

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA

The Second Sunday of Easter

Feast Day of St. George

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00 am, Rite I

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.

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, 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 Kyrie

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The Gloria

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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.**

The Psalm 16

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.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

1 Peter 1: 3-9

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.**

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

John 20: 19-31

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.**

The Sermon

Fr. Ryan R. Whitley

The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

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 Absolution

Please remain kneeling

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 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 with thy spirit.**

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

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

† The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer I

Sanctus

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The people kneel.

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

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Please kneel.

The Sending of a Lay Eucharistic Visitor

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 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 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.**

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.

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.

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!

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.

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



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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

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.