

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

8:00 am Rite I

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

A Penitential Order

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All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth forever.**

The Decalogue

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Please kneel.

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet. **Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The Confession and Absolution

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Kyrie

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee 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.**

The Psalm 95

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.

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!

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.

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.**

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

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Ryan R. Whitley

The Nicene Creed

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All stand and together say

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 with thy spirit.**

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.*

The Offertory

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

† The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer II

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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

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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.

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.

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 Dismissal

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

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

NOTES AND HOLY DOODLES

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.

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

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Altar Guild: Janice Capoferri

Ambassador: Chris Butto

Chalice Bearer: Donna DiPaulo

Coffee Hour: Mary Hobart

Intercessor: George Chittenden

Lector: Chris Luetzen

Server: Ray Beckey

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.