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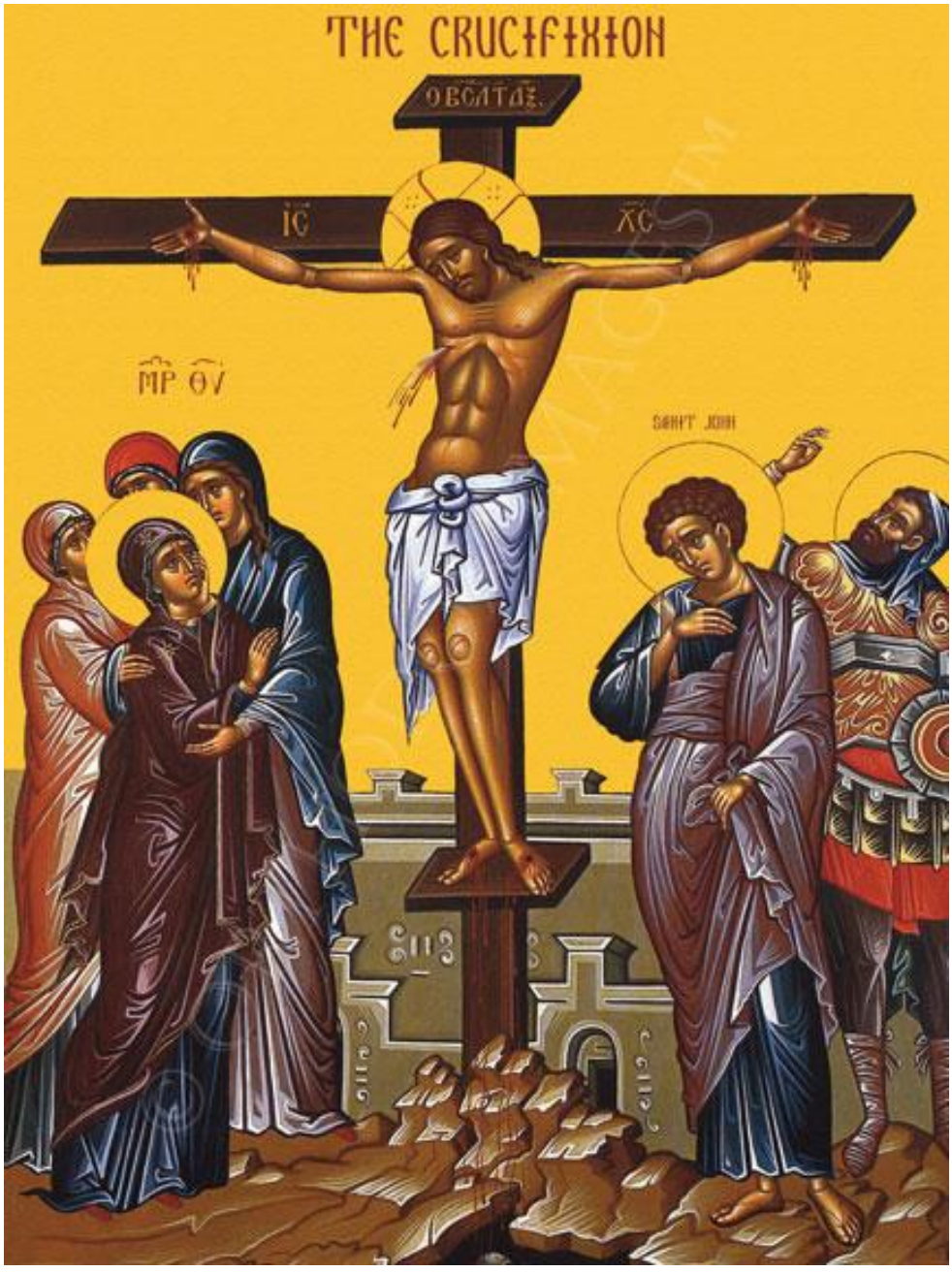

The 3rd Sunday in Lent
March 20th, 2022

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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3rd Sunday in Lent **EOW 1 Eucharist**

THEME: *For the Christian, baptism is the "burning bush" experience that makes sense of the rest of one's life in Christ*

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15
God appears to Moses from a mysterious bush with a flame that does not burn up.

