



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist

9:00am March 19, 2023

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone

Prelude, Voluntary in A minor by J. Stanley

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Opening Hymn #440 v1-2, Blessed Jesus

Sung by all

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Summary of the Law

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Confession *p. 41, Said by all*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lesson, Galatians 3:5-14 *Seated*

Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,

“All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for “The one who is righteous will live by faith.” But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, “Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Gradual Hymn #645 v1-2, The King of love *Standing, sung by all*

The Gospel, John 9:1-41 *Standing*
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one

can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born

blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

Sermon, Dr. T. David Gordon

Seated

The Nicene Creed

Standing; said by all

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.

Prayers of the People

Standing

After each bidding the congregation is invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. We pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.

We pray for the Nation and all in authority.
We pray for the welfare of the world, especially those regions troubled by violence or unrest.
We pray for the concerns of our local community.
We pray for all who are sick or in any kind of trouble [especially...]
We remember those who have died in the faith. [especially....]
We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Celebrant adds a closing Collect

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Offering *You may make an offering after the service. The plate is located near the doors. You may also give online stgeorgesdayton.org or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is good and right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S125, Sanctus (Proulx)

Sung by all

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest, hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosannah in the highest.

Celebrant continues... By him, and with him, and him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say...

People and Celebrant

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

Prayer of Humble Access

Said by all

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Directions for receiving Communion

- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, lay ministers with small intinction cups will be available on both sides. The larger chalices are only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please pass the lay ministers and return directly to your pew.

Communion Music, Step By Step/Our God is an Awesome God

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and therefore assuring us of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Solemn Prayer of Blessing

Closing Hymn, Nothing but the Blood of Jesus *Standing, sung by all*

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude, Fugue in G minor by J.S. Bach

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Stand, said in unison

The Weekly Messenger

DAYTON BACH SOCIETY BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION

March 19, Lecture 3pm / Concert 4pm-6pm. Kettering Adventist Church 3939 Stonebridge Road, Kettering, OH. Purchase tickets at the door or visit bachsocietyofdayton.org You'll experience how Bach intertwines the Gospel's Passion story with reflection on the suffering and death of Jesus. Dr. David Crean is the director of the Dayton Bach Society. The associate rector, the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane lecture at 3pm, on the question of St. John's Gospel and anti-Semitism.

SUPPORT KETTERING BACKPACK PROGRAM

Today, March 19 please round up all your Kroger/Walmart/Meijer plastic bags, place them into one or two bags, and bring them to St. George's. To learn more about the work of this program, go to ketteringbackpack.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

Boxed offering envelopes have arrived! They're available to pick up in the Welcome Lounge and arranged by name alphabetically for easy locating. If you are interested in receiving a box or to discontinue receiving boxes, see Paul Scheuermann, business@stgeorgeohio.org, 937-434-1781 ext.115.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT On Wednesdays during Lent at noon, we will offer the Stations of the Cross, a 20-minute devotional which imprints Christ's passion on our hearts. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay for fellowship afterwards.

EASTER BRUNCH — Sign Up to Contribute. Easter Sunday (April 9) at 10am in the Undercroft. Everyone is welcome, but we do need your help! Visit the Welcome Lounge and check out the sign up board. Sign up for Food Donations, for Set Up, or for Break Down. See Sue Simmons for details.

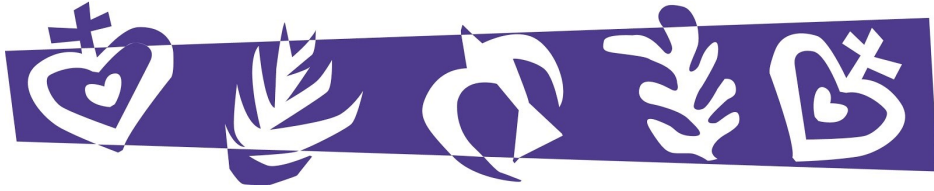
EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES Easter flower memorial envelopes are available. Submit to the church office before Tues, Mar 28 for the memorial names to be added to the Easter leaflet.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS will be Wed-Fri, June 28, 29, 30 (9am-Noon). See the sign up board in the Welcome Lounge to volunteer. Online enrollment begins April 1st. Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane (associate@stgeorgeohio.org) or Sharon Oldham (vbs@stgeorgeohio.org).

EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE Sundays 10-10:45am
Nursery for infants to age 3, 9am - Noon, refreshments in Welcome Lounge at 9:45 & Noon. Bible Study: **Mar 19, Galatians 6; Wright p74-83**

WEEKLY FINANCIAL & PLEDGE REPORT

Weekly Income \$7,528.28	Year to Date Income \$155,594.10
Weekly Expenses \$18,383.04	Year to Date Expenses \$165,268.16



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter A.D. 2023
St. George's Episcopal Church

Wednesdays in Lent

Noon, Stations of the Cross

Sundays in Lent

9am & 11am, Holy Eucharist

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday** Liturgy of the Palms in Memorial Garden (weather permitting) and Holy Eucharist, 9am & 11am
* Dramatic Reading of the Triumphal Entry during 11am service
- Holy Tuesday** Youth-Led Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
- Holy Wednesday** Stations of the Cross & Bag Lunch, Noon
- Maundy Thursday** Holy Eucharist & Foot-washing, 7pm
- Good Friday** Stations of the Cross, Noon
Good Friday Liturgy with Tenebrae, 7pm
- Easter Sunday** Sunrise Vigil & Holy Eucharist, 7:15am
In Memorial Garden
Holy Eucharist (Brass), 9am
Parish Easter Brunch (Undercroft), 10am
Festal Eucharist (Brass, Incense), 11am



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