

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 Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ
Arr. Samuel Schmidt and Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Opening Hymn I Love to Tell the Story *Sung by all*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best.
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have love so long. [*Refrain x 2*]

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! *Standing*
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Sundays in Easter

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

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 Acts 5:27-32 *Seated*
When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150 Laudate Dominum

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

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 #209 vv. 1-2 We walk by faith *Standing, sung by all*

The Gospel John 20:19-31 *Standing*
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey *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*
Each petition concludes Lord of life.
People respond **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

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 Christ is Arisen arr. Johann Kasper Ferdinand Fischer

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn S 129 Sanctus (Powell) *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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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 Jesus Messiah by Daniel Carson/Chris Tomlin

Prayer after Communion

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

Closing Hymn St. George's Hymn

Sung by all



Dismissal

Deacon gives a dismissal

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

Postlude All Glory be to God on High arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

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The Weekly Messenger

SHORT EUCHARIST WITH HEALING PRAYER

Wednesdays at Noon in Easter Season (April 23-June 4) - Given the strong turn-out we've had with our Wednesday Stations, we'll keep up the momentum with a short Eucharist (25 min max) in the Chapel; brief mediation rather than sermon. The focus will be intercessory prayer. Optional Brown Bag lunch follows.

HARPS OF GRACE

On Monday, April 28 at 7pm we will be hosting a Harps of Grace Concert! Join Harps of Grace Ensemble for an evening of Celtic, classical, and folk favorites—free entry.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Parents, please RSVP to Cal soon! We will have a Lock-In on Friday, May 2 with dinner and the next morning we will have a service project for the parks.

MAY OUTREACH DRIVE—May 18, 9am-1pm

On May 18 please bring women's underwear, t-shirts, shorts and incontinence products all in XL and larger sizes for the Dayton YWCA. The YWCA provides shelter and in-depth support services for women and families who are survivors of domestic violence. We hold this drive on or near Mother's Day to support women and mothers who are struggling to rebuild their lives.

POTLUCK SUPPER

Please join us on Sunday, May 18 for our final Potluck Supper of the season as we will be taking a break over the summer months. Bring a dish to share and join us in the Undercroft at 5pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wed-Fri, June 25, 26, 27 (9am-Noon). See the sign up board in the Welcome Lounge to volunteer. Online enrollment is open! Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane (associate@stgeorgeohio.org).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Income: \$37,636.82 Year to Date Income: \$298,823.40
Weekly Expenses: \$16,114.40 Year to Date Expenses: \$267,910.75



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