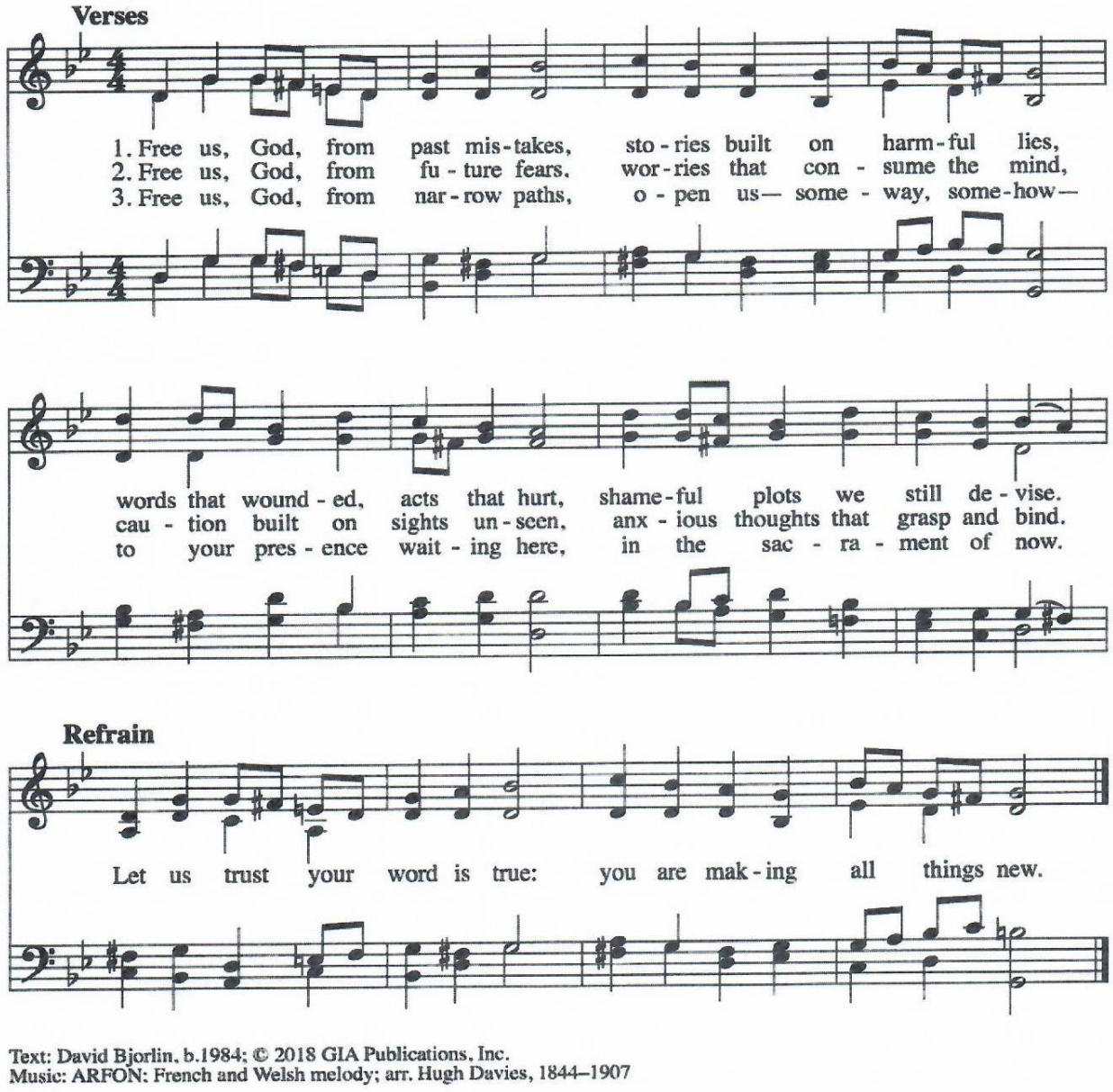
Psalm 63:1-8
The psalmist seeks the Lord in whose presence there is sufficiency and contentment.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 10:1-13
St. Paul looks back to the great events of the exodus story and sees lesson for contemporary Christians.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9
Jesus uses two contemporary disasters and a parable of his own to stress the need for repentance.

