



**ST. GEORGE'S**

Episcopal Church  
Dayton, Ohio

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist

**11:00am** February 8, 2026

**Prelude** Recit de tierce en taille by N. de Grigny

**Entrance Hymn #377** Praise to the living God! *Standing, sung by all*

*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*

*Sanctus* "S" denotes "Service Music" section at front of Hymnal

**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**

**Lesson** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Seated*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 112:1-10** *Beatus vir*

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

*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 #411 vv. 1-3** O, bless the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel** Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can

its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

*Standing, sung by all*

**Gradual Hymn #411 vv. 4-5** O, bless the Lord, my soul!

**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** *Form III BCP p. 387, Standing*  
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a closing Collect.*

**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](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429.*

**Offertory** If Ye Love Me by T. Tallis

**Presentation Hymn #380 v. 3** From all that dwell below  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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

### Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer C) *BCP p. 369, Standing*

*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.

*People* **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.

*People* **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.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* 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 drink from the chalice, please remain at the rail after eating 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** This Little Light of Mine

**Communion Hymn #302** Father, we thank thee

*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 #381** Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

### Dismissal

*Deacon says a dismissal*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Sortie by F. Couperin

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist	Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
Verger	William Ayres
Lay Ministers	Lisa Sweeney, Susan Daly, Nicholas Ayres, Susan Ayres
Acolytes	David, Thomas
Ushers	Laura Abbott, Sue Cissel, Jane McGee-Rafal, Marilyn Judd



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# The Weekly Messenger

**TODAY at St. George's ...**

## **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 22 and March 15 at 10:30am**. Visit [stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/](http://stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/) to learn more.

**Upcoming and Ongoing ...**

## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY—Help Needed!**

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

- **Food volunteers.** Bring a simple food offering for 50-60 people. 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 Carol Holm if interested.

## **ELEVATOR UPGRADES IN-PROGRESS**

The elevator capital campaign project began Monday, February 2 and 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!

## **POTLUCK SUPPER – February 15**

Join us for a potluck supper and fellowship in the Undercroft (those who would typically use the elevator should park in the lower level) on **Sunday, February 15 at 5pm**. Bring your favorite dish to share - no sign-ups required!

## **FEBRUARY DRIVE – February 15, 9am-1pm**

Please donate new socks in bright colors, in all sizes from elementary to high school age students. **Shoes 4 the Shoeless** works within schools to supply and fit gym shoes and socks to impoverished children throughout 19 counties in Southwest Ohio.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – February 18**

Services at St. George's will be held at 12pm and 7pm. Both services have imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and music. The noon service will be less than an hour and the choir will sing at the 7pm service. St. Francis' will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30pm with the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane leading worship.