

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**The Feast of St. George, obs.**  
Holy Eucharist

**11:00am** April 26, 2026

*George mounted his horse, armed himself with the sign of the cross, and bravely went to meet the dragon as it came toward him. Brandishing his lance and commending himself to God, he dealt the beast a deadly wound. "Do not be afraid," he told the people. "The Lord has sent me to free you from the tyranny of the dragon. Only believe in Christ and be baptized, every one of you, and I will slay your dragon!"*

*from The Golden Legend*



**Prelude** Christ is Risen by J.S. Bach

**Opening Hymn #174** At the Lamb's high feast

*Sung by all*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Standing*

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Collect for Sundays in Easter**

**Hymnal S 278** Gloria

*Sung by all*

*("S" denotes "Service Music" section at the front of the 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 & for the Feast of St. George**

**Lesson** 1 Peter 2:19-25

*Seated*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*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 #645 vv. 1-3** The King of love my shepherd is

**Gospel** John 10:1-10

*Standing*

*Asst Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and

go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*Asst Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Standing, sung by all*

**Gradual Hymn #645 vv. 4-6** The King of love my shepherd is

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Matthew Olver

*Seated*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Standing*

**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**

*Each petition concludes* Lord of life.

*People respond* **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Kneeling*

**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**

*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** Since by Man Came Death by G.F. Handel

**Presentation Hymn**

*Sung by all*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, God the Son, Praise God the Spirit, Three in One. O praise Him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant*

All things come from you, O Lord.

*People*

**And of your own have we given to you.**

## Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Prayer A, 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 unto 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:

**Hymn S 128 Sanctus (Mathias)** *Sung by all*  
**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...* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *Said by all*

**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, S155** *Sung by all*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**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 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** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need by Thompson

**Communion Hymn #339** Deck thyself, my soul *Sung by all*

**Prayer after Communion** *Kneeling, said by all*

**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**

*Sung by all*

**Closing Hymn #232** By all your saints still striving ("St. George's Hymn")

**Dismissal**

*Assisting Priest gives a dismissal*

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Christ Lay in Death's Grim Prison by J.S. Bach

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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| Celebrant        | The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector                            |
| Preacher         | The Rev. Dr. Matthew Olver, Guest Preacher                    |
| Assisting Priest | The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, Associate Rector                    |
| Organist         | Dr. David Crean, Director of Music                            |
| Verger           | Jen Stephens  |
| Lay Ministers    | Rob Johnson, Joe Schenk, Bill Rike                            |
| Lector           | Joe Schenk  |
| Acolytes         | Jacob, Elizabeth, Arianna, Chisom                             |
| Ushers           | Laura Abbott, Patricia Okocha, Jane McGee-Rafal, Marilyn Judd |



The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of our anniversary  
by Mark & Bernadine Greenwood



# The Weekly Messenger

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

## **POTLUCK SUPPER—5 pm, Undercroft**

Join your church family for a spring potluck supper and fellowship TODAY, **Sunday, April 26** at 5 pm in the Undercroft. Bring your favorite dish to share! This will be our final potluck of the season.

## **Upcoming and Ongoing ...**

### **SHORT EUCHARIST WITH HEALING PRAYER**

Wednesdays at Noon in Easter Season (Now-May 20) - Join us for a short Eucharist (25 min max) in the Chapel with brief meditation rather than sermon. The focus will be intercessory prayer. Optional Brown Bag lunch follows.

### **VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN—June 17, 18, 19**

VBS will be held June 17-19, 9am-Noon. Online registration opened **April 5**. Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane with questions [associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org). Starting May 3, check out the “Beg Board” in the hallway across from the church office, and pull a ticket (or 2!) to donate VBS supplies.

### **GRADUATING SENIOR & ACOLYTE RECOGNITION—May 3**

St. George's graduating seniors and acolytes will be recognized at both the 9am and 11am services on **Sunday, May 3**.

### **YOUTH FAMILIES LUNCH AND LASER WEB—May 3, Noon**

Youth families are gathering in the Undercroft for lunch and Mission Trip prep. After lunch we will head to Laser Web (533 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.) The cost to participate in Laser Web is \$10. Contact Cal with questions [associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org).

### **CONFIRMATION AND BISHOP'S VISIT—May 10**

Bishop Kristin Uffelman White will lead worship and celebrate our Confirmands at both the 9am and 11am services on **Sunday, May 10**.

### **MAY OUTREACH DRIVE—May 17, 9am-1pm**

Please donate women's underwear, socks, and Depends, during our May intake for the YWCA.

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