



ST. GEORGE'S

Episcopal Church
Dayton, Ohio

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

9:00am December 3, 2023

Prelude Comfort, Comfort Ye My People by G. Bohm

Tolling of the Bell & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn #56 vv. 1-2 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *p.355*
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 Isaiah 64:1-9

Seated

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD,

you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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 #66. vv. 1-3 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Station of the Creche

All children are invited to come forward for the Station of the Crèche

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*

The leader and people pray responsively

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.**

Standing

Announcements

Offertory Music We Fall Down

We fall down we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus

The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy (X3) Is the Lamb

Sung by all

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.*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

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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:

S125 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. 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

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 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

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.

Advent Blessing

Standing, sung by all

Closing Hymn #57 vv. 1-2 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Savior of the Nations Come by J. Pachelbel

This worship service is livestreamed online. By participating you consent and authorize without restriction or compensation to the possible use of your image which may be included in future media or marketing.

The Weekly Messenger

ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Envelopes are located in the pews and Welcome Lounge, the donation amount is voluntary. Checks should be made out to St. George's with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Please include the name(s) of those in whose honor/memory the flowers are given. Memorials will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins if received by **Sunday, December 17**.

GIVING TREE St. George's has committed to helping 31 children via the tree in our welcome lounge. Ornaments listing each child's age, gender and suggested items will be available on **Dec. 3**. If you would like to make a child's Christmas a little brighter, please sign out an ornament with one of our helpful volunteers. There is a \$30 maximum per child. Wrapped gifts (with corresponding ornaments attached) must be returned by Sun., Dec. 10.

Questions? Contact Sharon Oldham (soldham@woh.rr.com or 937-829-1517).

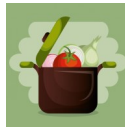
HARPS OF GRACE CONCERT

Come to St. George's to enjoy Harps Of Grace perform classical, popular, Celtic & holiday repertoire. This free concert will be held on **Monday, December 4 at 7pm**. Harps of Grace features one of our very own, the very talented Dan Duncan.



SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER & ORGAN RECITAL

Please note that we will be switching up the order for our Second Sunday Supper and organ concert in December. On **December 10 at 5pm** we will begin by having our last Second Sunday Supper of the year! Please bring a dish to share and enjoy this time of casual fellowship with your church friends and family. **Following supper** on Sunday, **December 10 at 6:15pm** there will be an organ concert featuring organist Yun Kim.



FELLOWSHIP AT LOOSE ENDS BREWERY

Dec. 14 from 4-6pm join your church family for a time of casual fellowship at Loose Ends Brewing Company, located in Centerville.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT, LUMINARY WALK & LIVE NATIVITY

Please join us for St. George's Christmas Concert on **Sunday Dec. 17 from 5-6pm**. This free concert features the music of local Sand Dollar Music Studio. After the concert grab some hot chocolate and enjoy the luminary walk and live nativity.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Stay after the 11:00 service on Sun. Dec. 17 to help decorate St. George's for Christmas and enjoy festive refreshments at coffee hour.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Income This Week: \$10,124.73

Year to Date Income: \$558,408.65

Expenses This Week: \$18,073.99

Year to Date Expenses: \$630,302.96

Pledge units for 2024: 126 units @ \$560,504

Last years pledges received for 2023: 112 @ \$482,085

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIDE 2023 @ ST. GEORGE'S



Sunday, December 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Hanging of the Greens—Stay after the 11am service to decorate St. George's for Christmas
5:00pm - 6:00pm — Christmas Concert, Luminary Walk & Live Nativity

This free concert features the music of Sand Dollar Music Studio. After the concert grab some hot cocoa and enjoy the luminary walk and live nativity, put on by our youth and children's ministry families.

Sunday, December 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00am — Holy Eucharist

**Nursery for ages 3 & under available

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Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

6:30pm — Musical Prelude featuring St. George's Praise Team and The Miami Valley Brass

7:00pm — Christmas Eve Service w/ Holy Communion

**Nursery for ages 3 & under available

**Bring donations of disposable diapers and wipes which will be donated to a local shelter.

9:30pm — Musical Prelude, featuring St. George's Choir & The Miami Valley Brass

10:00pm — Festive Holy Eucharist (w/ incense)

**Nursery care is not available at this service.

**Bring donations of disposable diapers and wipes which will be donated to a local shelter.

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)—No services

December 31 (First Sunday of Christmas)

9:00am—Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

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