



**Prelude** How Bright Appears the Morning Star  
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**Tolling of the Bell & Welcome**

*Standing, sung by all*

**Opening Hymn** How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all  
the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the  
rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what  
joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there  
proclaim, my God, how great thou art. [*Refrain x 2*]

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**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**

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

**Collect of the Day**

**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.**

**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**

*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.**

**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*

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

We pray for our 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 needs and concerns of our local community.

We pray for all who are sick or in need, and those we name at this time.

*The People may add their own petitions*

We give thanks especially for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

We remember those who have died in the faith.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

**The Peace**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Music**

**The Offering** *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online [stgeorgesdayton.org](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

**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.**  
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*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 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** Grace Greater Than Our Sin

#### **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.**

#### **The Blessing**

*Standing, sung by all*

**Closing Hymn #128** We three kings

#### **Dismissal**

*Minister says a dismissal*

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

**Postlude** In Thee is Gladness by J.S. Bach

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# The Weekly Messenger

## EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Join us in the Undercroft for an Epiphany Brunch following the service!

## 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 & 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 ([dillonpstephen@gmail.com](mailto:dillonpstephen@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](mailto: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.

