



**Prelude** Kyrie, God the Everlasting Father by J.S. Bach

**Opening Hymn #470** There's a wideness in God's mercy *Sung by all*

**Acclamation**

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

**The Decalogue**

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and write all your laws on our hearts, we pray.**

**Hymnal S 91** (Kyrie)

*Sung by all*

**Lord have mercy upon us, (3x)**

**Christ have mercy upon us, (3x)**

**Lord have mercy upon us, (3x)**

**The Confession**

*Kneeling, 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.**

**The Absolution & Comfortable Words**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Lesson** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Seated*

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 32** *Beati quorum*

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*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 #343 vv. 1-2** Shepherd of souls *Sung by all*

**The Gospel** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *Standing*  
*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to St. Luke.

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I

have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

**Gradual Hymn #343 vv. 3-4** Shepherd of souls *Sung by all*

**Sermon** The Rev. Benjamin Phillips *Seated*

**The Nicene Creed** *BCP p. 326; 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.**

**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...

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

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.  
*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### 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** Jesu The Very Thought of Thee by Thiman

### Presentation Hymn

*Standing, sung by all*

O Fa-ther, with the e - ter-nal Son, and Ho-ly Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch -  
safe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord  
*People* **And of your own have we given to you.**

### 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:

**Hymnal S 114 (Sanctus)** *Sung by all*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant continues the 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread, S 158 (Agnus Dei)** *Sung by all*  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**Prayer of Humble Access** *BCP p. 337, 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 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 receiving 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 Anthem** Verily, Verily by Tallis

**Communion Hymn #671** Amazing Grace *Sung by all*

**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 #690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Sung by all

**Dismissal**

Deacon gives a dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Kyrie, God the Holy Ghost by J.S. Bach

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# The Weekly Messenger

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT (Now - April 16)



Join us on Wednesdays during Lent at noon for the Stations of the Cross, You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay for fellowship afterwards.

## KAIROS



We are looking for volunteers to pray and help bake cookies for the Kairos Weekend (April 10-13)! **Cookies will be collected at church on April 6.** For more info please contact Dan Litfin [dlitfin@gmail.com](mailto:dlitfin@gmail.com) 574-377-7494.

## EASTER BRUNCH

We will be having a parish-wide Easter Brunch on April 20 at 10am in the Undercroft. Check-out the Welcome Lounge for sign-ups!



**VBS VOLUNTEERS** Stop by the Welcome Lounge and check out the VBS volunteer board! There are many different ways you can get involved. VBS will be held June 25, 26, 27 from 9am—Noon. Question? Contact Cal: [associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org).

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES** Easter flower memorial envelopes are available to pick up from the pews, the narthex, and Welcome Lounge. Please place in offering plate or turn in to the church office before April 8 for the names to be added to the Easter bulletin.



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## FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Prayers for Regions

Afghanistan, Congo, China, Haiti, Iran, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. For those affected by flooding in Kentucky, hurricane damage in North Carolina, and fires in California.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Income \$19,051.00

Weekly Expenses \$187,465.41

Year to Date Income \$13,945.31

Year to Date Expenses \$180,815.34

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