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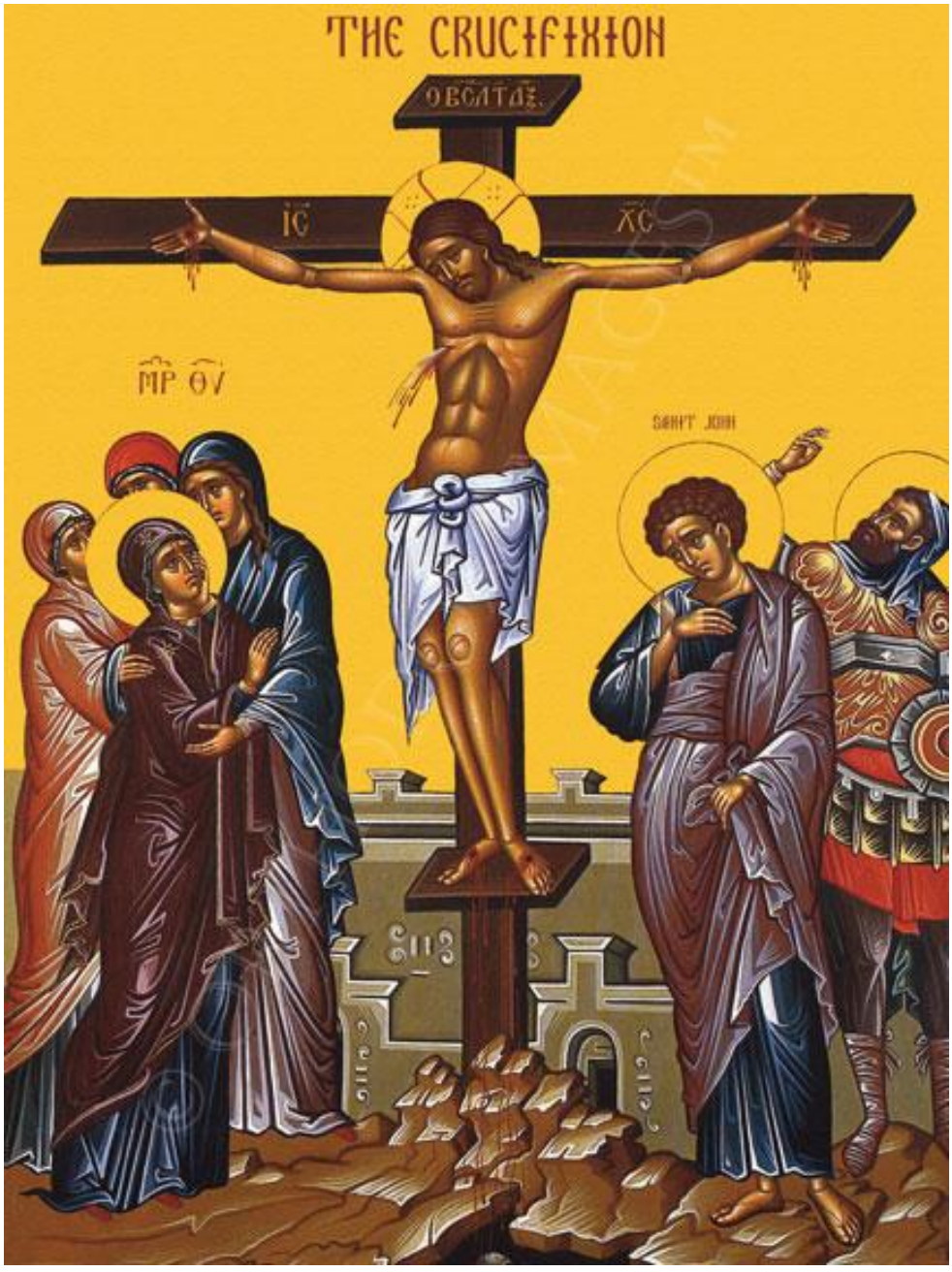
Canton, Ohio



The 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 13th, 2022

Saint Pauls
Downtown Empowered to Serve

"Christian Discipleship should challenge us to wake up, climb out of our ruts, venture out of our church buildings and become better people who live the Good news of Jesus Christ in our daily lives."

Brian McLaren, "Way of Life"

Our Mission

St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

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2nd Sunday in Lent **EOW 1 Eucharist**

THEME: *Keeping covenant means making right choices (the narrow road) and joining Jesus "on the way" to Jerusalem.*

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The promise of many descendants and of a covenant guaranteeing a homeland which God made with Abraham (who at that time was known as Abram).

