St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Confirmation & Baptism

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.

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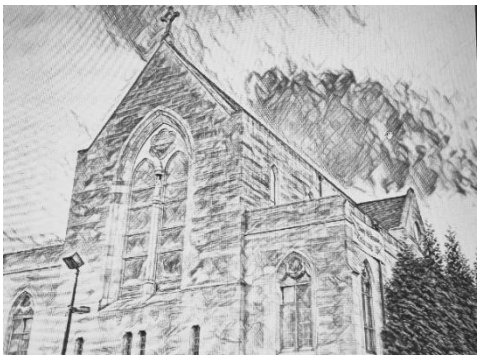

Our mission

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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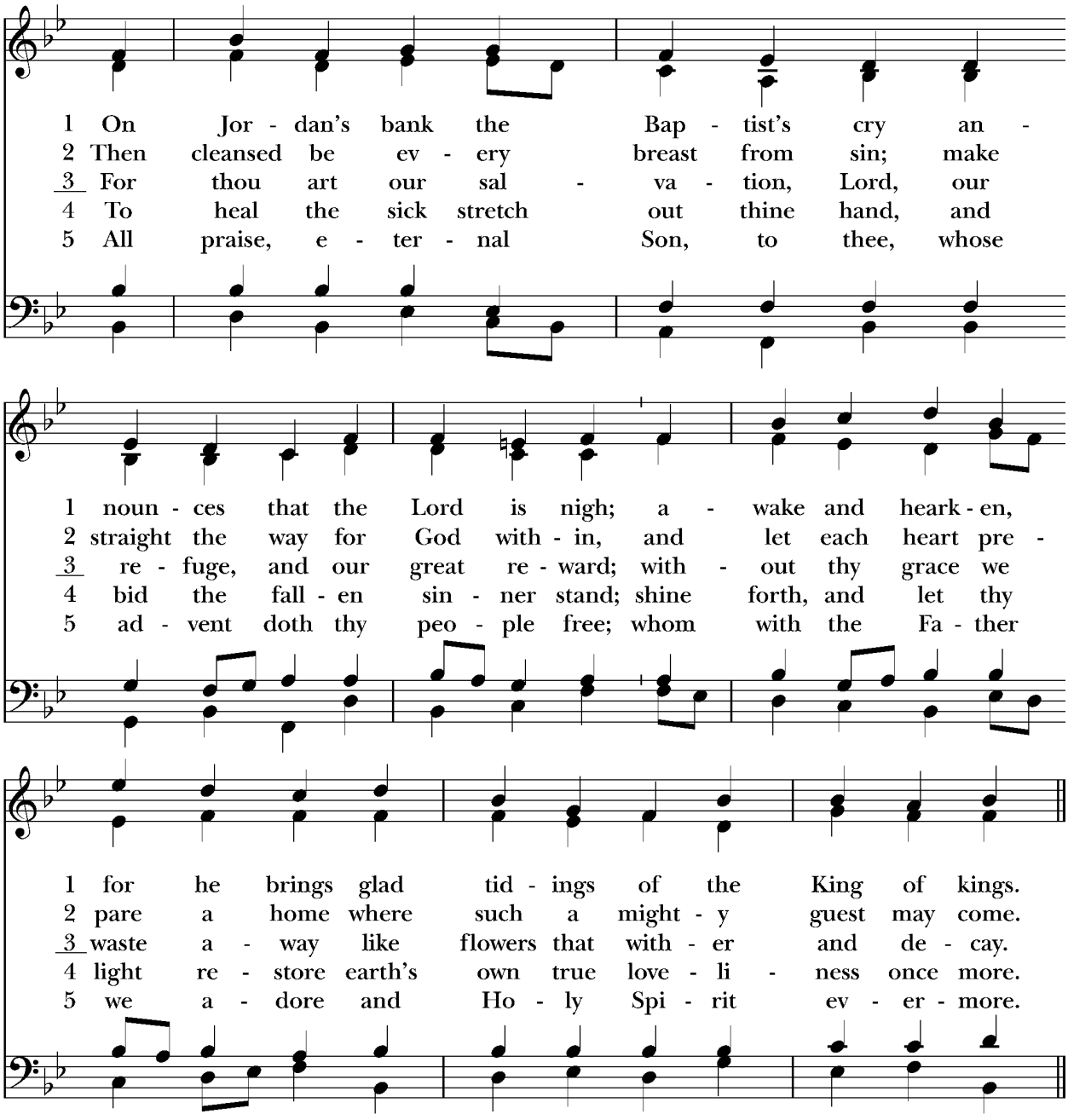
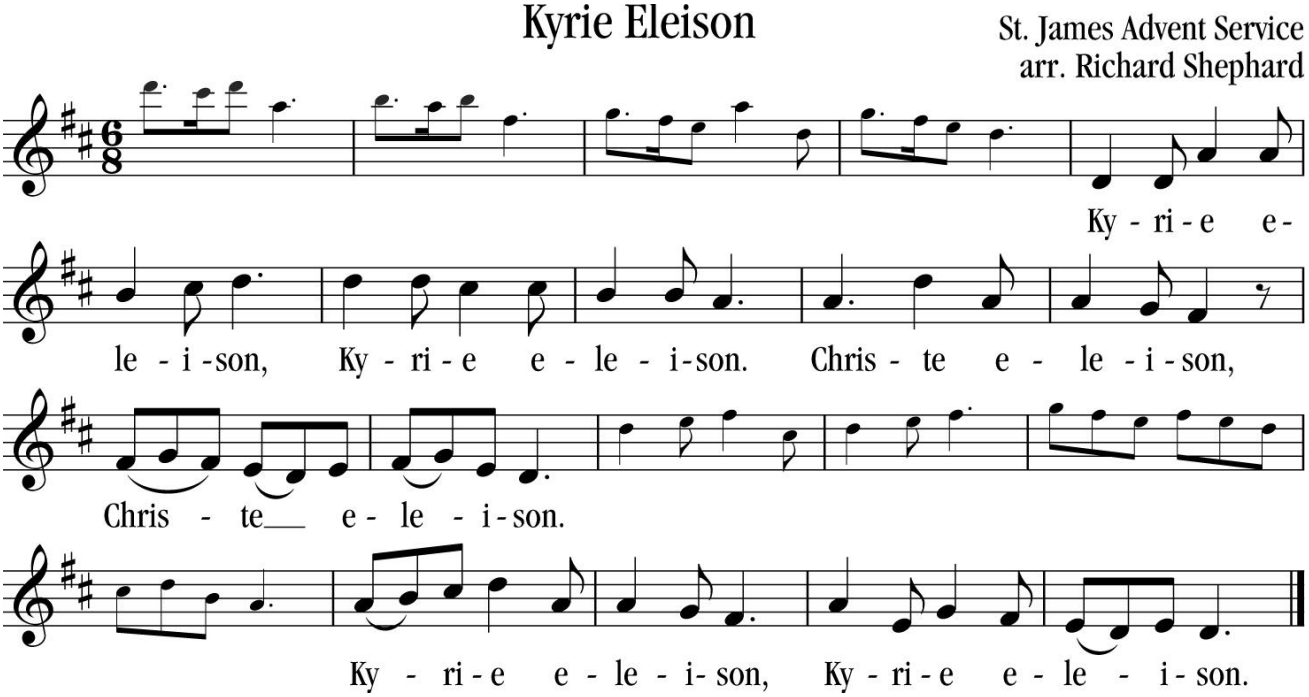
Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Prelude: *Winchester New* by Rosalie Bonighton

