bread Community Shelter in Upper Darby. The meal will be delivered to the shelter that evening. We are looking for donations as well as 5-7 persons willing to help with the assembly. Please see the sign-up poster in the Parish Hall.

The Ardmore Food Pantry: We are collecting cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese. Collection bins are in the Sulgrave entryway.

The St. James School/Welcome Table: For the next few months we will be collecting cleaning products for The St. James School's Welcome Table. Please bring in Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners, and place them in the large red bucket in the hall outside the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2025 Altar flower memorials. Donations and dedications for altar flowers and sanctuary candles are being taken. Contributions can be paid via check or online and are tax-deductible. These are excellent ways to remember and honor those who have died, or mark a significant occasion, while also edifying our St. George's worship. See the E-Tale for more information or contact the office.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 14, 7 p.m.: Outreach Committee meeting
January 20, 3 p.m.: Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day
January 26, 11:30 a.m.: Annual Meeting
January 22, 2 - 7 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive
February 1, 8 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
February 5, 7 p.m.: Vestry meeting
February 8, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast



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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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.