Psalm 27

The psalmist expresses great trust and confidence in the Lord and asks always to be in God's presence.

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:17--4:1

St. Paul warns of enemies of the cross of Christ and urges the disciples in Philippi to stand firm in the hope of the glory to come.

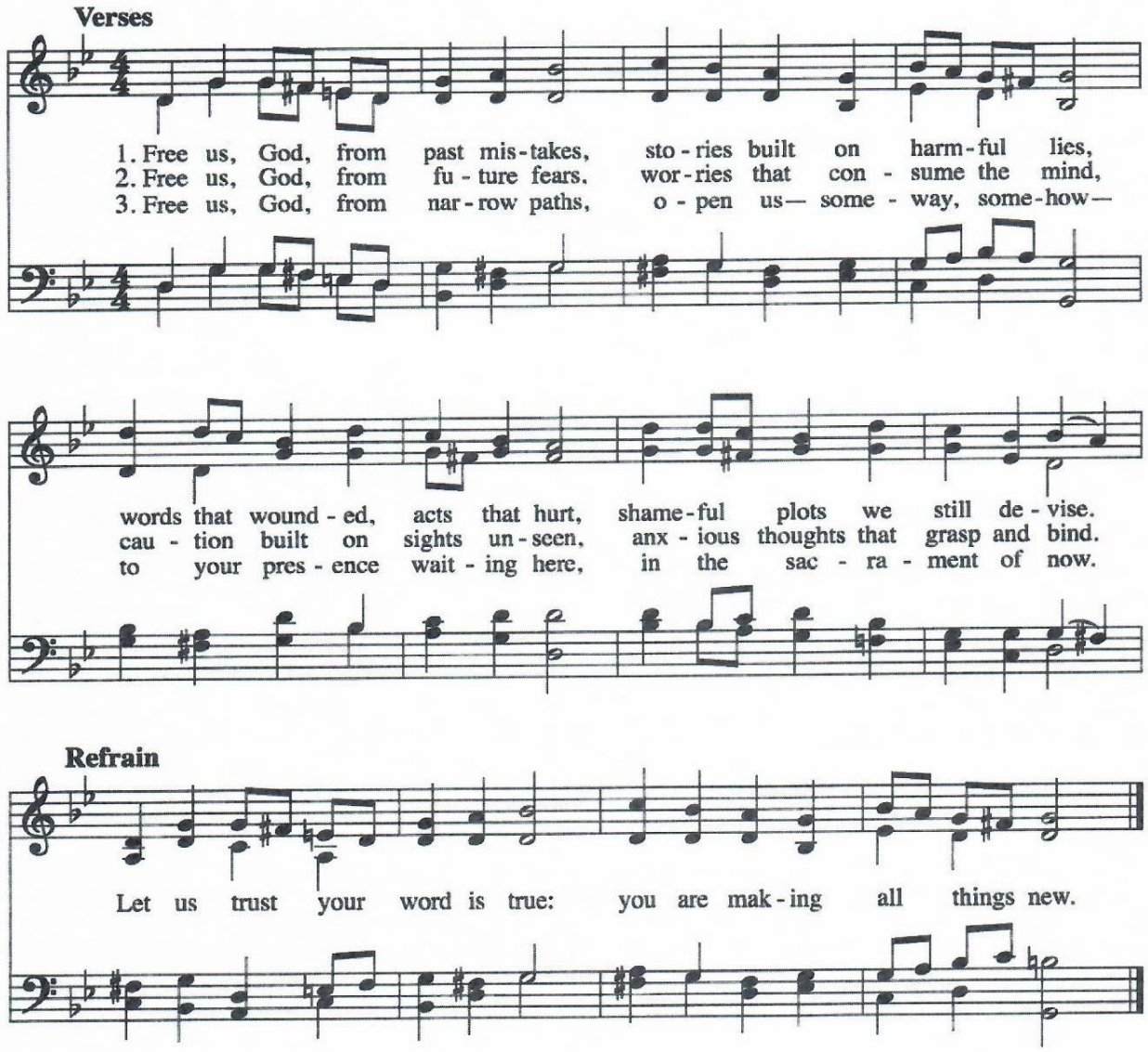
HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Jesus is disdainful; of King Herod's threat and expresses his determination to fulfill his prophetic destiny in Jerusalem.

