

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA

The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27

Sunday, November 12, 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.

Prelude

"Carillon Fanfare"

Paul Bryan

The Processional Hymn 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor" *Comm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 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 Wisdom

Wisdom 6: 12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

Psalm 70

O LORD, make haste to help me.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say for ever,

"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy;

come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O Lord, do not tarry.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The Sequence Hymn

"Ain't gonna lay my armor down"
Bluegrass Gospel Revival, and Congregation

Camp meeting song

Chorus

G C G

Ain't gonna lay my ar - mor down, Ain't gonna lay my ar - mor down, Ain't gonna

D G

lay my ar - mor down 'til He comes, Ain't gonna lay my ar - mor down, Ain't gonna

C G D G

lay my ar - mor down, Ain't gonna lay my ar - mor down 'til He comes.

Handwritten notes: "Fly" above the second staff and "5." at the end of the third staff.

- vs. 2: "I'm gonna sing and shout and pray...'til He comes."
- vs. 3: "Ain't gonna run when the battle gets hot...'til He comes."
(repeat vs. 1)

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest 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.

For the widow and her son, the jar of flour did not go empty, nor did the jug of oil run dry. Through a year of drought, God provided for their needs until the rains came. Mindful of our own hunger and thirst, let us ask God to give us those blessings which will sustain us, saying: Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that you send life-giving rain to the earth, that there may be bread for all nations. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that the leaders of this country, especially Donald, our President, will build for peace, not war, and that our country join the rest of the world in addressing shared climate goals. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that the church may continue to offer the bread of life to those who are hungry in spirit, that they may taste the richness of your consolation. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that those in need of your healing, especially Teresa Urian, Donald, Laura, Artie Amicci, Carol, Louise, Bruce, Sharon, Cecilia, Ellen, Michael Mack, Randy, Ross Trotter, Peter Weihmann and Laura; may have your healing hand laid on them. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Please pray privately for Brian Joyce, Rosemary Shirley, Luke Willette, Alexis and John Bullock; The Haley Family, Elizabeth Sim, Mary Hobart, James and Jilly; Ruth Sheppard, Jane Lovell, Rick Poole, 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, 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)

We ask that this community of faith and leaders of the church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara our priest; and Toneh our deacon, may be a sign of your loving generosity, always ready to give to those who have less and to welcome the strangers in the midst. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Nigeria, and for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Church of St. James, Kingsessing; St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village; Southwark Deanery, Christ Church, Philadelphia; Gloria Dei Church, Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square and for those in our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, St. Thomas Apostles' Church. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Cecily Littleton, Nicholas Magnani, Tommy Ricci, Ellen Woodward, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that those who have died, especially Stacey Paolantonio, Charlie Kerns and those killed in New Braunfels, Texas; may have a place at your heavenly banquet table. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Loving God, giver of life, nurture us in body and spirit so that, trusting in your mercy, we may generously respond to whatever you ask of us. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who gave his life for our salvation. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and the Absolution

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Blessing of New Vestment and Altar Hangings

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 with grateful hearts.

Offertory Anthem

"Diamonds in the Rough"
Bluegrass Gospel Revival

L.L. Pickett

Ah! many hearts are aching we find them every where, whose cups are filled with sorrow, whose homes are filled with care; when trouble overtakes them, the world gives them a cuff, or sends them to perdition, those diamonds in the rough. The day will soon be over, when digging will be done, and no more gems be gathered, so let us all press on; when Jesus comes to claim us, and says "It is enough", the diamonds will be shining no longer in the rough. O there are many diamonds long buried in the earth, we pass them by unnoticed, but Jesus knows their worth; He bids us seek and find them, His message is enough, He'll save and sanctify them, these diamonds in the rough. There are complaining people who say we are too bold, and then there are still others who say we're after gold; but they are all mistaken, we crave no earthly stuff, but souls of poor lost sinners, those diamonds in the rough. Now keep your lamps a-burning, the lamps of perfect love, and unto every sinner point out the way above; the precious blood of Jesus was shed, and that's enough, Oh, let us tell them of it, those diamonds in the rough.

Please stand as our monetary gifts 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

"Christ Our Passover"
"Agnus Dei"

Hymnal S-154

Hymnal S-161

See pew music pamphlet

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.

Communion Anthem

"Prayer of Richard Rolle"
Cynthia Pound, conductor

Cynthia Pound

Jesu my soul now mend: your love into me send - that I with you life spend in joy that has no end. In love would now my thought, my heart lift up in glee; my soul You dearly bought: make it Your lover be. Save You, I yearn for nought: this world therefore I flee; You are what I have sought; Your face I long to see. You make my soul most bright, as love can alter sight. Your melody to hear that I Your love may sing.

The Communion Hymn 64

"O heavenly Word, eternal Light"
vs. 1,2,3

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Postcommunion Prayer

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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 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 436

"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"
vs. 1,3,4,5

Truro

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"I am bound for the promised land"
Bluegrass Gospel Revival

Stennett/Durham

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye, to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. I am bound for the promised land, O who will come and go with me? All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day; there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. No chilling winds, nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore; sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest? When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

Community Announcements

*The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God
And in loving memory of Michael Urian by Harry and Lynne Urian*

Flowers on the Altars today are given to the glory of God and

Lou Carol's Notes: Today's Communion anthem was composed by our own Cynthia Pound. The text is a prayer by Richard Rolle, a 13th c. English hermit, teacher, writer and mystic. The music beautifully sets the accents and meaning of the words as it begins in a minor key and joyfully ends in a major key.

Save the Date! St George's Under the Sea on Friday, Dec. 2nd. contact Laurie Ney at gala@stgeorgeschurch.org

Thank you to the following parishioners for their donations for the new altar set and vestments, Ray Beckey, Chris and Diane Butto; Joan Cesare, Robert Dalstrom and Family; Judy Greeby and Family; Chad and Vicki Strickland.

Bible Study this Wednesdays at 7:00 PM with Pastor Barbara, then a break of two weeks. Group will reconvene on Wednesday, Nov. 29th to begin discussing *Richard Rohr's book Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the two halves of life.*

Our next Parish Fall Clean Up Day continues on Saturday November 18th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Contact is Sarah Farnsworth at sfarnsworth@dca.net or call her at 610-446-6226 if you have any questions. **Come on out and enjoy spending some time with your fellow parishioners while helping to beautify our church.**



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The Rev. Barbara Abbott, *Interim Rector*

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

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Steve Drabowski, Jack Bullock, Sam
Bullock, Gracie Rafferty
Ambassadors: Steve Krouse, Susan LaBrake
and Eileen Kammerer
Chalice Bearers: Bryn Thompson and TBD
Coffee Hour: Deb and George Newnham
Lectors: Doug Stuart and David
Farnsworth
Intercessor: Eileen Kammerer
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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.**