

*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** Praeludium in C by G. Bohm

**Tolling of the Bell & Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** How Great Thou Art

*Sung by all*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. [*Refrain*]

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Standing*

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

**Collect for Sundays in Easter**

**Confession**

*BCP p. 360, Said by all*

**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** 1 John 4:7-21

*Seated*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 22:24-30** *Deus, Deus meus*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
 my descendants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
 the saving deeds that he has done.

*All* **Glorify 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 #489 vv. 1-3** The great Creator of the worlds

**The Gospel** John 15:1-8 *Standing*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the  
 vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every  
 branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have  
 already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me  
 as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it  
 abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine,  
 you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much  
 fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide  
 in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are  
 gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my  
 words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for  
 you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become  
 my disciples."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Benjamin Phillips *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](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave.  
 Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

**Offertory Music**

**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** I Love to Tell the Story

**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*

By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
For George, a sol - dier, mar - tyr, de - fend - er of the poor,  
Then let us praise the Fath - er and wor - ship God the Son

5  
your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er - more be blessed.  
whose stead - fast faith, when chal - langed, re - mained for - ev - er sure:  
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,

10  
You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown  
Our praise to the Christ we of - fer, and humb - ly, on our quest,  
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

15  
and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
we pray to slay our drag - ons, and to your cross at - test.  
a - scribe all power and glo - ry, and praise to God a - lone.

### Dismissal

*Deacon gives a dismissal*

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

**Postlude** Sinfonia from Cantata No 29 by J.S. Bach

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# The Weekly Messenger

## **NORTHWEST REGIONAL GATHERING—Today @ 4pm**

All are invited to a regional gathering hosted at St. George's to meet our new bishop. Join us for an Evensong with light reception and presentations to follow.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH FAMILIES - Dayton Art Institute**

Children & Youth Families -- Please join us on Sunday, May 5 for an afternoon at the Dayton Art Institute. An optional lunch in the Undercroft will be provided at noon. Then families will meet at the DAI at 1:30pm. Please contact the Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, [associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org) to RSVP or if you have any questions. Costs are provided by the Yeck Fund. This event is FREE.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Wed-Fri, June 26, 27, 28 (9 to noon). Online enrollment is open! visit [stgeorgesdayton.org](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) for more details. Event Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane ([associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org)).

## **Short Eucharist with Healing Prayer**

Wednesdays at Noon in Easter Season (April 3-May 15) - Join us for 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.

**SABBATICAL** This summer our rector will be on sabbatical, beginning in June. Every seven years clergy are granted time off for reflection, refreshment, study and renewal. It is also a time for parishes to reflect on where they are, what they have accomplished, and what lies ahead. Please keep Rev. Phillips and his family in prayer as they prepare for sabbatical, as well as the wardens, vestry, parish staff and lay leadership as they adjust for the rector's absence during these summer months.

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Income This Week: \$8,854.05  
Expenses This Week: \$2,205.59  
Year to Date Income: \$242,373.24  
Year to Date Expenses: \$209,260.77



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