Prelude *Salsecnew* by Betty Roe
Welcome/Prayer before Worship

Silent Processional

Assembled for Song (AFS) - *Free us, God from Past Mistakes*



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you

People: And also with you

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

1 The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am
your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what
will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of
Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born
in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man
shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought
him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to
count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed
the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him,
"I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to
possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He
said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram
three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 He brought him all these and cut
them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in
two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them
away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and
terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down, and it was
dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that
day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this
land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 27 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

[1]The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
[2]*When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, **
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
[3]Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
[4]*And though war should rise up against me, **
yet will I put my trust in him.
[5]One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
[6]*To behold the fair beauty of the LORD **
and to seek him in his temple.
[7]For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
[8]*Even now he lifts up my head **
above my enemies round about me.
[9]Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
[10]*Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; **
have mercy on me and answer me.
[11]You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
[12]*Hide not your face from me, **
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
[13]You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
[14]*Though my father and my mother forsake me, **
the LORD will sustain me.
[15]Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

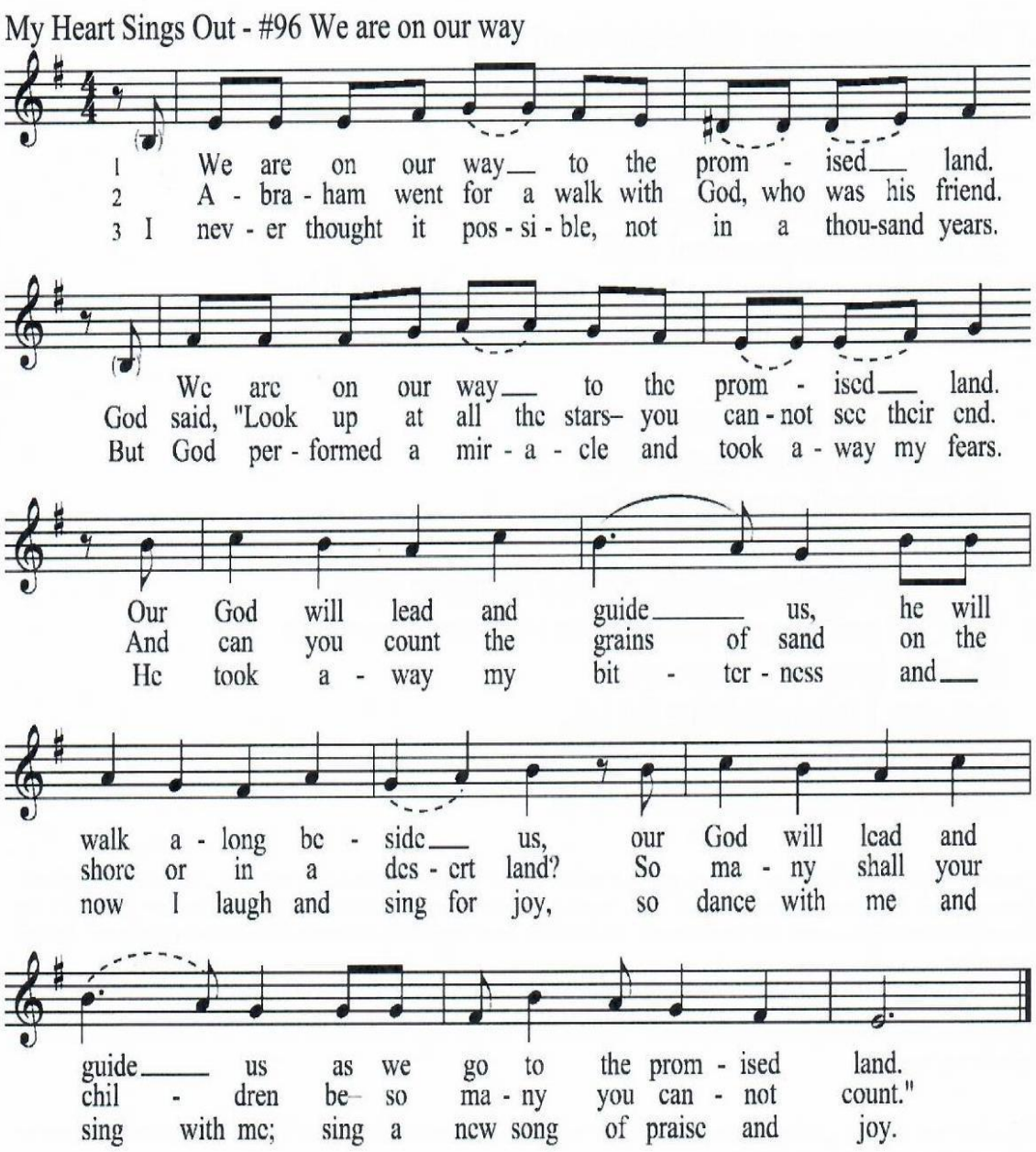
[16]*Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, **
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
[17]What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
[18]*Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;*
*be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; **
wait patiently for the LORD.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

A Reading from Philippians.