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (Winchester New) (H 76)*

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 299)
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE



SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM (BCP p. 299)
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 299)
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

1A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
4 But with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6 The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Remain seated.

1Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
2That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
3That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
6He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
19And blessed be his glorious Name forever, *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

4Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of
God. 8For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the
truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9and in
order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

10and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

11and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

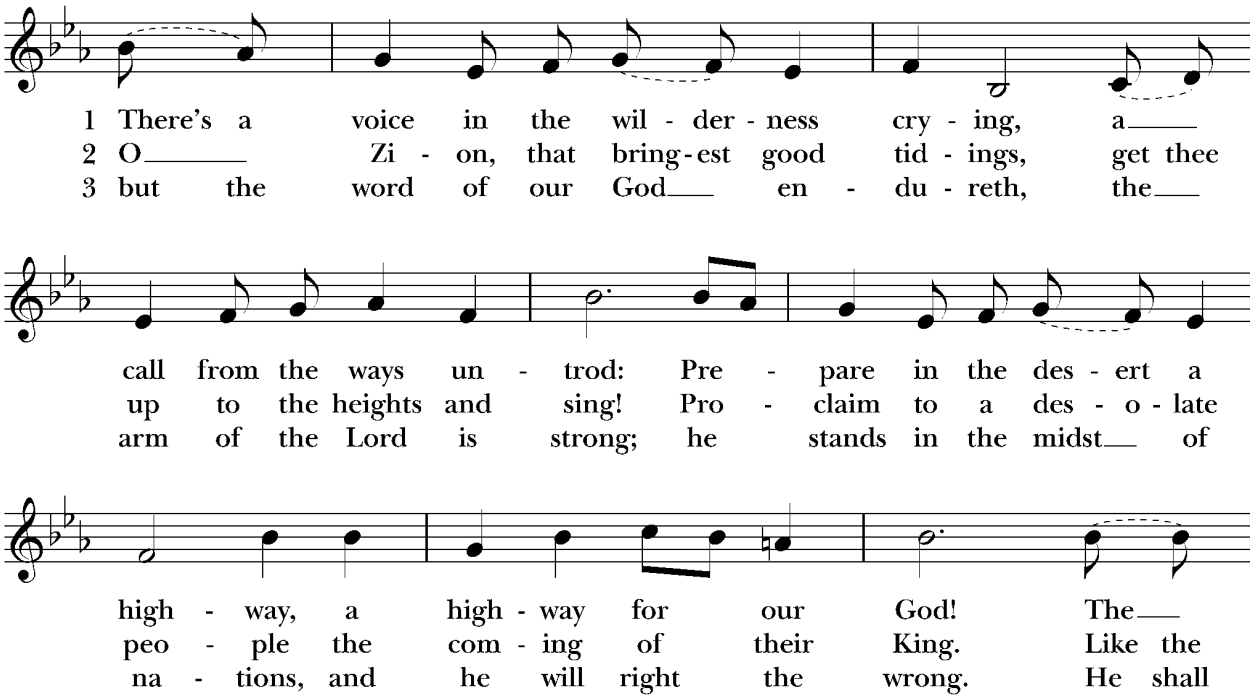
12and again Isaiah says,

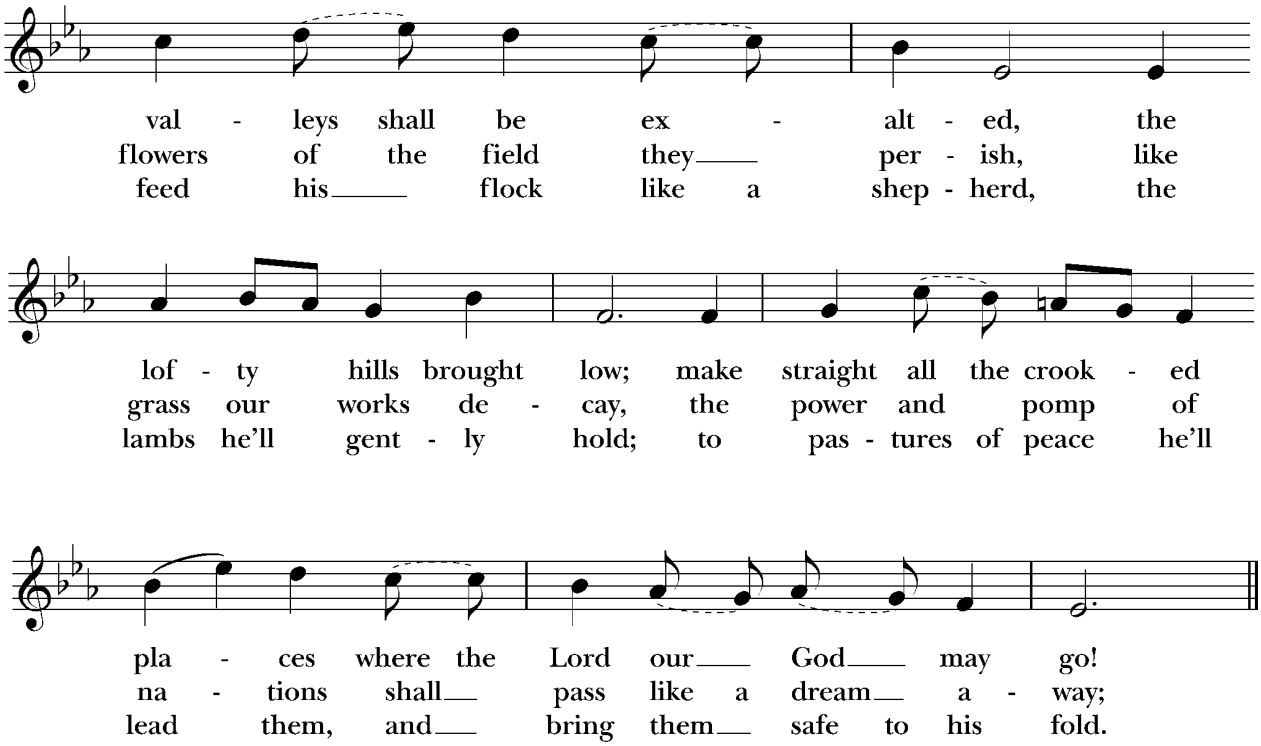
"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN*: "There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying" (Ascension) (H 75)* *All stand.*





GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
2"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.' "

4Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his
food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were
going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him
in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear

fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

THE SERMON: *The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES (BCP p. 301)
The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Then candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents

I present *Ellis Edward Wade* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says

The other Candidate will now be presented.

Presenters I present *JoAnne Elaine Miller* for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.
Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidate I do, and with God's grace, I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *JoAnne* in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with *JoAnne, and Ellis* who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (BCP p. 304)

Celebrant
Do you believe in God the Father?
People
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Celebrant
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People
I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES (BCP p. 305)
The Celebrant says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *Ellis* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for *JoAnn*e who has renewed her commitment to Christ.

Deacon Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER (BCP p. 306)
The Celebrant blesses the water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE BAPTISM (BCP p. 307)

Celebrant

Ellis Edward Wade, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Ellis Edward Wade, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED (BCP p. 308)

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PRAYERS AT CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, OR REAFFIRMATION (BCP p. 309)

The Bishop says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *JoAnne* who has renewed *her* commitment to Christ.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *this* your *servant* the covenant you made with *her* at *her* Baptism. Send *JoAnne* forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before *her*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *JoAnne Elaine Miller* with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service, and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. *Amen*.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *this* your *servant*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *her*; and so lead *her* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *she* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN*: "Creator of the Stars of Night"*
(iv Melody arr. by John Scott)

The Great Thanksgiving
(Please remain standing)

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

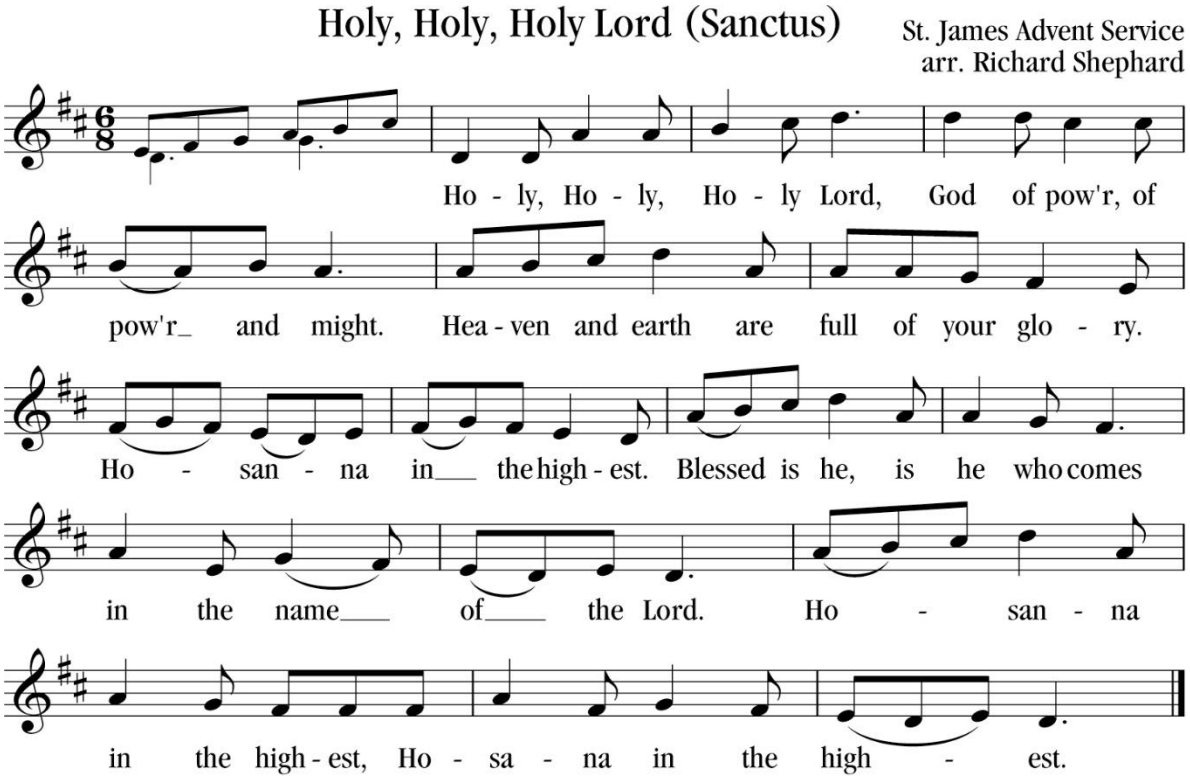
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