Prelude *Adagio* by Michael Higgins
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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus

[1]Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led
his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. [2]There the
angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the
bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. [3]Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and
look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." [4]When the LORD saw
that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"
And he said, "Here I am." [5]Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from
your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." [6]He said further,
"I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. [7]Then
the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have
heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, [8]and
I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of
that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country
of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the
Jebusites. [9]The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the
Egyptians oppress them. [10]So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people,
the Israelites, out of Egypt." [11]But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to
Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" [12]He said, "I will be with you; and
this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the
people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." [13]But Moses said to
God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent
me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say tothem?" [14]God
said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites,
'I AM has sent me to you.'" [15]God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the
Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

Psalm 63:1-8 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

[1]O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
[2]*Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, **
that I might behold your power and your glory.
[3]For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
[4]*So will I bless you as long as I live **
and lift up my hands in your Name.
[5]My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
[6]*When I remember you upon my bed, **
and meditate on you in the night watches.
[7]For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
[8]*My soul clings to you; **
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

[1]I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2]and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3]and all ate the same spiritual food, [4]and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. [5]Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. [6]Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. [7]Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." [8]We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. [9]We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. [10]And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

[11]These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. [12]So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. [13]No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Sequence

All stand.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 13:1-9**

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

[1]At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2]He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? [3]No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. [4]Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5]No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." [6]Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. [7]So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' [8]He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. [9]If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

Sermon *By My Hand For My Sake*

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

Monologue: Barabbas

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

Brothers and sisters, our God is faithful. Let us offer our prayers to God, saying, "God, your loving- kindness is better than life itself; *we bless you and we praise you*."

O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you; our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you, as in a parched and barren land. Refresh your Church, revive your Church with living water.

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
We bless you and we praise you.

Faithful God, be the comfort and strength of innocent victims and their families. We pray for all those who die suddenly and unprepared.

Silence

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
We bless you and we praise you.

Great Mountain God, open our eyes to your presence in the world around us. Set the fire of your presence before us and lead our feet to holy ground.

Silence

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
We bless you and we praise you.

We pray, O God, for victims of sexual violence and abuse. Deliver them; heal their wounds and scars; restore innocence and the ability to trust. Purify our own hearts that we may honor and respect each other.

Silence

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
We bless you and we praise you.

O God, you are our helper; you hide us under the mighty shadow of your wings. Defend your children from all adversities which may happen to the body or soul.

Silence

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
We bless you and we praise you.

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of our fathers and mothers, feed us with spiritual food; refresh us with spiritual drink. Preserve us, with all your saints, forever.

Silence

God, your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
We bless you and we praise you.

Peace

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

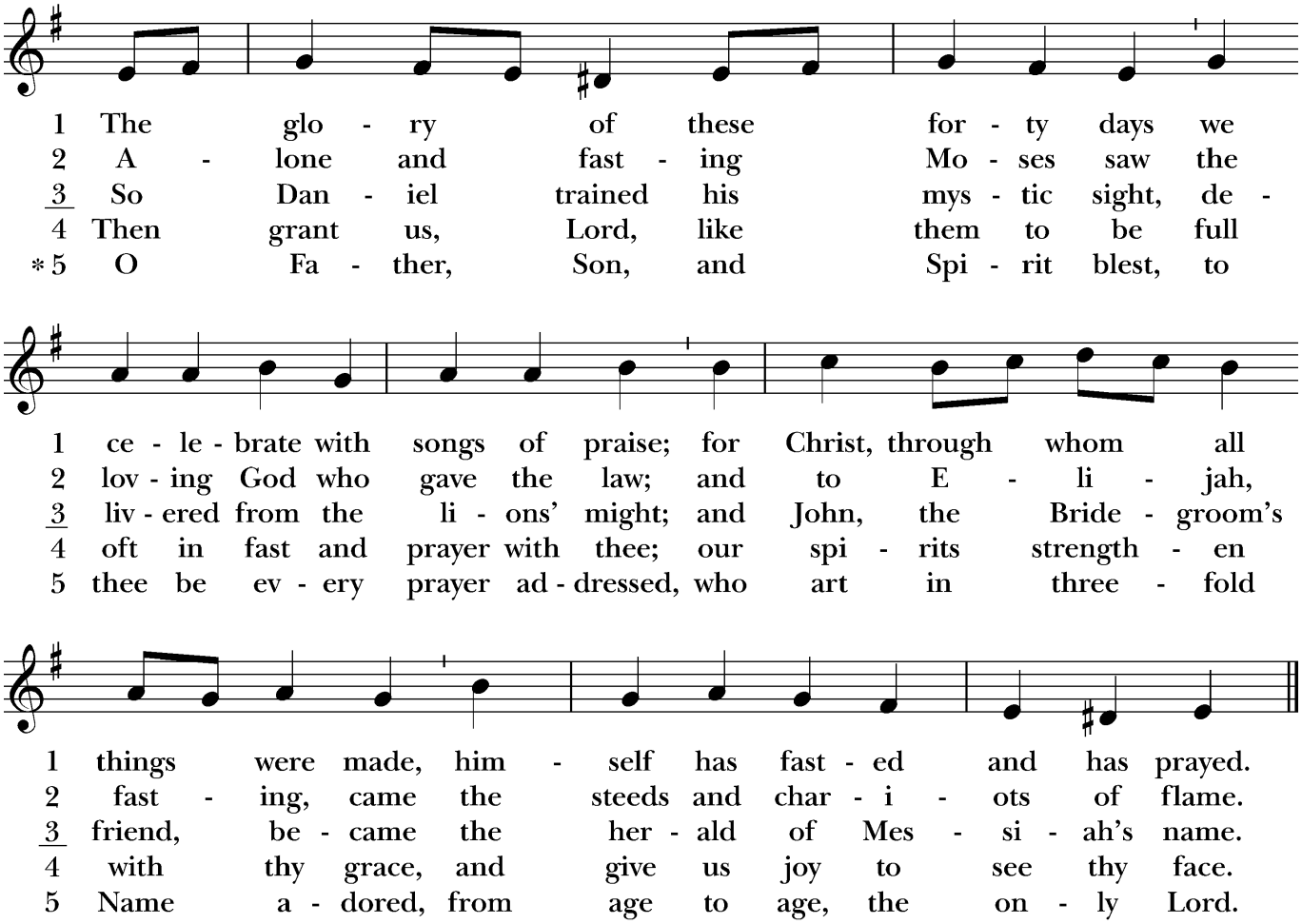
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, ***Safely.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

