

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA

The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27

Sunday, November 12, 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 God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **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 Wisdom

Wisdom 6: 12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

A Reading from the letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Matthew 25: 1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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.

For the widow and her son, the jar of flour did not go empty, nor did the jug of oil run dry. Through a year of drought, God provided for their needs until the rains came. Mindful of our own hunger and thirst, let us ask God to give us those blessings which will sustain us, saying: Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that you send life-giving rain to the earth, that there may be bread for all nations. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that the leaders of this country, especially Donald, our President, will build for peace, not war, and that our country join the rest of the world in addressing shared climate goals. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that the church may continue to offer the bread of life to those who are hungry in spirit, that they may taste the richness of your consolation. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that those in need of your healing, especially Teresa Urian, Laura, Donald, Artie Amicci, Carol, Louise, Bruce, Sharon, Cecilia, Ellen, Michael Mack, Randy, Ross Trotter, Peter Weihmann and Laura; may have your healing hand laid on them. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Please pray privately for Brian Joyce, Rosemary Shirley, Luke Willette, Alexis and John Bullock; The Haley Family, Elizabeth Sim, Mary Hobart, James and Jilly; Ruth Sheppard, Jane Lovell, Rick Poole, Phoebe Weintraub, Anita Bowersock, Santino and Tristan Harvey, Lawrence Wrabetz, Annmarie, Jo-Zetta, Joseph Calhoun, 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. David Pokorny, Joy Polito and Harry Urian)

We ask that this community of faith and leaders of the church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara our priest; and Toneh our deacon, may be a sign of your loving generosity, always ready to give to those who have less and to welcome the strangers in the midst. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Nigeria, and for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Church of St. James, Kingsessing; St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village; Southwark Deanery, Christ Church, Philadelphia; Gloria Dei Church, Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square and for those in our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, St. Thomas Apostles' Church. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Cecily Littleton, Nicholas Magnani, Tommy Ricci, Ellen Woodward, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that those who have died, especially Stacey Paolantonio and those killed in New Braunfels, Texas; may have a place at your heavenly banquet table. Give us this day our daily bread: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Loving God, giver of life, nurture us in body and spirit so that, trusting in your mercy, we may generously respond to whatever you ask of us. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who gave his life for our salvation. **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.

Blessing of New Vestment and Altar Hangings

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: 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 Michael Urian by Harry and Lynne Urian*

Flowers on the Altars today are given to the glory of God and

Save the Date! St George's Under the Sea on Friday, Dec. 2nd. contact Laurie Ney at gala@stgeorgeschurch.org

Thank you to the following parishioners for their donations for the new altar set and vestments, Ray Beckey, Chris and Diane Butto; Joan Cesare, Robert Dalstrom and Family; Judy Greeby and Family; Chad and Vicki Strickland.

Bible Study this Wednesdays at 7:00 PM with Pastor Barbara, then a break of two weeks. Group will reconvene on Wednesday, Nov. 29th to begin discussing *Richard Rohr's book Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the two halves of life.*

Our next Parish Fall Clean Up Day is coming up. Saturday November 18th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. 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. **Come on out and enjoy spending some time with your fellow parishioners while helping to beautify our church.**

Save the Date! Saturday, December 9, 2017 for Pancake Breakfast with Santa ~ 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM



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The Rev. Barbara Abbott, *Interim Rector*

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

The Rev. Deacon: Toneh Williams
Altar Guild: Janice Capoferri
Altar Guild Setup: Joan Cesare
And Mary Hobart
Ambassador: Joan Cesare
Chalice Bearer: George Chittenden
Coffee Hour: Jim Burns
Intercessor: Chris Luetzen
Lector: Tisha Wilcoff
Server: Ray Beckey
Tellers: Chris Magnani and TBD

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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.