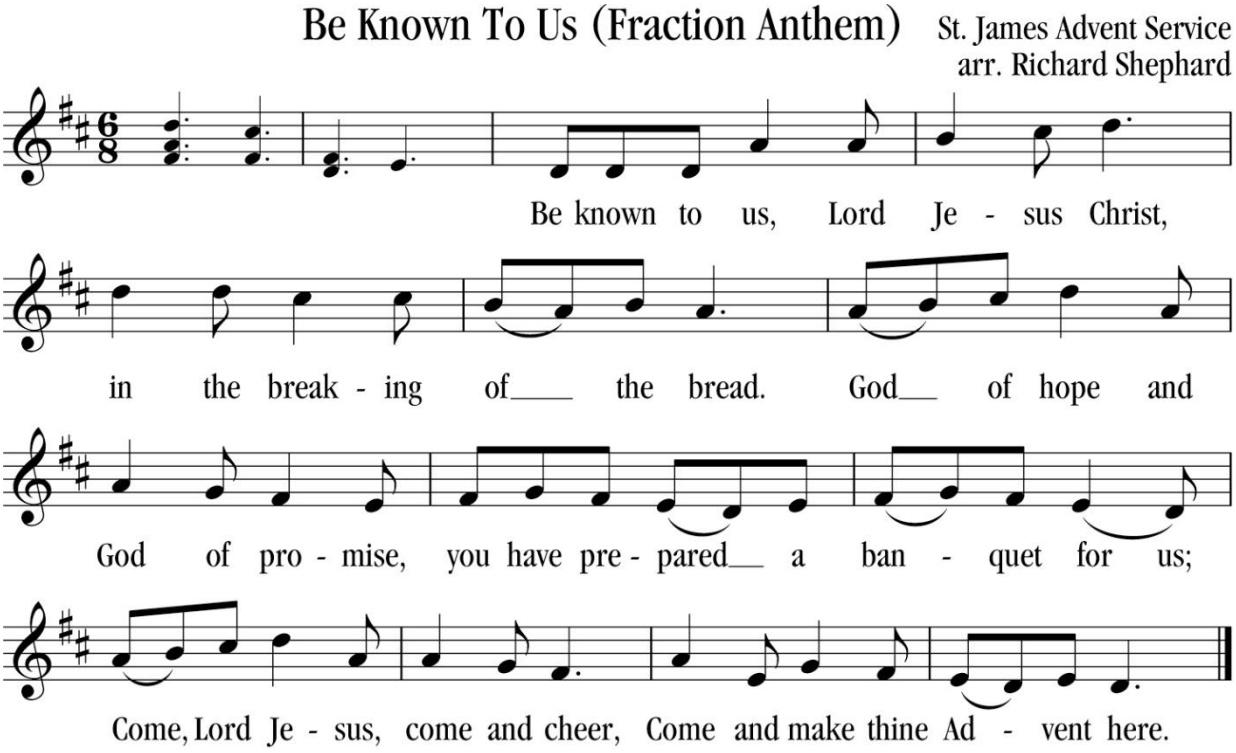
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