[17]Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. [18]For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. [19]Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. [20]But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. [21]He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. [4:1]Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people *Thanks be to God*

Sequence: MHSO #96 *We Are On Our Way*

All stand.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 13:31-35**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

31 Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to
kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out
demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my
work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is
impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I
desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will
not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.'"

Sermon ***By My Hand For My Sake!"***

"What is <u>your</u> role in the suffering and death of Christ?"

Monologue Judas

Silence for reflection

Nicene Creed *All stand*

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, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

For our sakes, O God, your Son emptied himself. Not regarding equality with you a thing to be grasped, he emptied himself, taking upon him the form of a servant, obedient even unto death. *(period of silence)*

For our sakes, his hands received the nails, pounded fast; his precious blood flowed from those riven hands—for us! (*period of silence)*

For his sake, we pray, fill our hands with his fullness. Loosen our grasp on the things of this world; free our wills from covetousness; and open our hands to the needs of the poor, the sick, the grieving, the dying, and those who find themselves in deep despair. *(period of silence)*

Celebrant: We need no more than what your Son has given us; we seek no more than what his love provides. For his sake, make us satisfied, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, ***Safely.***

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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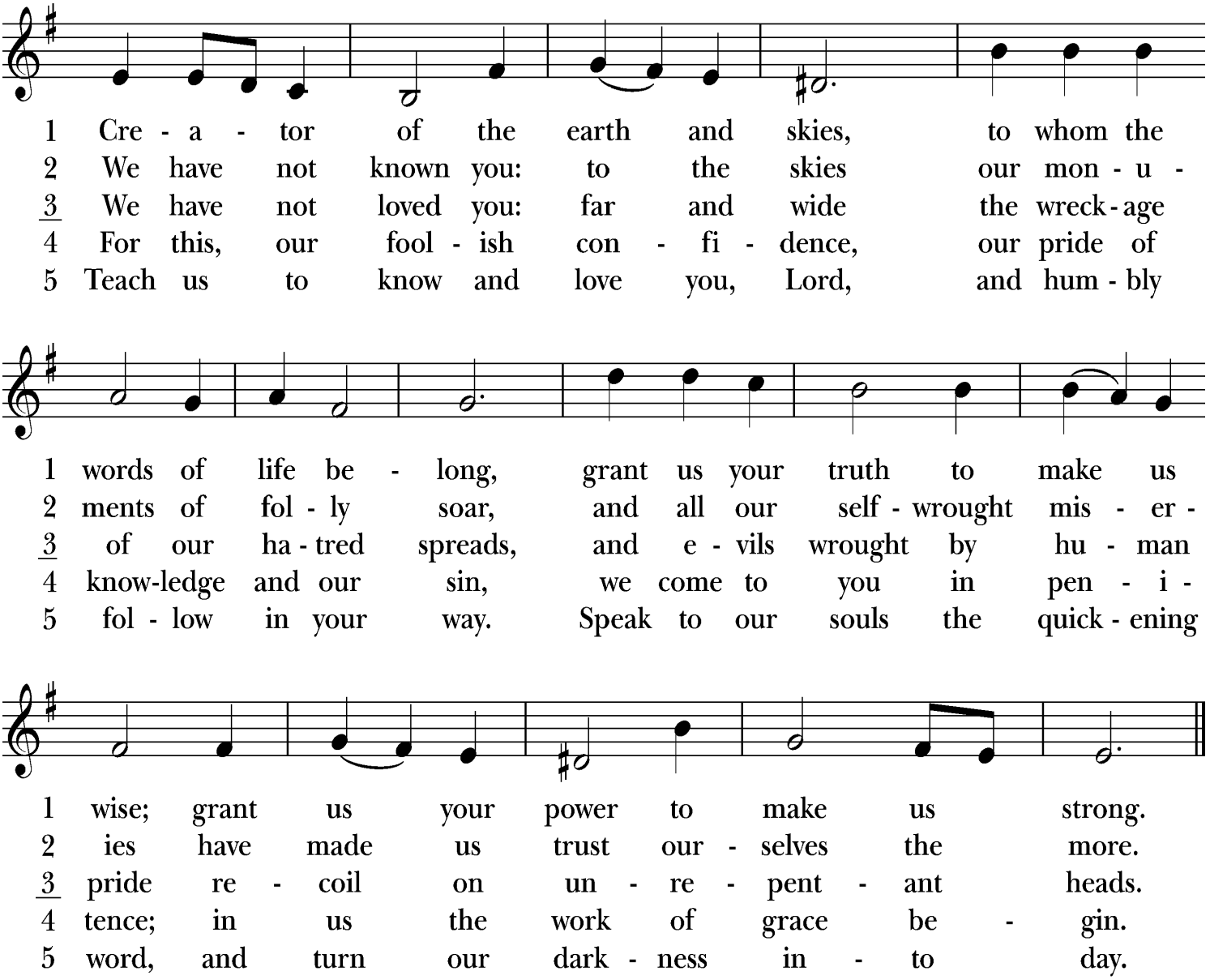

