



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist
December 22, 2024
9:00am

Prelude Sleepers Wake by J.S. Bach

Tolling of the Bell & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Standing, sung by all

Opening Hymn #56 vv. 7-8 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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

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

Collect of the Day

Lesson Micah 5:2-5a *Seated*
You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Psalms 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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 #265 vv. 1-2 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gospel Luke 1:39-55

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up

the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Station of the Crèche

All Children are invited to come forward for the Station of the Crèche

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

Standing

The leader and people pray responsively

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, especially those regions troubled by violence or unrest.

We pray for the needs and concerns of our local community.

We pray for all who are sick or in need, and those we name at this time.

The People may add their own petitions

We give thanks especially for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

We remember those who have died in the faith.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Sung by all

Offertory Music Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set they people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

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.*

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

BCP p.367

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:

Standing, sung by all

S125 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. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.
At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.

Celebrant and People **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 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 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 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 Give Me Jesus

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.

Advent Blessing

Closing Hymn #61 v. 1 Sleepers, wake!

Standing, sung by all

Dismissal

Deacon gives a dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Fugue on the Magnificat by J.S. Bach

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CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. GEORGE'S



Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

6:30pm – Musical Prelude feat. St. George's Praise Team & The Miami Valley Brass

7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service w/ Holy Communion

**Nursery for ages 3 & under available

**Bring diapers & wipes which will be donated to a local women's shelter

9:30pm – Musical Prelude, featuring St. George's Choir & The Miami Valley Brass

10:00pm – Festive Holy Eucharist (w/ incense)

**Nursery closed at this service.

**Bring diapers & wipes which will be donated to a local women's shelter

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Merry Christmas! No services scheduled.

The Weekly Messenger



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Noon TODAY — help decorate St. George's for Christmas and enjoy festive refreshments at coffee hour.

Please sit in the front pews to meet Deacon William for directions about 10 minutes after the 11am service has concluded.



DIAPER DRIVE



On Christmas Eve please bring diapers and baby wipes to St. George's. A collection basket will be available at both services. All donations will be delivered to the YWCA Women's shelter. Questions? Please contact Julie Powers at 937-602-1335.

SNOW REMOVAL CREW

Volunteers needed for St George's Snow Crew! We need help shoveling snow on a rotating basis before church on Sunday mornings from Dec. - March. Questions? Contact Steve Dillon (dillonpstephen@gmail.com).

EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Join us in the Undercroft for an Epiphany Brunch on January 12 at 10am. Check for sign-ups in the Welcome Lounge starting Dec. 29.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Income This Week: \$10,862.80	Expenses This Week: \$17,263.25
YTD Operating Income: \$704,143.84	YTD Operating Expenses: \$701,433.00
Transfer from Reserves: \$127,540	Boiler Replacement Costs: \$127,540
YTD Total Income: \$831,683.84	YTD Total Expenses: \$828,973.00

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed December 25—January 1





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