



**The Twenty-fifth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
Holy Eucharist  
**9:00am** November 19, 2023

**Prelude** Brabant Rondo by Anonymous

**Tolling of the Bell & Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** I Am Blessed *Standing, sung by all*  
Thru the sunshine and the rain, even sorrow and pain  
Jesus still is my comfort and guide  
And His love comforts me and His grace has set me free  
And someday I shall stand by His side

Chorus:  
I am blessed, I am blessed.  
Everyday the Lord is with me I am blessed  
When I wake up in the morning 'til I lay my head to rest  
Every day the Lord is with me I am blessed

I have shoes on my feet I have plenty to eat  
And a home in heaven by and by  
Brothers, sisters on this earth  
They are mine by my new birth  
And we'll see them in that home beyond the sky [Chorus]

**Acclamation** *BCP p.355*  
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Confession** *Kneeling, said by all 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 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Seated*  
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.  
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 123** *Ad te levavi oculos meos*  
1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.  
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.  
4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.  
*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 #524 vv. 1-3** I love thy kingdom, Lord

**Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Benjamin Phillips

*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**

**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.*

## Offertory Music

### Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** Prayer A

*BCP p.361*

*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:

**S 129 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. 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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

*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 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** Break Thou the Bread of Life

### Prayer after Communion

*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

**Closing Hymn #544 vv. 1-2** Jesus shall reign

*Sung by all*

### Dismissal

*Deacon says a dismissal*

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

**Postlude** Postlude by C.V. Stanford

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# The Weekly Messenger

## PLEDGE SUNDAY

*Join the Journey!* You can pledge your financial support for 2024 at any time but, if possible, pledge by **today, Pledge Sunday**. This will provide the Vestry the information it needs to responsibly budget for the upcoming year. Online Pledge Cards are available at [stgeorgesdayton.org/give](http://stgeorgesdayton.org/give).



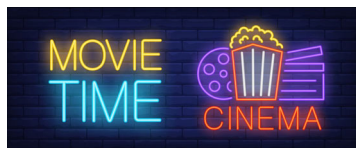
## GIVING TREE



St. George's is once again partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Visit the Giving Tree in our welcome lounge beginning **Nov. 26**, to make a child's Christmas a little brighter. Questions? Contact Sharon Oldham ([soldham@woh.rr.com](mailto:soldham@woh.rr.com) or 937-829-1517).

## YOUTH GATHERING

Dinner & a Movie on **Saturday, December 2, 6pm** in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane at [associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org).



## NEW AED (Automated External Defibrillator)



St. George's has recently acquired a new AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) machine for the lower level! Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the locations of our two AEDs. The upper level AED is located outside the Sanctuary in the front closet and the lower level AED is located just outside the Undercroft.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Income This Week: \$15,674.46	<b>Year to Date Income: \$541,927.17</b>
Expenses This Week: \$18,035.78	<b>Year to Date Expenses: \$609,337.74</b>

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