

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA

## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday, May 21, 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 with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.**

### The Psalm 66: 7-18

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.**

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

### The Sermon

Toneh Williams

### The Nicene Creed

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### 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, 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 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**

*The people kneel.*

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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## **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**

*Please kneel.*

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## **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 Allison Jaquith Marcus by June Jaquith.*

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

**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:** Janice Capoferri  
**Ambassadors:** James Burns III  
**Chalice Bearer:** Donna DiPaulo  
**Coffee Hour:** Ray Beckey  
**Intercessor:** Chris Luetzen  
**Lector:** George Chittenden  
**Server:** Ray Beckey  
**Tellers:** Gigi Walsh and Susan LaBrake

Lou Carol Fix, *Organist/Choirmaster*  
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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.**