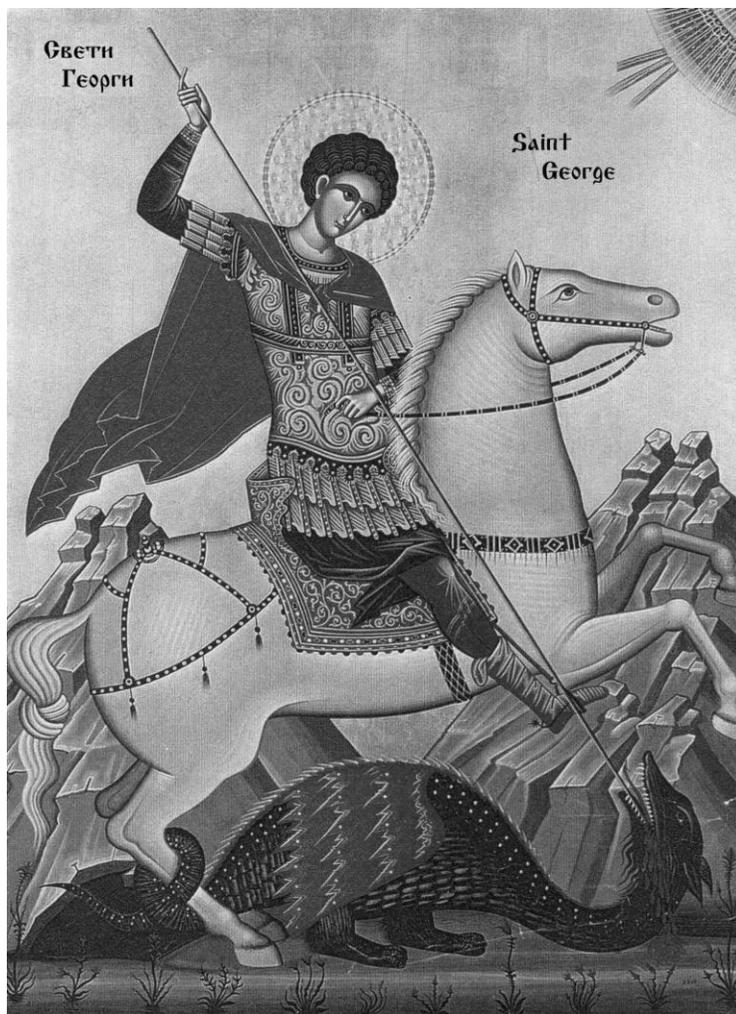


THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Second Sunday of Easter

The Feast Day of St. George

Sunday, April 23, 2017

10:00 am, Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together from our week in the world as Easter People, we ready ourselves to continue our celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death for our salvation.

Organ Prelude "Air" Henry Purcell

Hymn Introduction: "Risen Today!" Jubilation Ringers

The Processional Hymn 195 "Jesus lives!" Mowsley
The Celebrant and the People proclaim the Easter Acclamation,

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant and People together say

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of hosts, who didst so kindle the flame of love in the heart of thy servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: grant us the same faith and power of love that we, who rejoice in his triumphs, may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about how He has saved all humankind from the power of death by raising His Son to life again. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
 upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
 I have set the LORD always before me;
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Zimbabwe Alleluia and Verse

Congregation and Choir sing together two times, then cantor sings verse and then all repeat Alleluia.



People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Repeat Zimbabwe Alleluia

Congregation sing together.

The Sermon

Fr. Ryan R. Whitley

The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel

Let us who have been born anew to a living hope through resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need saying: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations, that hatred and violence and war may cease, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy and all who offer ministries, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Ryan, our priest; and Toneh, our Deacon in Formation, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, especially for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and Middle East, for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Free Church of St. John, St. Mark Grace, Church and the Incarnation Holy Innocents, St. Paul's Church, Tacony; La Iglesiade Cristo y San Ambrosio, St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton and for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Saint Peter and Saint Paul' s Church, Guatemala City; we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those imprisoned unjustly by force, that they may be liberated and not be abandoned to the dominion of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all gathered here out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Jackson Curry and Liz Hughes, that they may grow in grace as they grow years, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those having died in faith, and for all the sick and dying, especially Harry Urian, Elaine Tambon, Bob Grimm, Nancy, Rich DeFeo, Josh, William Luetzen, Allen and Debbie Ruth, Roxanne Rogers, George Suzanne Plattner, that they may know the love of God who raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