Great Thanksgiving *The people remain standing.*

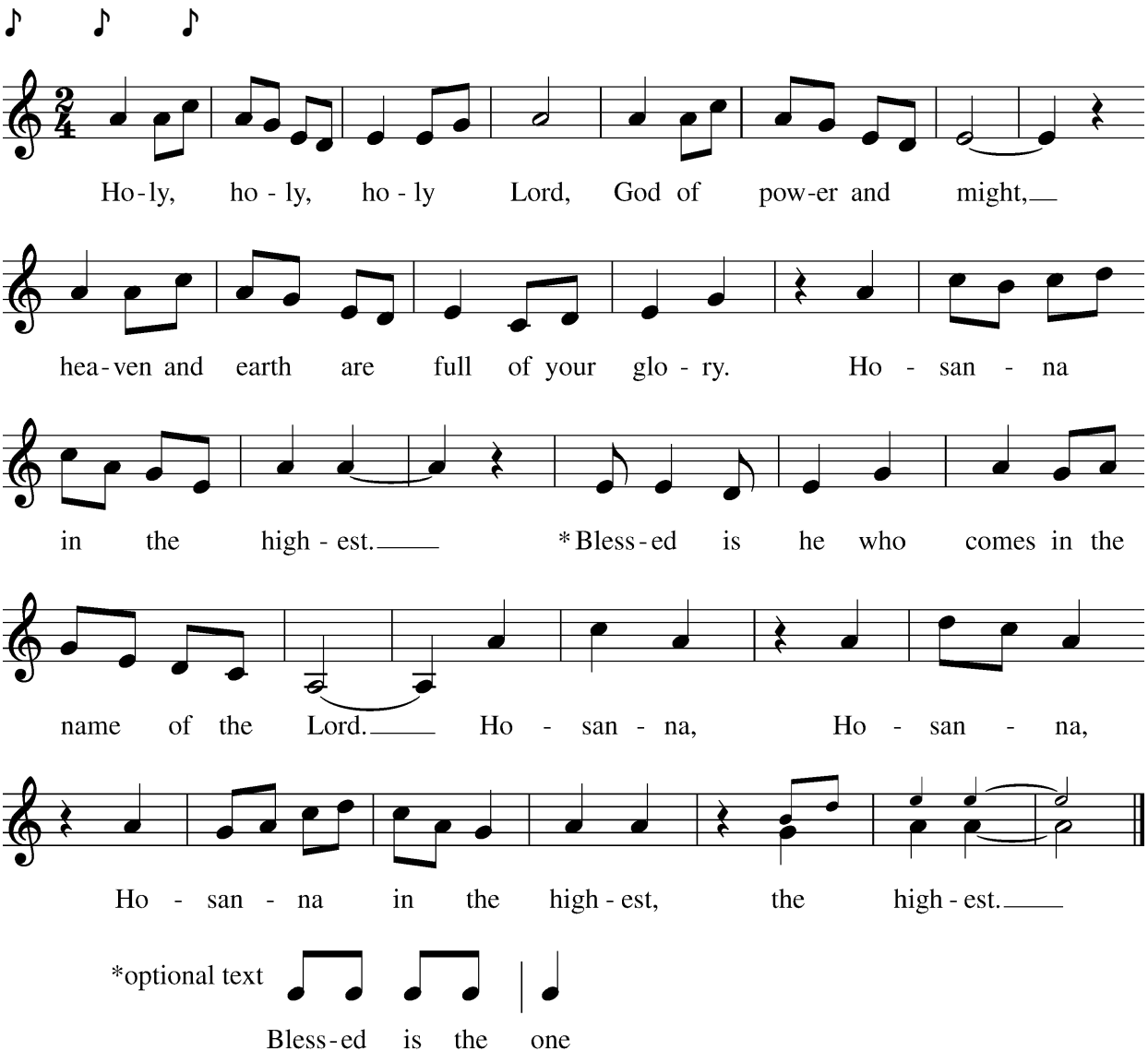
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS **WLP #850**

