

Prelude Mein junges Leben hat ein End by J.P. Sweelinck

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn Just a Closer Walk with Thee (LEVAS #72)

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus. Keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who care?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *[Refrain]*

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *[Refrain]*

Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.
People **Christ have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

Confession

BCP p. 41, Said by all

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left

undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

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

Collect of the Day

Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Seated

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

The Gospel John 11:17-45

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

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Derrick Fetz

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, and those regions troubled by violence or unrest, especially those we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions, see list on p. 7

We pray for the needs and concerns of our local community.
We pray for all who are in need of healing or comfort, especially those we name at this time...

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We give thanks especially for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and other thanksgivings we name at this time...

The People may add their own thanksgivings, see list on p. 7

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

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 I Need Thee Every Hour (LEVAS #192)

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S125 Sanctus (Proulx) *Sung by all*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest, hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosannah in the highest.

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the conclusion, 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

Prayer of Humble Access

Said by all

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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, said by all

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and therefore assuring us of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Solemn Prayer of Blessing

Closing Hymn #390 Praise to the Lord

Standing, sung by all

Dismissal

Deacon says a dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Canzona in C by M. Weckmann

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Deacon The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
Praise Team Charles Kennedy, Jeff Haas, Holly Litfin
Verger Rob Johnson
Lay Ministers Dan Powers, Stephanie Rice, Nan Miller
Acolytes Kiera, Cameron
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The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

And in thanksgiving for our family,
friends, and faith community
by Bob & Beth Crawford

The Weekly Messenger

TODAY at St. George's ...

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

This is the final Sunday to pick up Easter flower memorial envelopes from the pews and Welcome Lounge. **Please turn in to the church office before Friday, March 27,** for the memorial names to be added to the Easter bulletin.

KAIROS MINISTRY—Calling all cookie bakers!

Today in the Welcome Lounge after both services, we will have more information about the Kairos Prison Ministry, prayer slips, and hand out gallon bags with instructions for those who are willing to bake cookies for the upcoming Kairos Weekend. **Cookies will be collected at church on Sunday, April 12.**

PARISH DATABASE UPDATES

We are working to update the St. George's parish database with correct and relevant contact information. Please visit the binder in the Welcome Lounge to check your information!

EDUCATION FOR ALL—10am

Full programming for all ages at 10am.

Upcoming and Ongoing ...

DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

The next opportunities to join St. George's clergy at St. Francis' are:

- Maundy Thursday, April 2, 5:30pm—The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane
- Good Friday, April 3, 5:30pm—The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane
- Easter Sunday, April 5, 11am—The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane
- Sunday, April 12, 10:30am—The Rev. Ben Phillips
- Sunday, April 19, 10:30am—The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane

Visit stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/ to learn more.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—February 25–April 1

On Wednesdays at 12 Noon during Lent, we will offer Stations of the Cross, a 20-minute devotional which imprints Christ's passion on our hearts. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay for fellowship afterwards.

EASTER BRUNCH—April 5

We will have a parish-wide Easter Brunch on April 5 at 10am in the Undercroft. Check out the Welcome Lounge for sign-ups.

YOUTH LOCK-IN AND SERVICE PROJECT—April 10-11

Youth will meet at 6pm on Friday, April 10, for a lock-in, and wrap up with a service project packing lunches for St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday morning. Contact The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane to RSVP and with questions.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—June 17, 18, 19

Stop by the Welcome Lounge and check out the VBS volunteer board! VBS will be held June 17-19, 9am-Noon. Online participant registration opens **April 5.** Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane with questions.



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