

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-

ARDMORE, PA

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19, 2017

10:00 am, Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together in the early days of our Lenten observance, we ready ourselves to worship God.

Prelude "Etude Canon in A Minor" *Robert Schumann*

The Processional Hymn 522 "Glorious things of Thee are spoken" *Austria*

A Penitential Order BCP p. 351

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue BCP p.350

Please kneel.

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 352

Please remain kneeling

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence kept.

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 of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie

S-91

See music bulletin

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord tells us in scripture and preaching the stories of His saving acts in human history, of which we have become a part through baptism. We respond in hope, proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves and greeting one another in His name.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95

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



Hard - en not your hearts, as your fore - bears did in the wil - der - ness.

Antiphon

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

Antiphon

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.

So I swore in my wrath,
They shall not enter into my rest.

Antiphon

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 678

"Surely it is God who saves me"

College of Preachers

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon

Fr. Ryan R. Whitley

Please stand if you are able and say together

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.

We have been birthed for holiness in Christ, by whose arduous labor we are awakened to life. That the wounds of our crucified Christ may not be in vain, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

We beg for mercy, O God.

For the whole church catholic, for an end to our divisions, for all who lead and all who minister, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Ryan, our priest; Toneh, our Deacon in Formation and for all baptized, we pray: **We beg for mercy, O God.**

For all who seek the living waters of baptism, and for all sponsors, we pray:

We beg for mercy, O God.

For the nations, for peacemakers, for all the world's peoples, for the governing authorities in every city and state and for the wealthy and free to uplift the poor and oppressed, we pray:

We beg for mercy, O God.

For the will to give all your people access to your grace, and for the will to supply food and sustenance to all the world's people, especially for the work and ministry of those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Mbale, Uganda; for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Christ Church, Media; Christ Church, Ridley Park; Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill; Incarnation Holy Sacrament Church, Drexel Hill; St. Matthias Church of the Redeemer, Springfield and for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Mision Oquen, we pray: **We beg for mercy, O God.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Bernadette Matthews, Phil Gagliardi, Hal McKelvey, Margo White, that they may grow in grace as they grow years, we pray:

We beg for mercy, O God.

For all whom we avoid, those we consider ungodly, the outcasts and beggars, the downtrodden, for our enemies, and for an end to our hardness of heart, we pray: **We beg for mercy, O God.**

For all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, and for all who remember and care for them, especially, Edwin, Donna, Judy Greeby, Ian Still and Family; Mary Lou Hooven, the McCuwen Family, Matilda and Larry Barry; Kate Duffy, we pray: **We beg for mercy, O God.**

(Please pray privately for, Lori Knapp, Ann Busk, Ken Williams, Prem Rajkumar, Jane, Kim White, Carol Potts, David LaBrake, Ellie and Celia, Ellen Woodward, Fr. Mike Scuderi, Tracy Liberi, Paula, Linda Cohen, Wendy, Dana and Larry, Karen Demuro, John Polinski, Ruth and Harry Cottman, Dan and Kathy Graver, James and Dominic, , Alice McElhinney, Steve Rinaldi, Lewis Sessa, Joseph Simmons, Tom and Christie, Louise Vitulli, Paula Winokur, Yolande)

For hearts to do what is good and right and true, and for humility before Christ, that we may never murmur against you, O holy God, we pray: **We beg for mercy, O God.**

We praise you, God of hope, for all the faithful who have gone before us to worship you in truth, especially Mariah Still. That we also may live faithful to eternal life, we pray:
We beg for mercy, O God.

Celebrant

Pour your love into our hearts, O God of peace. Give us joy in our suffering, endurance in trials, character in times of weakness, and hope in adversity. So, may we live, birthed always anew in you, who created us and redeems us, now and forever. **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 Lord comes to us in His sacrifice banquet,
and He strengthens us to persevere in our Lenten discipline.*

Offertory Anthem

"Mass in G: Agnus Dei"

Franz Schubert

Rebekah Graver, soprano; Mack Meyer, bass

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, dona nobis pacem.

(Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, give us peace.)

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

The Doxology

Sung 'a cappella' in Lent

† The Great Thanksgiving †

The people remain standing.

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command, all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will, they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements, you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again, and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114

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 you are able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

On the night, he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon, only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

People and Celebrant say

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. Then all join in and sing,

Fraction Anthems *All sing.*

"Agnus Dei"

Hymnal S-158

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 343

"Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

St. Agnes 85

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 366

Please kneel.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Please remain kneeling.

Celebrant

Bow down before the Lord. Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 690

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

"Etude Canon in C Major"

Schumann

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 9,

Stations of the Cross: Monday, April 10, 7:30 PM and Friday, April 14, 6:45 PM

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 13, 7:30 PM

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 14, 7:30 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, April 15, 5:00 PM

Community Announcements

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathryn Feeny by the LaBrake Family.

Lou Carol's Notes: Today's anthem is the last movement of the Mass in G by Schubert written in 1815. The choir responds three times to the plaintive singing of the soloists for mercy and peace.

The Children's Choir will rehearse on Sunday during coffee hour for their performance on April 2.

The Rite of Reconciliation: also known as confession, which has been committed by Christ to his church is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship, and through the priesthood of the church and its ministers declaring absolution. Confession is available during this holy season of Lent by appointment with Fr. Ryan. Call the church office to schedule a private appointment.

Lenten Wednesday Schedule is 6:45 PM Evening Prayer, 7:00 PM Simple Supper and 7:30pm book study and discussion. Our book is *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life*, by Derek Olsen.



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The Very Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today ...

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Steve Drabkowski, Jack Bullock, Sam Bullock,
Jake Chester, Brody Dorey and Alexia Muncey

Altar Guild: Gigi Walsh

Ambassadors: Catherine Stuart, Bryn
Thompson and Ed Brocklesby

Chalice Bearers: April Chester, Steve Krouse,
Bryn Thompson and Roland Noreika

Coffee Hour: Allan and Lorraine Wickersham

Intercessor: Andrew Coonradt

Lectors: Elizabeth Joslin and Paul Joslin

Tellers: Gigi Walsh and Susan LaBrake

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 AM

MORNING PRAYER

Monday – Thursday 9:00 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.