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

Offertory H1982 #143 *Erhalt uns, Herr*



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**

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." ♪

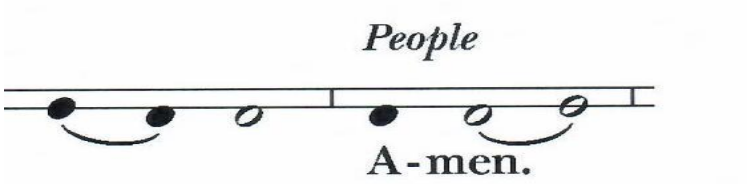
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."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

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 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



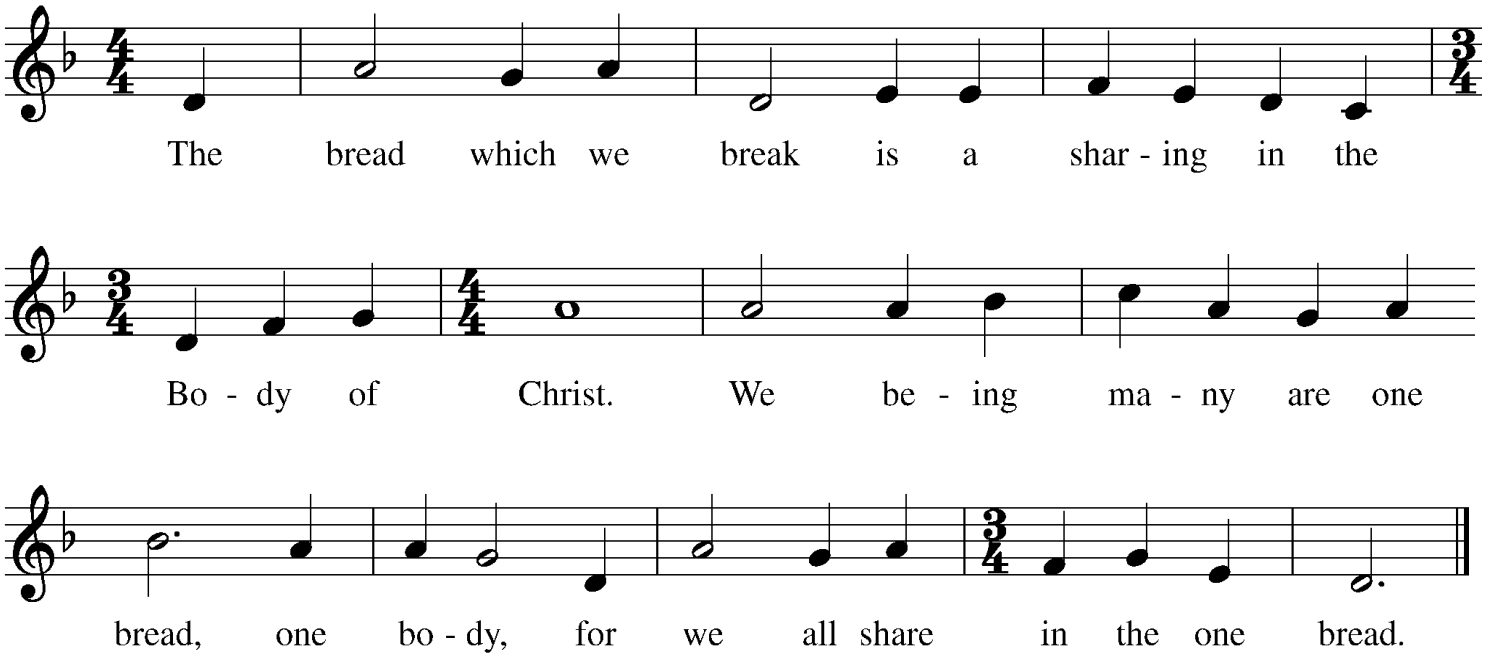
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 II* by 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 #152 *A la venue de Noel*

