



Prelude How Bright Appears the Morning Star
by D. Buxtehude

Standing, sung by all

Entrance Hymn #124 What star is this

Celebrant Blessed be God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria Hymn S280

Sung by all

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Seated

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7 *Deus, judicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
 - 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
 - 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
 - 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
 - 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
 - 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
 - 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 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.**

Second Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12

Seated

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Standing, sung by all

Gradual Hymn #119 vv. 1-3 As with gladness men of old

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Sung by all

Gradual Hymn #119 vv. 4-5 As with gladness men of old

Sermon The Rev. Benjamin Phillips

Seated

The Nicene Creed

Standing, BCP p.358

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

Standing

As the Church, the Body of Christ, we gather together and offer our prayers to the throne of Our Heavenly Father, through the mediating blood of the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. After each bidding, all are invited to make their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for the Church, for Christians around the world, in this country, diocese, and for this parish of St. George's, for our ministries, clergy and our leaders.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for our Nation – pray for its leaders, its soldiers and their families, and our citizens, that we may be a country of freedom, responsibility, and justice.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for the welfare of our World, praying especially for those places engulfed in war and suffering, for our natural resources, and for the weak and vulnerable.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for our local city – pray for the leaders of Dayton and its surrounding communities, pray for local organizations and charities which strive for the common good, pray for our schools, our law enforcement, and our emergency responders.

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for those who are sick or suffering: we pray especially for...

Holy Ones in Christ, pray for those who have died, [esp. N], that those who have gone on to glory with Jesus will rest secure with him.

Holy Ones in Christ, lift up to the Lord your prayers of Thanksgiving.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Kneeling, BCP p.360

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 your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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

Announcements

The Offering *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online stgeorgesdayton.org or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429.*

Offertory & Presentation Hymn #128, We three kings
Congregation sings refrain after each verse, and remains seated until verse 5, then all stand.
vv. 1-4, sung by soloists (Offertory)
v. 5, sung by all, standing (Presentation)

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord;
People **And of your own have we given to you.**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B *BCP p.367*

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 continues with Preface... 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:

Standing, sung by all

S129 Sanctus “S” denotes “Service Music” section at front of Hymnal
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.

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...
 Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death,**

We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.
At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.

Celebrant and People **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 & Invitation to Communion

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Grant us your peace.**

Directions for receiving Holy 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 drink from the chalice, please remain at the rail after receiving your wafer.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer, please hold up your wafer and a lay minister with a small intinction cup will come to you.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please return directly to your pew after receiving your wafer.

Communion Music We Have Seen His Star by E. Titcomb

Communion Hymn #127 Earth has many a noble city *Sung by all*

Prayer after Communion *Kneeling, BCP p.366*
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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Standing, sung by all

Closing Hymn #497 How bright appears the Morning Star

Dismissal

Minister says a dismissal
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude In Thee is Gladness by J.S. Bach

The Weekly Messenger

EUDORA FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy a casual time of fellowship with your church family at Eudora Brewery on Thursday, January 16 from 4-6pm.



JANUARY OUTREACH DRIVE—Shoes 4 the Shoeless

January 19 from 9a-3p we will be collecting children's socks in all sizes, to include adult small & medium sizes in bright colorful colors. Shoes 4 the Shoeless delivers brand-new shoes and socks to disadvantaged children, within Southwest Ohio.



MINISTRY FAIR

Come to the Undercroft on Sunday, January 19 at 10am and explore all the ministry opportunities available at St. George's!

SNOW REMOVAL Volunteers needed for St George's Snow Crew! We need help shoveling snow on a rotating basis before church on Sunday mornings from now through March. Questions? Contact Steve Dillon (dillonstephen@gmail.com).



DINING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (Feb—May)



Fellowship Group sign-ups are here! Groups rotate having a meal either at a group member's home or a designated location. Sign-ups in the Welcome Lounge. Please sign-up by January 19. Questions? Contact Sue Cissel cisselsue@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Full programming resumes for all ages on Sunday, January 26 at 10am!



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING (February 9 @ 10am)



We will be meeting in the Undercroft to elect leaders, receive the budget for 2025 approved by the vestry, and hear a few short reports. Please plan to be there! Refreshments will be provided.

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