(Please pray privately for Edwin, Donna, Judy Greeby, Ian Still and Family; Mary Lou Hooven, the McCuwen Family, Matilda and Larry Barry; Kate Duffy, 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)

Celebrant

Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day, and to one another in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that Christ may be present in all we do and say. So may your life be praised, today and all days. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and the Absolution

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Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in our will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

People **Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you. Alleluia!**

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Please be seated.

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 Anthem

"Risen this Day!"

Michael Ryan

Jubilation Ringers, Cynthia Pound, conductor

Please stand as our monetary gifts and offering of bread and wine are brought forward and all sing,

The Doxology

Old 100th

† The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-128

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed George, our patron, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

People and Celebrant say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. Then all join in and sing,

Fraction Anthems

"Christ Our Passover"

Hymnal S-154

"Agnus Dei"

Hymnal S-171

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 Communion Anthem 318

"The Strife is O'er"

Dan Edwards

Jubilation Ringers

The Communion Hymn 318

"Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face"

Nyack

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for St. George's Church

Most holy and tender God, because your desire to love me and form your likeness in me exceeds every other circumstance of life, I turn to you asking that, as St. George in helplessness and by your power slew the dragon, so in me: Slay the dragon of selfishness, so that freed of its fear, I might provide for the needs, even wants, of others. Slay the dragon of fear, so that freed of its defensiveness, I might become more open and vulnerable to others close to me, trusting in your protection. Slay the dragon of doubt, so that freed from its ambivalence, I might trust and act upon your word regardless of apparent consequences. As I listen to your Word, listening for your word to me; as I offer my life at the altar, and receive the life of Christ in return, I wish to become a vessel of renewal, poured out on my family and my parish. Dear Lord, cleanse me, heal me, fill me, use me, so that I may become simple, joyous, giving – a witness to your generous Love. Amen.

Please stand.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having met the risen Lord to carry on the work of the women at the tomb, telling of His resurrection and the world's salvation.

The Easter Blessing

Please stand.

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

The Closing Hymn 492

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Finnian

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace
of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Organ Postlude

" Fanfare "

Purcell

Community Announcements

The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathleen M. and James Feeny by the LaBrake Family.

American Red Cross Blood Drive April 26th from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM at St Georges Church in the dining hall. Contact parish office for an appointment or register online www.redcrossblood.org using keyword StGeorge.

Finito! The plates are stacked and the glasses put away. The kitchen is completed! This past Saturday our beloved St. George's Kitchen was blessed with the hustlebustle and the delicious aroma of our Easter Vigil Dinner. We could not have done this without everyone's support and the many hours of volunteering from parishioners. Thank YOU!

Bakers Needed for the Haverford Guild Craftsmen Show: Friday, 4/28 & Saturday, 4/29. They are needed by Thursday, April 27th. We are also looking for volunteers to work at our bake sale table. Proceeds will be donated to St. George's Outreach. Contact Bryn Smythe Bryn.smythe@gmail.com.

Outreach Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in Jerusalem Hall. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Classes will resume on May 10 with a C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, and his lesser known friend and contemporary, Charles Williams' *Descent Into Hell*.

Kentucky Derby at St. George's coming Saturday, May 6th from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. More details posted in Jerusalem Hall or in the E-Tale.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

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

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Altar Guild: Rob and Emily McGarvey
Acolytes: Steve Drabkowski, Ray Beckey,
Jack Bullock, Sam Bullock and Roland
Noreika
Ambassadors: David Farnsworth, Cathy
Hetznecker and Eileen Kammerer
Chalice Bearer: Steve Drabkowski, Roland
Noreika, Steve Krouse and Toneh Williams
Intercessor: Steve Krouse
Lectors: Elise Whitley and Janet Reddin
Coffee Hour: Gary and Betsy Zakeosian
Tellers: David Ney and Steve Krouse

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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.**