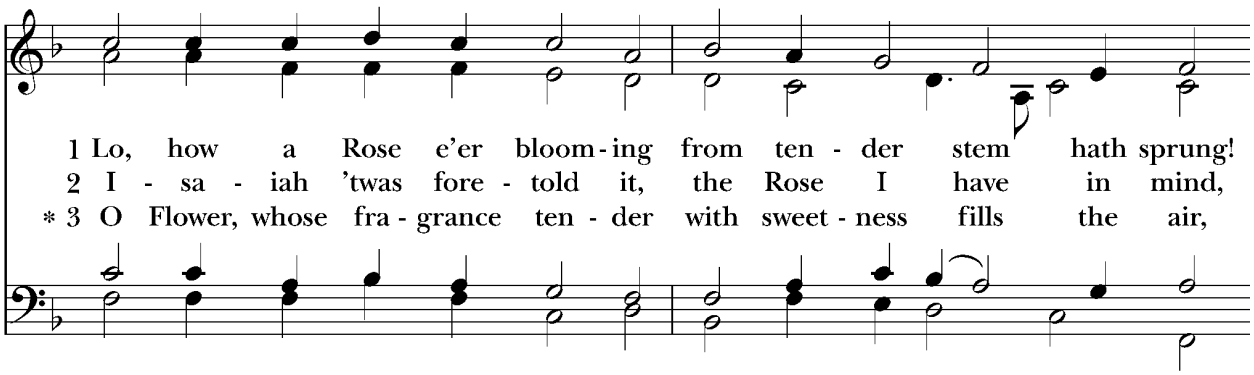
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