Celebrant and People

The Celebrant continues
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

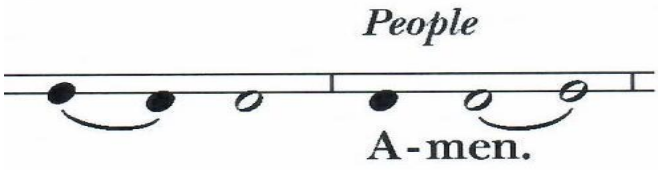
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [*Barb*] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen: H S142



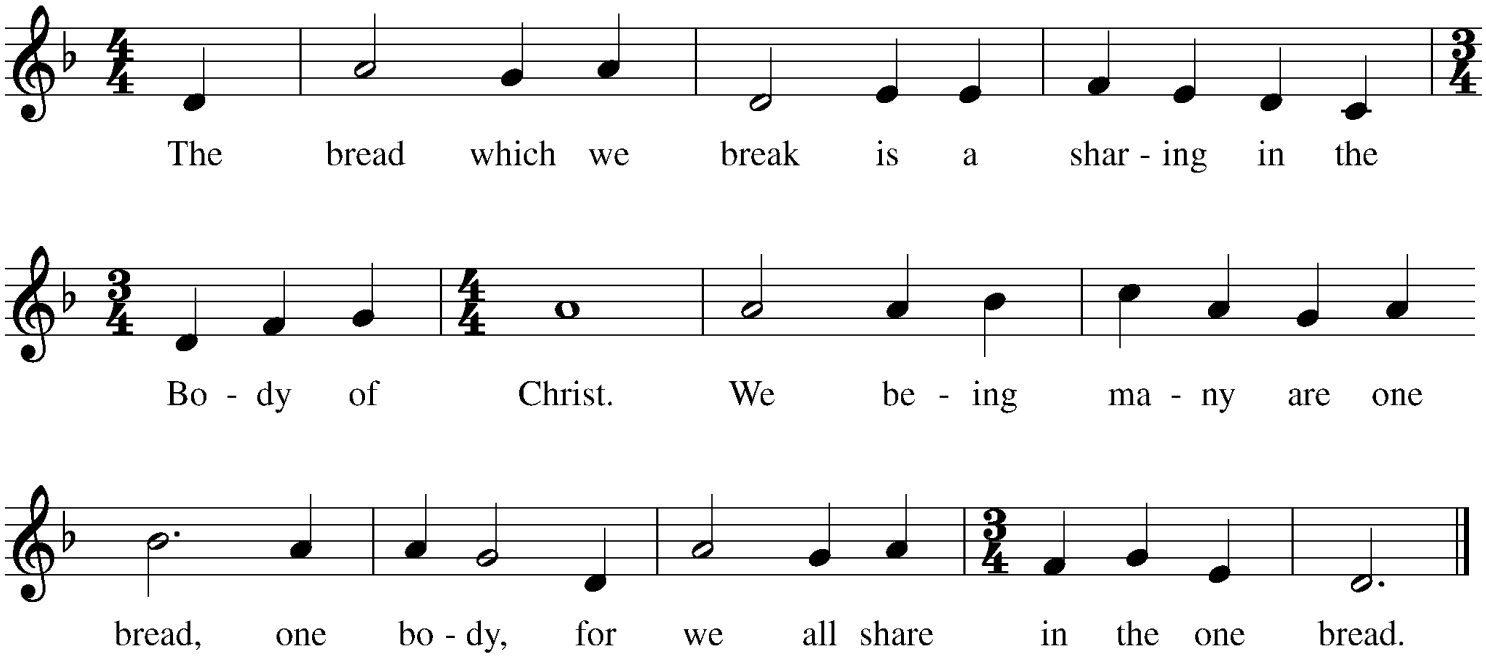
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

A period of silence is kept.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: ***WLP* #867**



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(for those who are in person who are not planning to receive the Sacrament and those who are joining us online

PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER WHILE OTHERS ARE COMMUNING)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Meditation: *Annum per Annum 1*, Arvo Part

