

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-

ARDMORE, PA

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 19, 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 the People 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. **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 Leviticus

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice, you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The 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.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Matthew 5: 38-48

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Toneh Williams

The Nicene Creed

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All stand and together say

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

The all-wise and loving God calls us to be fools for the sake of Christ. Although we cannot accomplish all that is right and good, may our prayers please our God and bring our Lord's response, as we say: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christians throughout the world, that their loving concern may extend to all God's people, and that they may never by word or deed show contempt for their neighbor, and for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean), 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 to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christian leaders, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Ryan, our priest; and Toneh, our Deacon in Formation that their imitation of God's holiness may bear fruit in words of compassion and works of loving-kindness, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For civic leaders, that in obedience to God's commands they may promote the welfare of all their citizens, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in any way, especially Tony Carbo, Kate Duffy, 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, that through our loving concern that they be comforted in their distress, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Please pray privately for, Paula, Linda Cohen, Wendy, Dana and Larry, Dana and Larry, Karen Demuro, John Polinski, Jeffery Jaquith, Ruth and Harry Cottman, Jack Fleming, Dan and Kathy Graver, James and Dominic, Fred Lombardi, Barbara Marg, Alice McElhinney, Steve Rinaldi Lewis Sessa, Joseph Simmons, Jeanette Toconita Tom and Christie, Lousie Vitelli, Paula Winokur, Yolande)

For our Jewish sisters and brothers, that they may be faithful to God's call to holiness, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the needs of this assembly, that our sharing of God's holy gifts around this table may bear fruit in our daily lives, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, Bryn Smythe, Cynthia Pound, Pete Lungren and Stephanie Krouse, that they may grow in grace as they grow years, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters who have died, especially Ann McKelvey and Jack Povey, that having built up the church by their lives of holiness, they may now reside in the heavenly Jerusalem, chanting the glory of God, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

All holy God, your wisdom illuminates our folly, and your love shows forth the shallowness of our concern. By the prayer, we offer may we receive the grace to avoid all vengeance and hatred and the courage to live out our Christian convictions. We make this prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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 with grateful hearts.

The Offertory

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

† **The Great Thanksgiving** †

Eucharistic Prayer I

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*The people remain standing.***Sanctus**

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*The people kneel.***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.*

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. Amen.

*Please stand***The Epiphany Blessing**

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant 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 in loving memory of Lawrence Cesare, by Joan Cesare.

Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Stephanie Krouse's Birthday, with love by Steve, Maureen, Matthew, and Alison Krouse

February Cereal Collection for the Ardmore Pantry - CHERRIOS, RICE KRISPIES, CORN FLAKES and RAISIN BRAN. The pantry provides our neighbors with the groceries they need.

Today, February 19th at 12noon there will be informational meeting on Refugee Resettlement at in Jerusalem Hall.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: On Tuesday, February 28th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at The Rectory. We will provide the pancakes. Please sign-up in Jerusalem Hall. We will also have a sign-up to bring cooked bacon, sausage, and fruit to share.

IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING: Saturday, February 25, 5:00pm, at Christ Church Ithan 536 Conestoga Road, Villanova. BYOB catered Spaghetti Dinner and Show featuring the soloists of Christ Church, Ithan in the style of a 1970's Dinner Theater. Music from Mahler to Broadway including bits from Carousel, The Fantasticks, Going My Way, Strike Up the Band, Follies, The Muppet Movie, Bernstein's Candide, La Boheme, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, La La Land and a bunch of others! Come with your date and enjoy an evening out which won't get you to bed too late to be in church the next morning! Email Guardianangel720@hotmail.com or call 610-688-1110 for necessary reservations. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for two people.

Ash Wednesday, March 1st: Services at 12:00pm and 7:30pm.

Lenten Quiet Day is Saturday, March 4th from 830am -12pm.



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

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Chalice Bearer: Tohen Williams

Coffee Hour: Al Revell

Floral Guild: Cathy Hetznecker

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Lector: Chris Butto

Server: Ray Beckey

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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.