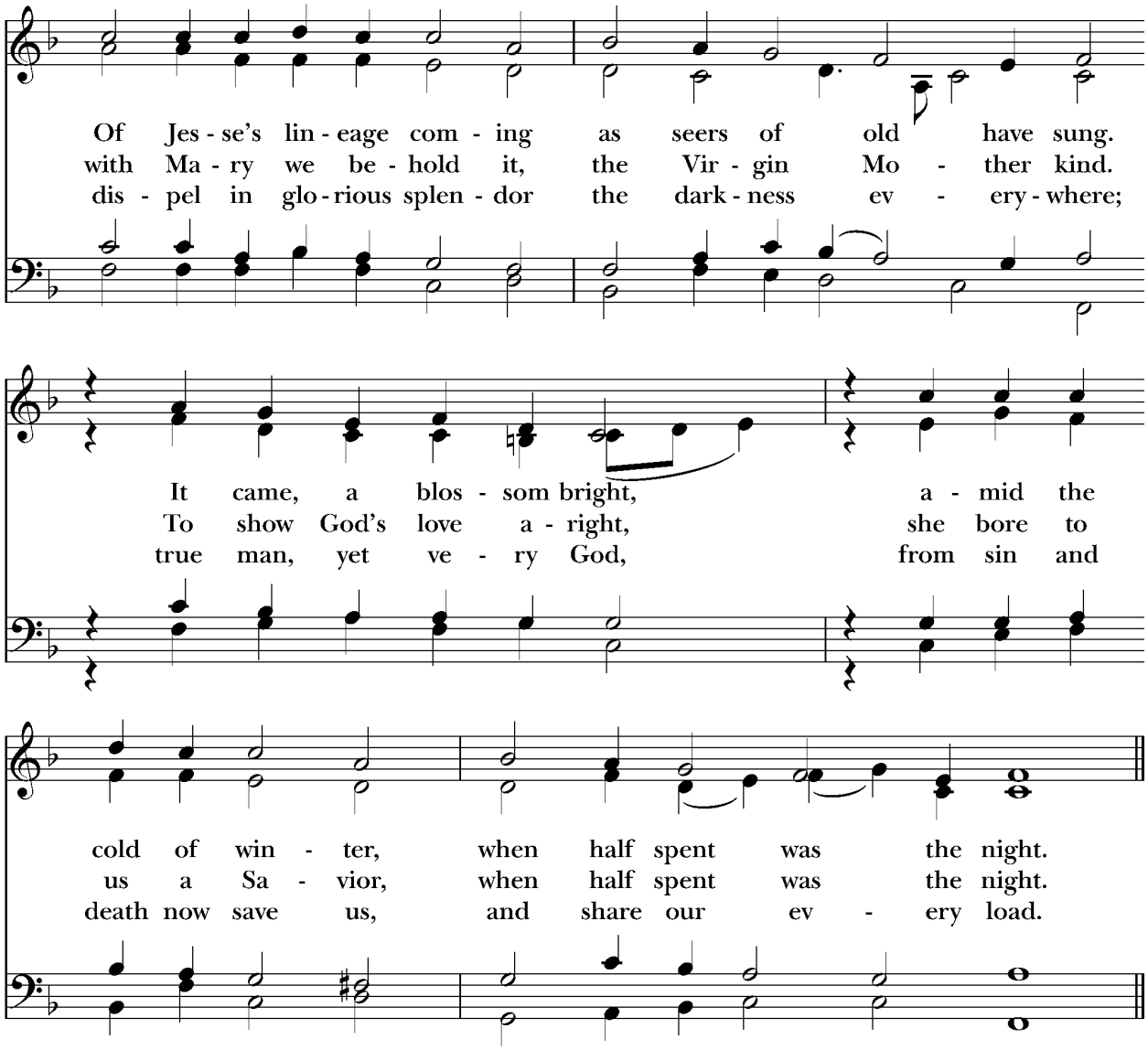
The Breaking of the Bread



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming" (Es ist ein Ros) vs. 1 &2 (no vs. 3) (H 81)***



