

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA

Commitment Sunday

Proper 23

Sunday, October 15, 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 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.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Exodus

Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt! The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Matthew 22: 1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Abbott

The Nicene Creed

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All stand and together say

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

We are invited to the wedding banquet which the Father is preparing for the Son's marriage to the church. Let us pray to the host of the eternal feast, that we may be drawn to the banquet, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Swaziland, South Africa, and for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh; Trinity Church, Ambler; Pennypack Deanery, St. Luke All Saints', Rhawnhurst; All Saints', Torresdale; Emmanuel Resurrection Church, Holmesburg, for our Non-Parochial and Retired Clergy, and for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Church of St. John the Baptist, Guatemala City; let us pray to the King of the feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ashley Gagliardi and Colette White, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the King of the feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Joe and Elizabeth Hughes, that God may be revealed to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the King of the feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders of the church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara our priest; and Toneh our deacon, may invite the rich and the poor, the prominent and the unknown, the healthy and the sick, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all those who are ill may know the grace of God's healing, especially Brian Joyce, Rosemary Shirley, Luke Willette, Alexis and John Bullock; Joanne Quamme, The Haley Family, Elizabeth Sim, Mary Hobart, James and Jilly; Ruth Sheppard, Jane Lovell, Rick Poole, Paul, Linda Adams, Philippa Pay, Ellen Woodward, Eileen Kammerer, Michael, Tony Egan, Elizabeth Boggs-Ingles and James Ingles, and be restored to health and vigor, let us pray to the Lord of the banquet, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Please pray privately for Phoebe Weintraub, Anita Bowersock, Santino and Tristan Harvey, Lawrence Wrabetz, Annmarie, Jo-Zetta, 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 Drinkwater, David Pokorny, Joy Polito and Harry Urian)

That those whose homes and businesses have been destroyed by fire and flood may know your gracious care and the we may redouble our efforts to curb global warming, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all those who have died, especially __, may rest from their labors and know God's gracious care, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all the leaders of nations, the United Nations and Donald our President, may address the global problems of disease, hunger; and conflict, especially remembering the people of Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

O Lord, may all one day appear clothed with amazing grace at your Son's wedding banquet, to whom be glory forever and ever. **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.

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

Deacon: 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 in loving memory of Louis Capoferri by Janice Capoferri and Family*

*Flowers on the Altars today are given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of my Father, Darrel T. Lubey by Deborah Newnham*

Altar of Remembrance: The small altar in the Lady Chapel has been placed there for you to place small photographs of loved ones who have died, 2016 – 2017. With a book to write their names. On All Saints Sunday, we will have a special prayer at this Altar during both the 8AM and 10AM services.

Looking for Gala Committee Members! Meet with us on Sunday, October 15 after church. Save the Date! St George's Under the Sea on Friday, Dec. 2nd. Live Auction ~ Dinner ~ Cocktails

Come on out to the annual Trunk or Treat at St. George's Episcopal Church. It is a fun and safe way for the kids to celebrate Halloween. Saturday, October 28th, 2017 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. St. George's Parking Lot. Contact is Vicki Strickland at vickip73@gmail.com Sign-Up sheet in Jerusalem Hall.

Parish Fall Clean Up Day is coming up. Saturday November 4th and 18th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This year we are going to divide our traditional fall cleanup day into two, as we have a lot to do this fall! Look for signup sheet and more information in the parish hall. Contact is Sarah Farnsworth at sfarnsworth@dca.net or call her at 610-446-6226 if you have any questions.

Learn more about Seaman's Institute of Philadelphia on Monday, October 23, 12:00 - 2:00 PM in Jerusalem Hall. Learn to knit while enjoying a light lunch and good company. For more information contact Pleasants Tinkler (610) 341-9282 jdtinkler@verizon.net

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM with Pastor Barbara.



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

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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.