

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-

ARDMORE, PA

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15

Sunday, August 14, 2016

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 Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please be seated.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life. Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of the his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

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 Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The 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 hope to see the Lord's work in this world, answering God's call and not fighting against it, especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Ryan, our priest. Let us pray with one voice, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to heed and not to harm the messenger of peace, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to bear and not to break the discipline of truth, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to feel and never to fear the love of Christ, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to soothe and never to injure those who are sick, suffering, or in any need or trouble, especially for____, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who must bear a message of peace, give a Christlike courage, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who must teach the ways of truth, give a Christlike strength, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who must love when hatred rules, give a Christlike heart, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Take away war; take away lies; take away hatred, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Take away the sting of death as we pray for those who wake eternally, especially for Sandra Lowry, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send us prophets; send us teachers, sons and daughters of your name, and send them also to those in our Anglican Cycle or Prayer, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and to the churches in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St Phillip's Church, New Hope; Trinity Church, Solebury; Christ Church, Media; Christ Church, Ridley Park; and to our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, The Church of the Holy Trinity, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Brian Chester, Amy Dorey and Robert Weder; that may they grow in grace as they grow in years, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray those celebrating their anniversaries, especially Bryan and Miranda Freberg; that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

O Lord, we have learned what to ask you through your Son, the peacemaker, the teacher of truth, who loved without limit. It is you that he revealed. We want to be like you in him, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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Please kneel as you are able.

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, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel as you are able.

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.

Sending Out of a Lay Eucharist Minister

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.**

The Blessing

Please stand

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Community Announcements

*The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God.
Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God.*

BYOM: is this evening at 5pm! Grills will be hot. Come out and enjoy a fun, relaxing and kid friendly BBQ!

First Day of Sunday School: September 11, 2016 at 10:00 service. If you have any questions about St. George's Sunday School Program, please contact Vicki Strickland at vickip73@gmail.com

Blessing of the Backpacks, September 11TH: Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the 10:00 Eucharist so Fr. Ryan may help them get their school year started with a prayer for God's blessing on their study and activities.

The 7th Annual Sulgrave Classic: On September 25th Parents vs Kids Wiffle Ball Game, immediately following the 10:00 service. There will be a barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers after the game. **Kids are leading the series, 4-2.**

WANTED Bell Ringers: Ringing across the Church! We are looking for 3 new learners to join our happy band. So, if you are interested, just curious, or even a lapsed bell ringer - don't be shy. Contact Cynthia Pound at 610-356-2343.

Sanctuary Candle: Is available 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/25, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11 and 12/25.

Altars are available for: Flower memorials and celebrations on 8/28, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 11/20, 12/11, 12/18.

Please contact Parish Office to arrange.



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

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

Altar Guild: Janice Capoferri

Ambassador: Ray Beckey

Chalice Bearer: Donna DiPaulo

Coffee Hour: Donna and Don DiPaulo

Intercessor: Chris Luetzen

Lector: Joan Cesare

Server: Al Revell

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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.