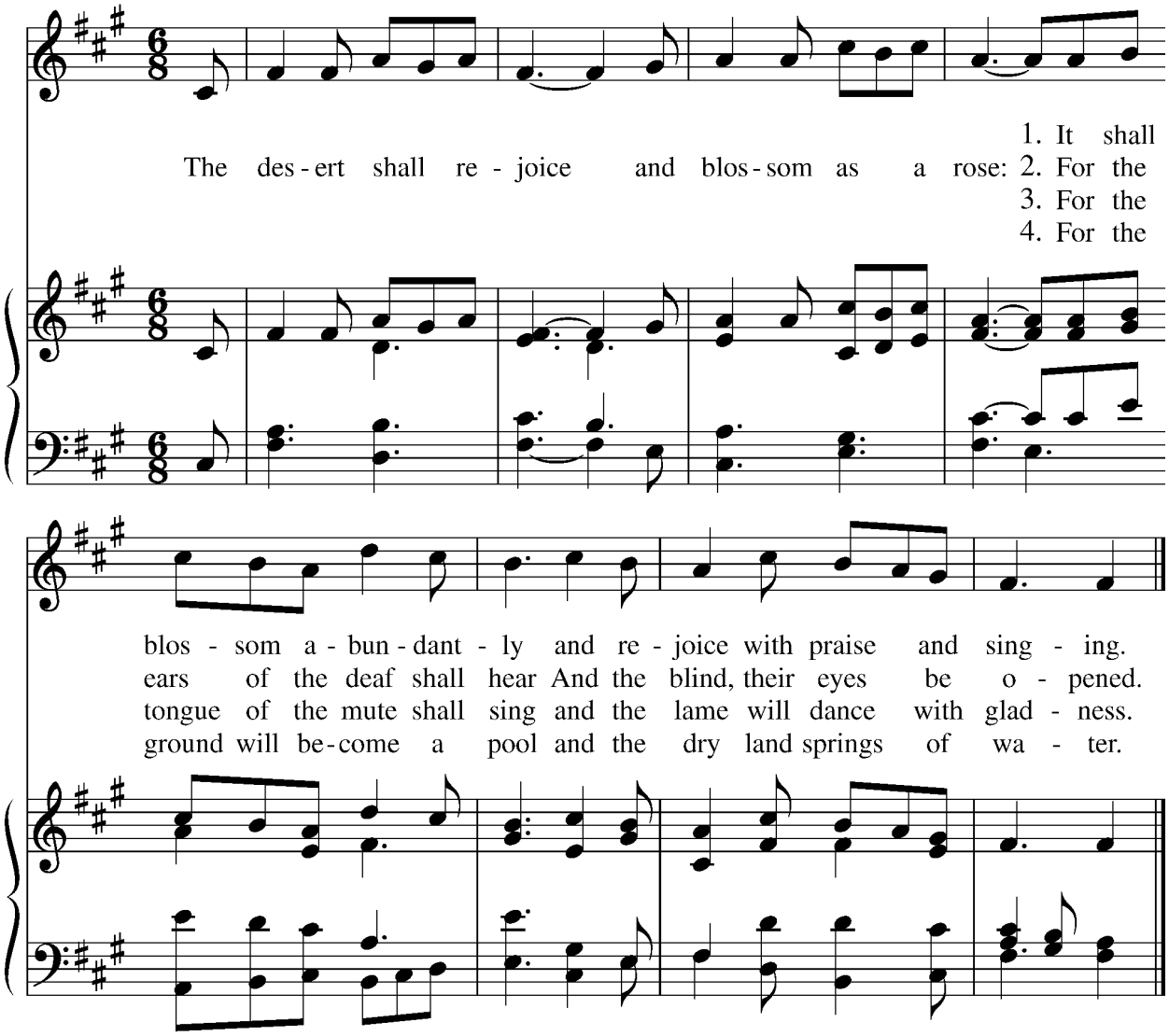


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ***"The Desert Shall Rejoice" (Sterling) (WLP 722)***

5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation on Es ist ein Ros* by Mary Beth Bennett

Participants in Today's Liturgy:

Deacon-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Celebrant:	The Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr.
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Valerie Frear
Eucharistic Minister:	Beth Paynter
Torchbearers:	Nancy Suba, Cara Warren
Crucifer:	Karl Roshong
Greeters:	Beth Paynter
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis
Altar Guild:	Douglas Colmery, Susan Phillips
Counters:	Valerie Frear, Cara Warren
Bishop Assistant	Douglas Colmery

Announcements:

NOTE: The undesignated offering today is for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to enable him to meet a variety of pastoral and emergency needs in his ministry as Bishop. Please give generously.

Wednesday Small Group Study
Please come join Deacon Robin and others for this great opportunity to explore God's word on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Church Library.

Thursday Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Consider "making a joyful noise unto the Lord" and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

Social Justice Book Club
We will begin a new book, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass." We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The next gathering is on December 13th. You can join us either here in the Guild Hall or via Zoom.

Upcoming Commemorations

John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760
Sunday, December 4, 2022

Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210
Monday, December 5, 2022

Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Theologian, 397
Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Richard Baxter: Pastor and Writer, 1691
Thursday, December 8, 2022

Karl Barth: Pastor and Theologian, 1968
Saturday, December 10, 2022

Thomas Merton: Contemplative and Writer, 1968
Saturday, December 10, 2022

Upcoming Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Festive Christmas Eve Service, 7:00p

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day Morning Prayer ONLY, 8:00a

Sunday, January 8th, Epiphany Lessons & Carols Service @ St. Tim's Massillon, 5:00p

Monday, January 16th, MLK Day Events:
12:00p, Worship Service @ St. Paul's
2-4p, Community Service Projects
5:30p Courageous Conversation Kickoff @ St. Paul's

12/04/22: In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for the South-Central Mission Area

St. Matthew's Church, Ashland
The Rev. Kay N. Ashby, Rector

Harcourt Parish, Gambier
The Rev. Rachel Kessler, Priest-in-Charge

Grace Church, Mansfield
The Rev. Joseph L. Ashby, Rector
The Rev. Daniel Longsworth Orr, Associate Rector

December 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 4 ADVENT 2 Bishop's Visit 10:30am Service	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7 10am Small Group Library	Dec 8 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA (Blue Room)	Dec 9	Dec 10 7pm AA (Library) 7:30pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Dec 11 ADVENT 3 10:30am Service	Dec 12 6pm Communications Zoom	Dec 13 7pm Social Justice Book Group	Dec 14 10am Small Group Library 6pm Finance Zoom	Dec 15 7p Mo Major Ordination St. James Boardman	Dec 16	Dec 17 11a HOT Lunch 7pm AA (Library) 7:30pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Dec 18 ADVENT 4 10:30am Service	Dec 19 6pm Vestry Mtg	Dec 20	Dec 21 Library 6pm Finance Zoom	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24 7pm AA (Library) 7:00p Christmas Eve Service

Sermon Notes

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Music Begins Sunday Services at 10:25am are also live streamed on Facebook.

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