

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA

*Commitment Sunday*

*Proper 23*

Sunday, October 15, 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.*

**The Organ Prelude** "Antiphon: How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou" *Marcel Dupre*

**The Processional Hymn 481** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" *Gopsal*

*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, 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 Gloria** *Hymnal S-202*

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Exodus

Exodus 32: 1-14

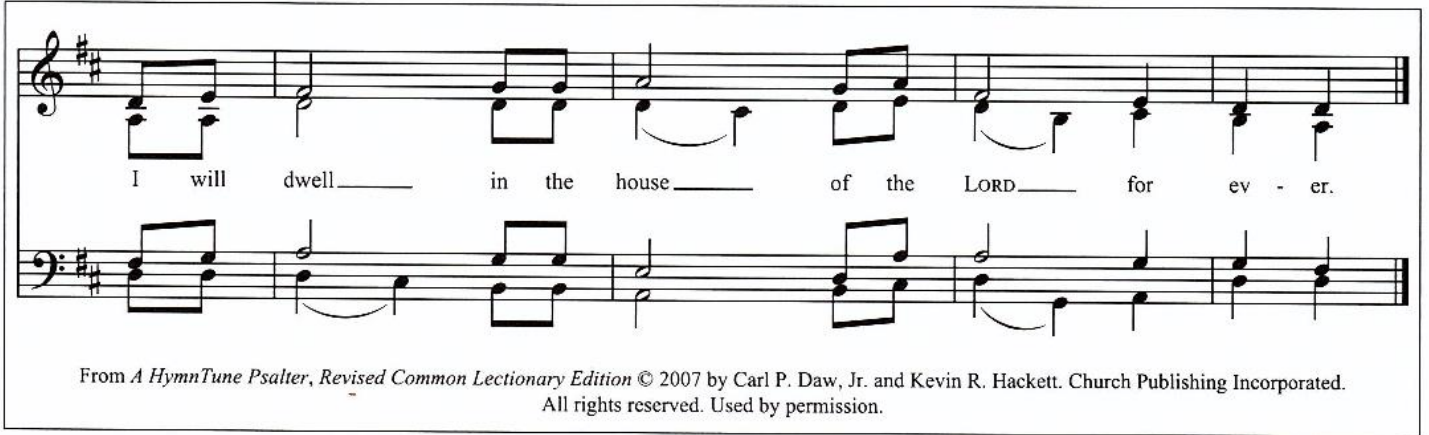
When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23



I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

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

Matthew 22: 1-4

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Rev. Barbara Abbott

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People***Please kneel.*

We are invited to the wedding banquet which the Father is preparing for the Son's marriage to the church. Let us pray to the host of the eternal feast, that we may be drawn to the banquet, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Swaziland, South Africa, and for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh; Trinity Church, Ambler; Pennypack Deanery, St. Luke All Saints', Rhawnhurst; All Saints', Torresdale; Emmanuel Resurrection Church, Holmesburg, for our Non-Parochial and Retired Clergy, and for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Church of St. John the Baptist, Guatemala City; let us pray to the King of the feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ashley Gagliardi and Colette White, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the King of the feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Joe and Elizabeth Hughes, that God may revealed to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the King of the feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders of the church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara our priest; and Toneh our deacon, may recognize that God bids the banquet hall be filled with the rich and the poor, the prominent and the unknown, the healthy and the sick, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all those who are ill may know the grace of God's healing, especially Brian Joyce, Rosemary Shirley, Luke Willette, Will, Alexis and John Bullock; Joanne Quamme, The Haley Family, Elizabeth Sim, Mary Hobart, James and Jilly; Ruth Sheppard, Jane Lovell, Rick Poole, Paul, Linda Adams, Philippa Pay, Ellen Woodward, Eileen Kammerer, Michael, Jon and Miki and family; Tony Egan, Elizabeth Boggs-Ingles and James Ingles, and be restored to health and vigor, let us pray to the Lord of the banquet, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all those who have died, may rest from their labors and know God's gracious car, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all the leaders of nations, the United Nations and Donald our President, may address the global problems of disease, hunger; and conflict, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

O Lord, may all one day appear clothed with amazing grace at your Son's wedding banquet, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin and the Absolution**

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**The Peace**

*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 with grateful hearts.*

### The Offertory Anthem

"Messa di Gloria: Agnus Dei"  
John Lapetina, Mack Meyer, tenor/bass duet

*Giacomo Puccini*

Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem.  
(Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Give us peace.)

*Please stand as our monetary gifts are brought forward and all sing. Music printed in Service Music leaflet*

### 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"  
"Agnus Dei"

Hymnal S-154

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 Anthem

"In my life, Lord, be glorified"  
Children's Choir

*Bob Kilpatrick*

"In my life, Lord, be glorified today. In my school...in my home...in my heart."

### The Communion Hymn 321

"My God thy table now is spread"  
vs. 1,3,4

*Rockingham*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## The Closing Hymn 382

"King of Glory"

*General Seminary*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Organ Postlude

"Allegretto"

*Gustav Merkel*

### **Community Announcements**

*The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Louis Capoferri by Janice Capoferri and Family*

*Flowers on the Altars today are given to the glory of God  
And in loving memory of my Father, Darrel T. Lubey by Deborah Newnham*

**Today's anthem** is the last movement from Puccini's Mass of Gloria, which he wrote at age 18 as his graduation thesis from the music institute of Lucca, Italy. The "Agnus dei" movement features a duet of tenor and bass voices, which alternates with full choir intoning "have mercy on us." The accompaniment, with its "oom pah" pattern belies Puccini's preference for writing opera music.

**The All Soul's Day service at St. George's will occur on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30pm.** The choir will sing an Evensong service with responses by William Byrd, canticles by Orlando Gibbons, and an anthem by Franz Schubert, the "Credo" from his Mass in G. The service will begin in the Memorial Garden

**Altar of Remembrance:** The small altar in the Lady Chapel has been placed there for you to place small photographs of loved ones who have died, 2016 – 2017. With a book to write their names. On All Saints Sunday, we will have a special prayer at this Altar during both the 8AM and 10AM services.

**Looking for Gala Committee Members!** Meet with us on Sunday, October 15 after church.

**Come on out to the Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.** Sign-Up sheet in Jerusalem Hall  
**Parish Fall Clean Up Day is coming up.** Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Sign-Up!

**Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM with Pastor Barbara.



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The Rev. Barbara Abbott, *Interim Rector*

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

**The Rev. Deacon:** Toneh Williams

**Altar Guild:** Gigi Walsh

**Acolytes:** Ray Beckey, Roland Noreika,  
Steve Drabkowski, Jack Bullock and Sam  
Bullock

**Ambassadors:** Catherine Stuart, Stephen  
Lightcap and Susan LaBrake

**Chalice Bearers:** Cynthia Pound, Sally Hale  
and Michael Fox

**Coffee Hour:** TBD

**Floral Guild:** Sarah Farnsworth

**Lectors:** Marlee and Gary Bullock

**Intercessor:** Michael Fox

**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

**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.**