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

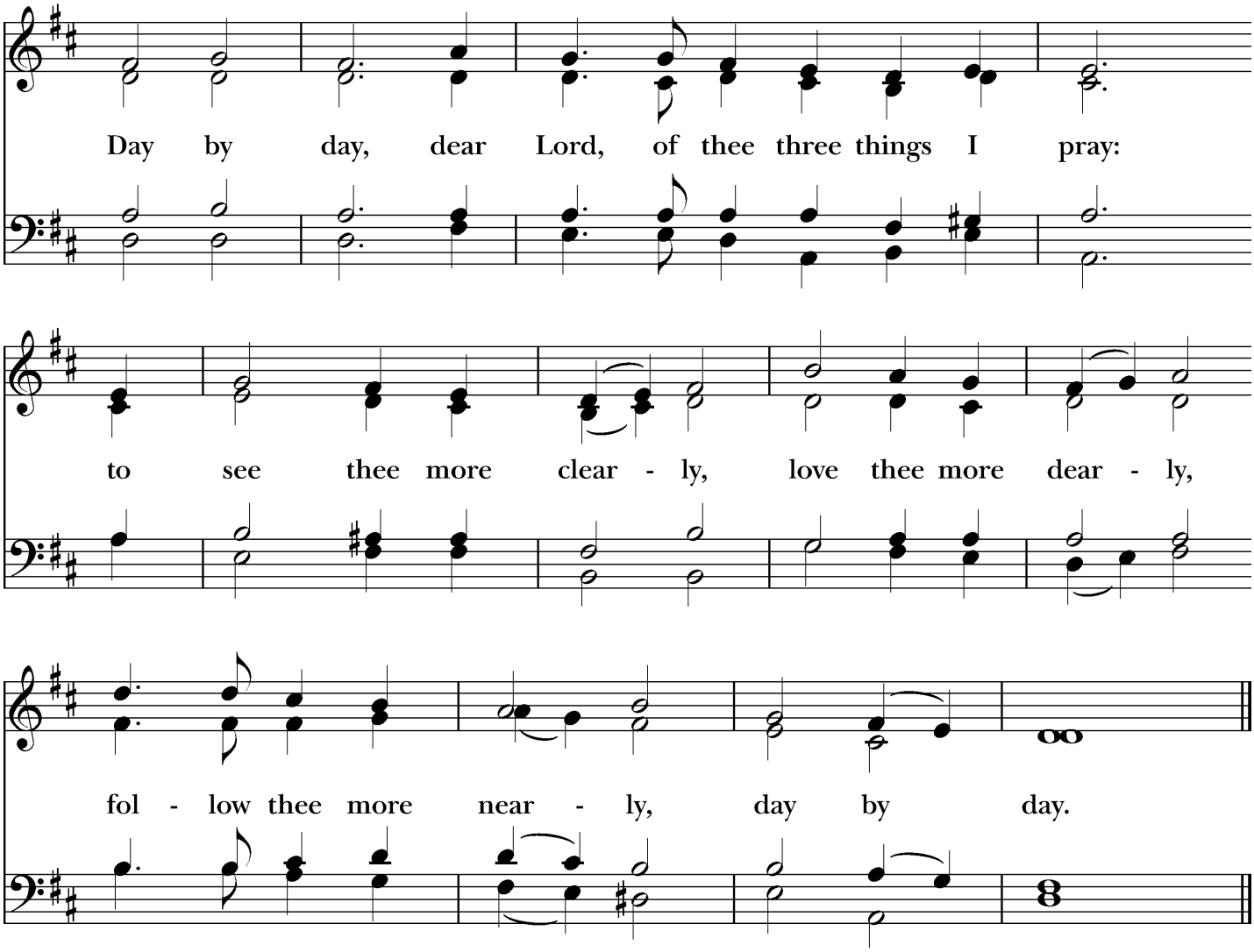
The People may join in saying this prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us
with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant:
The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: H1982 #654 (Sung 3 times) Sumner



Silent Recessional

Solemn Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE: *Agnus Dei* by Stanley Vann

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Upcoming Commemorations

James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911
Sunday, March 13, 2022

Patrick of Ireland, Bishop, and Missionary, 461
Thursday, March 17, 2022

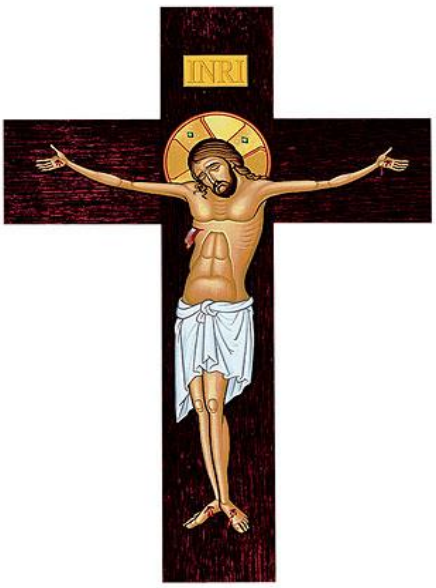
Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, and Theologian, 386
Friday, March 18, 2022

God is calling all of us back… to a faithful spiritual journey in 2022

Lenten Sermon Series

"By My Hand For My Sake!"

