

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-  
ARDMORE, PA

## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday, May 21, 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**

"St. Philip"

*Healey Willan*

**The Processional Hymn 199**

"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

*St. Kevin*

*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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 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 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

**A Reading from the first letter of Peter**

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*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.*



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

John 14: 15-21

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Repeat Zimbabwe Alleluia

*Congregation and Choir sing together.*

## The Sermon

Toneh Williams

**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 in 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 now demonstrate the hope that fills our hearts by turning to God in prayer, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all ministers of the gospel, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Ryan, our priest, and Toneh, our Deacon in Formation; that they may preach the word boldly and without apology. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Anglican Center in Rome, for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Clément's Church; Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany; St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia; St Mary's Church, Philadelphia; and St Peter's Church, Philadelphia for our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Church of Jesus of the Palms. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower your Spirit, O Lord, all leaders of nations, that they may be unrelenting in the quest for peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Phil Moore, Janice Capoferri and Fr. Ryan, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Steve and Maureen Krouse and Cynthia and Dick Pound, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all suffering peoples of this world, especially those who suffer for doing right. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those among us who experience desolation, especially those for whom God seems most remote. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the sick and dying, especially Kevin and Sherry, Brent, Jay Polito, Janice, Deb Bermingham, Mary K., Sophie Messich, Charlotte Reuben, Larry Johnson and Harry Urian, that they may find life and we pray for those who have died, especially \_\_, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Please pray privately for Elaine Tambon, Bob Grimm, Nancy, Rich DeFeo, Josh, Allen and Debbie Ruth, Roxanne Rogers, George, Susan Plattner, Edwin, Donna, Judy Greeby, Ian Still and Family; Mary Lou Hooven, the McCuwen Family, Julie and Larry Barry; Kate Duffy, 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, Lucille Vitulli, Paula Winokur, Yolande)*

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, the newly baptized, that they may never cease to praise you for the hope that fills their hearts. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Gracious God, it is in the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit that we call upon you in prayer. Deepen our hope in your presence and your promise; hear us in your tender love, now and forever. **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 earth; 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!**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **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

"Come to the Music"

*Joseph Martin*

Elizabeth Joslin, flute; Cynthia Pound, tambourine

Celebrate! Come to the music, come to the dance. Sing alleluia, clap your hands. Come to the music, and let alleluias surround you...and let each hosanna astound you. Sing hosanna. Come hear the jubilant song of creation. Come hear the music which rings as a hope to the nations. Music is the sound of creation: crashing sea and mourning dove. Music is the voice of worship. Music lifts our hearts above. Music is our common language. Music is the song of love. Gloria, sing alleluia...sing to the Lord...sing evermore. Gloria Deo.

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

### The Doxology

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

### † 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.

*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 Breaking of the Bread

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

### Fraction Anthems

"Christ Our Passover"  
"Agnus Dei"

Hymnal S-154  
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.*

### Communion Anthem

"The King Ascendeth into Heaven"  
Women's Choir

*Healey Willan*

Hallelujah! The King ascendeth into heaven. Oh come, let us worship Him! Christ hath ascended up on high and hath led captivity captive. Sing praises to God, unto our King.

### The Communion Hymn 312

"Strengthen for service, Lord"

*Malabar*

### The Postcommunion Prayer

*Please kneel. Celebrant and People together say,*

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**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.**

*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 191**

"Alleluia, alleluia!"

*Lux Eoi*

vs. 1,2,3,4

**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**

"Bristol"

*Willan*

## **Community Announcements**

*The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allison Jaquith Marcus by June Jaquith.*

*Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God.*

**Lou Carol's Notes:** Today's offertory anthem is a spirited rendition celebrating the power of music to aid worship and life in general. The vibrant rhythm alternates between 6/8 and 2/4, and sudden changes of harmony add to the general excitement.

**On Sunday, June 18, the worship service will be held outdoors at Merry Place park.** Music will be provided by those with portable instruments, especially members of Taize, St. George's Band, and the Bluegrass Gospel Revival. Thank you for letting Lou Carol Fix know if you can participate in this service.

**Mass on the Grass: June 18th, Merry Place in Havertown.** There will be ONE service at 10:30 AM. There will be a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic) following the service. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on during the service and for the picnic.

**BYOM: The famous BYOMs (Bring Your Own Meal) are back.** Dates for summer are June 11, July 9 and August 13. The grills will be hot at 5PM. All you need to do is bring whatever you want to cook on the grill, your drinks and side dish to share. Come out for a relaxing and kid friendly BBQ!



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

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

**Deacon in Formation:** Toneh Williams  
**Altar Guild:** Ray Beckey  
**Acolytes:** Ray Beckey, Roland Noreika,  
Steve Drabkowski, Colette White, Brody  
Dorey, Margot White  
**Ambassadors:** Ed Brocklesby and Steve  
Krouse  
**Chalice Bearer:** Toneh Williams, Steve  
Drabkowski, Roland Norieka  
**Coffee Hour:** Kirsten Curry  
**Intercessor:** Steve Krouse  
**Lectors:** Marlee and Gary Bullock  
**Tellers:** Gigi Walsh and Susan LaBrake

Lou Carol Fix, *Organist/Choirmaster*  
Kelly Gallagher, *Parish Administrator*  
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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.**