Silent Recessional

Solemn Dismissal

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

POSTLUDE: *Verset* by John Marsh

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Weekly Cleaning: Susan Phillips
Counters: Carol Sutek, Valerie Frear

Upcoming Commemorations

Cuthbert, Bishop, 687
Sunday, March 20, 2022

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wales, 1711
Sunday, March 20, 2022

Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711
Monday, March 21, 2022

Thomas Cranmer: Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556
Monday, March 21, 2022

James De Koven, Priest, 1879
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary, c.332
Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Oscar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, 1980 and the Martyrs of El Salvador
Thursday, March 24, 2022

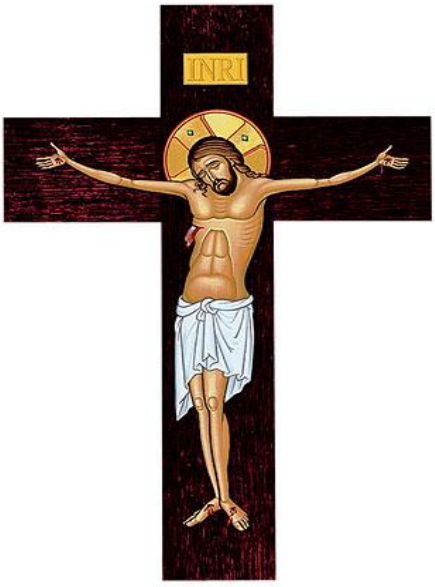
Richard Allen: First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831
Saturday, March 26, 2022

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 RETURN…YOUR COPY OF THE DISCIPLINE OF LENT HANDBOOK PLEASE RETURN DIRECTLY TO FR. PHIL, SO IT CAN BE SHREDDED. IN TURN, HE CAN GIVE YOU THE CORRECT COPY OF THE HANDBOOK. THANKS

Fr. Phil+

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. 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.

Guest Announcer: Today, we welcome Aaron Seiz, who will briefly present very important information on VOTER REGISTRATION!! He will stress the importance of checking on your voter registration, in case it has been purged. Aaron will be staying for Coffee Hour, to register you for voting, and answer any questions and provide additional information for you. Welcome Aaron!

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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 20 3rd Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Mar 21 Vestry 6pm	March 22 Social Justice Book Club 7pm via Zoom	March 23 10am Book Study	March 24 7pm AA (Library)	March 25 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	March 26 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
Mar 27 4th Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Mar 28	Mar 29	March 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
Apr 10 Palm/Passion Sunday 10:30am Service	Apr 11 *****Holy Week*****	Apr 12 Social Justice Book Club 7pm via Zoom	Apr 13 10am Book Study	Apr 14 THE HOLY TRIDUM Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7pm 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 15 THE HOLY TRIDUM Good Friday Liturgy 7pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 16 THE HOLY TRIDUM THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8pm H.O.T. 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA