

Prelude Recit de tierce en taille by N. de Grigny

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn #533 How wondrous and great thy works

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 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Seated

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 *Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
- the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

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 #304 vv. 1-3 I come with joy

Standing, sung by all

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet

Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Benjamin Phillips

Seated

Standing, BCP p.358

The Nicene Creed
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

After each bidding the congregation is invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. See page 7 for a list of prayer requests.

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...

We remember those who have died in the faith.

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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 45429-2204.*

Offertory Music Worthy is Your Name Jesus

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C)

Celebrant 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.**
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
Celebrant **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Celebrant **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the

fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

In the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Hymnal S129 Sanctus (Powell)

Standing, sung by all

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...

... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...

... Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us
in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant concludes the prayer. The people join, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 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

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

Closing Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Standing, sung by all

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When the darkness appears and the light draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, Guide my feet hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

Dismissal

Deacon says a dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie by F. Couperin

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector
Deacon The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
Praise Team Charles Kennedy, Jeff Haas, Holly Litfin, Catherine Phillips
Verger Dan Powers
Lay Ministers Rob Johnson, Stephanie Rice, Cameron
Acolytes Audrey, Norah
Ushers Linda Litfin, Dan Litfin, Nancy Wilda



The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

And in loving memory of
Dr. Curt Lowary, wonderful friend,
great brother, by Dr. David Hand

And in loving memory
of John Harris by
Suzy Harris

FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for Regions

Afghanistan, Congo, China, Haití, Iran, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. For the war in Ukraine. For ongoing and unfolding peace for Israel and Gaza.

Prayers for Healing & Comfort

Nicole Armitage, Helen Brandt, Barbara Burton, Ellie Chase, Mel Chase, Chelsea & Charlotte, Liz Cline, Ian Cook, Pat Davis, Deb, Amanda DeRosa, Bronwyn Duteil, Emma, Susan Eshbaugh, Evan, Teresa Floore, Frank, Greg Gaines, Ellen Gentner, Stephanie Glazener, Lauralyn Graham, Greta, Patti Guerrero, Sally Haycock, Julia Huestis, Sheila Hughes, James, Jean, Jeanne, Ashleigh Kanya, Harold & Connie Massie, Jane McGee-Rafal, Becky Mederious, Alf Millard, Becky Miller, Britt Miller, Cyndi Miller, Bev Montgomery, Mila Olszweski, Pam, Sara Rigsbee, Sam, Kim Schinder, Wendy Scholl, Myrtle Shaffer, Alyssa Shockley, Brittney Shockley, James Sims, Debbie Sitler-Payton, Susan Snead, Mary Snyder, Joan Sweeney, Elayna Thornewill, Shane Thornewill, Lori Washington Tomblin, Steve Turner

Birthdays

Charlene Sommers, James Haug, Gabriel Galloway, Elizabeth Hard, Jan Hinsdale, Cal Lane



The Weekly Messenger

TODAY at St. George's ...

CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF

St. George's confirmation class officially kicks off **TODAY, January 25, 2026**, with dinner at 5pm in the Parish Hall. Registration is now closed. Questions? Email rector@stgeorgeohio.org

DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

Cal is leading worship at St. Francis' today. The next opportunities to join Cal for a visit at St. Francis' are **Sundays, February 8 and 22 at 10:30am**. Visit stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/ to learn more.

EDUCATION FOR ALL—10am

Full programming for all ages at 10am.

Upcoming and Ongoing ...

DINNER GROUP SIGN-UPS OPEN

St. George's Dinner Groups are a great way to get to know your church family. Dinner Groups typically meet once a month February through May. This is the last Sunday to sign up in the Welcome Lounge. For more information, contact Sue Cissel cisselsue@gmail.com

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY—Help Needed!

Please volunteer for one of the important roles in our Sunday morning coffee fellowship:

- **Food volunteers.** Bring a food offering for 50-60 people. This snack can be as simple or complex as you like. Volunteers will set up and clean up their food offering (plates, napkins, cutlery platters, and serving tools are available in the kitchen for your use). Sign-up sheets for both the 9am and 11am services are in the Welcome Lounge.
- **Coffee makers (11am service).** These volunteers set up coffee, hot water, cups, creamer, sugar, etc., at the beginning of each service to supplement the food. Training will be provided. Please contact suesimmons53@gmail.com if interested.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING—February 1

We will meet in the Undercroft on Sunday, February 1 at 10am to elect leaders, receive the budget for 2026 approved by the vestry, and hear a few short reports. Please plan to attend! Refreshments will be provided.

ELEVATOR UPGRADES BEGIN—February 2

The elevator capital campaign project will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. During these 4 weeks, the elevator will not be available for use, adversely impacting those in our parish with mobility challenges. We ask that all able-bodied parishioners **park in the lower level north lot for the project duration**, leaving the upper south lot available to those who need it most. Thank you!



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