This Lent worship series asks, **"What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ?"** Week by week, this question is addressed— by biblical characters who actually did have a hand in the crucifixion of Christ. Characters include Adam, Nicodemus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, the father of the Thief on the Right, Peter.



Sundays in Lent

3.6.22 Nicodemus
3.13.22 Judas
3.20.22 Barabbas
3.27.22 Pilate
4.3.22 The Thief's father
4.14.22 Maundy Thursday: Peter

Please take time to read over the Lenten Discipline Handbook for 2022, in preparation for OUR Lenten Spiritual Journey as a parish!

The Parish Prayer for Spiritual Renewal During Lent

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Parish Announcements

Please Note: St. Paul's livestreams and posts all services to its Facebook page. If you would prefer not to be recorded, please ask our ushers to show you an area that will remain off camera.

St. Paul's Choir: It is with enthusiasm and joy that we announce the restarting of choir at St. Paul's! I have been able to reach out to most previous choir members. If I have not reached out to you yet, please expect an outreach from me soon. This is also an opportunity for those who have not previously sung in choir at St. Paul's to prayerfully consider taking part in this important (and extremely fun) ministry at St. Paul's. There is no audition process and participation in this ministry requires no formal training or experience. It does require a love of singing and a willingness to learn. Everyone is welcome, without exception. **There will be an organizational meeting and a bit of singing on March 17th, 7:30pm** in the chancel at St. Paul's. If you are interested, please contact me with any questions or concerns by phone: 330-968-7487 or email: etgrimes71@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross, the prayerful devotion focused on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, will be Fridays in Lent beginning at 6 p.m.

Vestry meeting will be March 21 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Guild Hall. The agenda will include a review of Covid protocols and CDC guidelines. We welcome input from the congregation, which you can share in person or by email: stpaulsoffice@att.net

REMINDER: Weekly Bulletin announcements are due by Tuesday at 10 a.m. Email to the church office.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

"Enriching Our Worship is offered by the Standing Liturgical Commission to the Church through the General Convention as an enrichment of our liturgical prayer. This collection is part of an ongoing process of listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church through the diverse experience of those who gather to worship and to celebrate the sacramental rites which fashion and identify us as the People of god. Enriching Our Worship is not intended to supplant the Book of Common Prayer, but rather to provide additional resources to assist worshiping communities wishing to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship. In some cases, the canticles and prayers represent the recovery of ancient biblical and patristic images, such as the identification of Christ with Wisdom, and in other cases images which speak of God in other than the familiar masculine terms which have been so much a part of our liturgical prayer. Expanding our vocabulary of prayer and the ways in which we name the Holy One bear witness to the fact that the mystery of God transcends all categories of knowing, including those of masculine and feminine. One of the considerations in choosing or developing the texts included in this collection has been the prayer experience of women, and the desire to honor that experience while remaining faithful to the constituent elements and norms of liturgical prayer as this Church has received and understood them. At all points along the way in the process of selection and development of texts the question has been asked: Is this text consistent with the Trinitarian and Christological formulations which we, as Anglicans, regard as normative and the ground of our common prayer? The local use of Enriching Our Worship is subject to authorization by the Bishop, who serves as the Chief Liturgical Minister of the Diocese. In this way a pastoral bond can be maintained which relates the local use of these texts to the worship life of the larger Church. It is our hope that praying and singing the prayers and canticles in this collection will deepen and strengthen our encounter with Christ and make it possible, with ever increasing conviction, to cry out with St. Ambrose, "You have shown yourself to me, O Christ, face to face. I have met you in your sacraments."

Preface: by The Most Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold

MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thur	Friday	Saturday
Mar 13 2nd Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service **DST Begins**	Mar 14 Comm. Committee Mtg 6pm via Zoom	March 15	March 16 10am Book Study Finance 6pm (Zoom)	March 17 7pm AA (Library)	March 18 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	March 19 H.O.T. 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
Mar 20 3rd Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Mar 21 Vestry 6pm	Mar 22 Social Justice Book Club 7pm via Zoom	March 23 10am Book Study	Mar 24 7pm AA (Library)	Mar 18 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Mar 19 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
Mar 27 4th Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30 10am Book Study	Mar 31 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 1 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 2 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
Apr 3 5th Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Apr 4	Apr 5 Courageous Conversations Leadership Team 4pm	Apr 6 10am Book Study	Apr 7 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 8 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 9 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA

1st Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversation Leadership Team
2nd Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
3rd Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversations
4th Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)

Sunday Services at 10:30 are live streamed on Facebook.

Note: Fr. Phil's new days in the parish/phone calls/text messages/emails: Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays Only. Emergencies when they arise on other days.