

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 14

Sunday, August 13, 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 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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 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 First Book of Kings

1Kings 19: 9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart", (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Matthew 14: 22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 are the ark of the church, at times storm-tossed and frightened. Let us cry out in faith for our own needs and the needs of the world, saying: **Lord, save us.**

For those churches who are resisting oppression and enduring persecution in the name of the gospel, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For those who have been called to lead us in our faith communities, especially, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Ryan our priest, and Toneh our deacon, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For the leaders of nations, especially Donald, our President, communities, and households, who are faced with terrible choices and whose decisions affect the lives of many, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For those caught in addictions of mind or body, for those who feel powerless and sink ever deeper into despair, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For those who rely on themselves, for those who struggle to trust in God's beckoning word, for those who know fear before the actions of grace, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For those who are ill, especially Lawrence Wrabetz, Annmarie, Jo-Zetta, Joseph Calhoun, Susan, Donald, Bill, Marie Schall, Joe Hughes, Patsy Stevenson, Clark and Gina Bullock, that they may know God's healing, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

Please pray privately for 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)

For those who have died, especially__, that they may be received into God's never-failing care, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Lagos, Nigeria; for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Paul's Church, Levittown; St. Mary the Virgin St. Philip's Church, New Hope; Trinity Church, Buckingham; Trinity Church, Solebury and Christ Church, Media; and for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Church of the Holy Trinity, we pray for God's wisdom. **Lord, save us.**

For all of us who gather at this Eucharistic table, weak in faith, faltering in our response to God, let us cry out to the Lord. **Lord, save us.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week Jason Bullock and Janet Reddin, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, we pray. **Lord, save us.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially George and Deb Newnham, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony. Lord, in your mercy. **Lord, save us.**

Celebrant

O true and faithful God, you are the hope of those who cry out to you. Hear our petitions. Where there is no faith, awaken it; where there is little faith, enlarge it, that one day we may all come to acknowledge Jesus as your Son and the savior of the world. We ask this in his name, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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.

The Blessing

Please stand

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth 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 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 and for the Whitley Family, may God be kind, generous and rewarding.

Good Luck! From the St. George's Parishioners.

Flowers on the Altars today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Fr. Ryan Whitley from the St. George's Parishioners.

Today at 2pm – 9pm “Farewell Party for The Whitley’s at St. George’s”.

A Word from the Warden: I am very happy to tell you that this week the Vestry hired The Reverend Barbara Abbott as our interim priest as we search for our new rector. Barbara lives in Ardmore and comes to us from Holy Apostles in Penn Wynne where she was interim until just last week. Barbara comes with several years’ experience as an interim priest and is excited to work with us, care for us and lead us through our transition. Her first day will be Monday, August 28. Please extend a warm St. George's welcome to her when you meet her.



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

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

The Rev. Deacon: Toneh Williams

Altar Guild: Janice Capoferri and
Joan Cesare

Ambassador: James Burns III

Chalice Bearer: George Chittenden

Coffee Hour: Diane and Chris Butto

Intercessor: Janice Capoferri

Lector: Chris Butto

Server: Ray Beckey

Tellers: Chris Magnani and Stephen Lightcap

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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.