St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

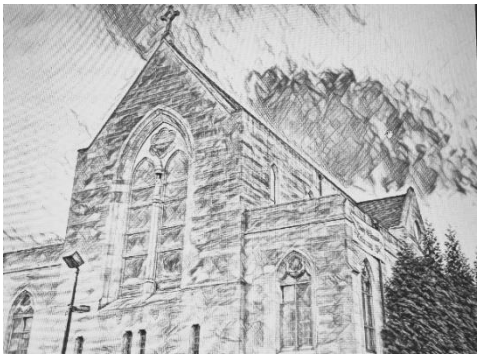
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Holy Eucharist Rite I

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.

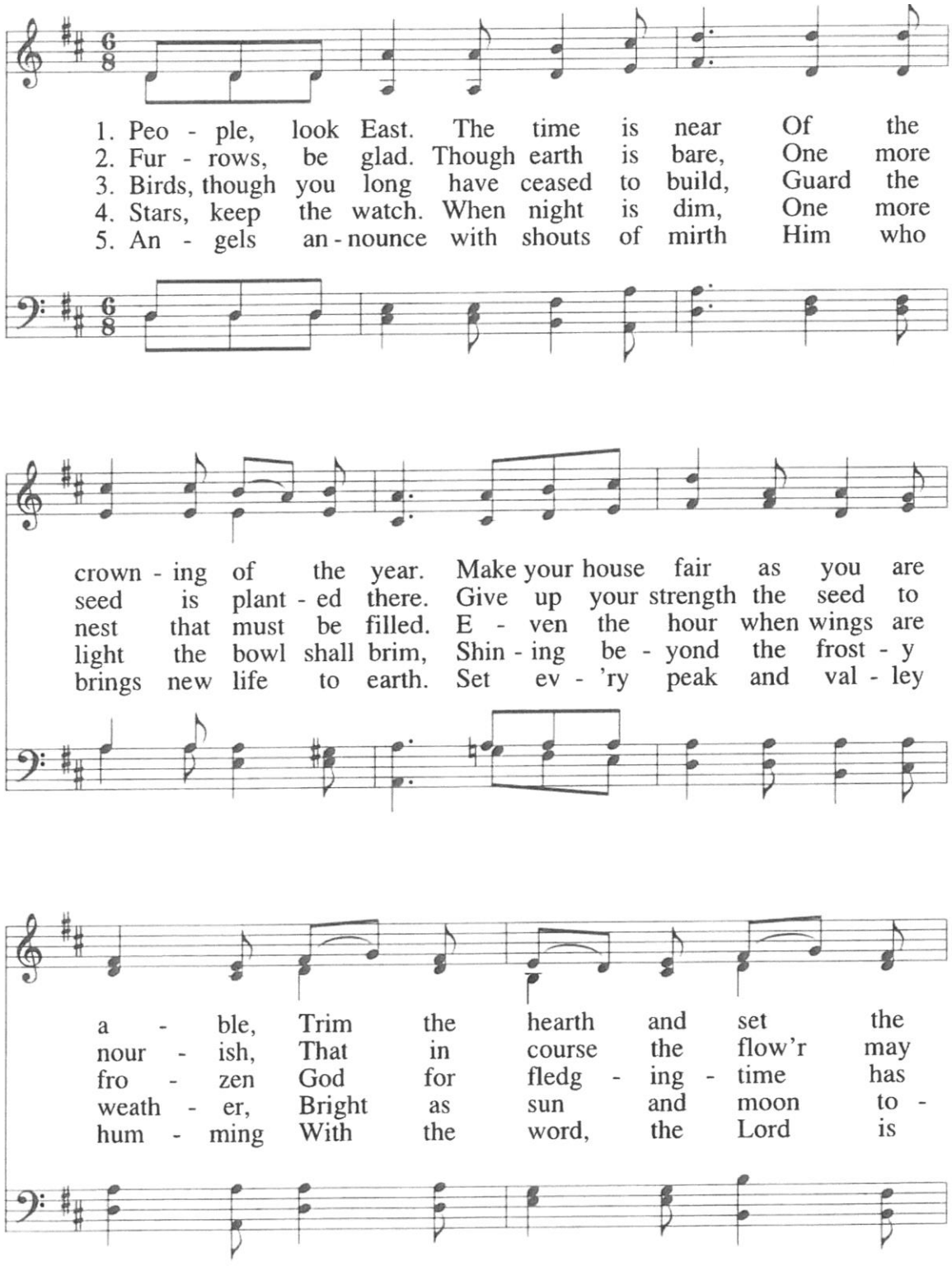
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite I

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm: Psalm 122
Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Prelude: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN *"People Look East" (Besancon)*



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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

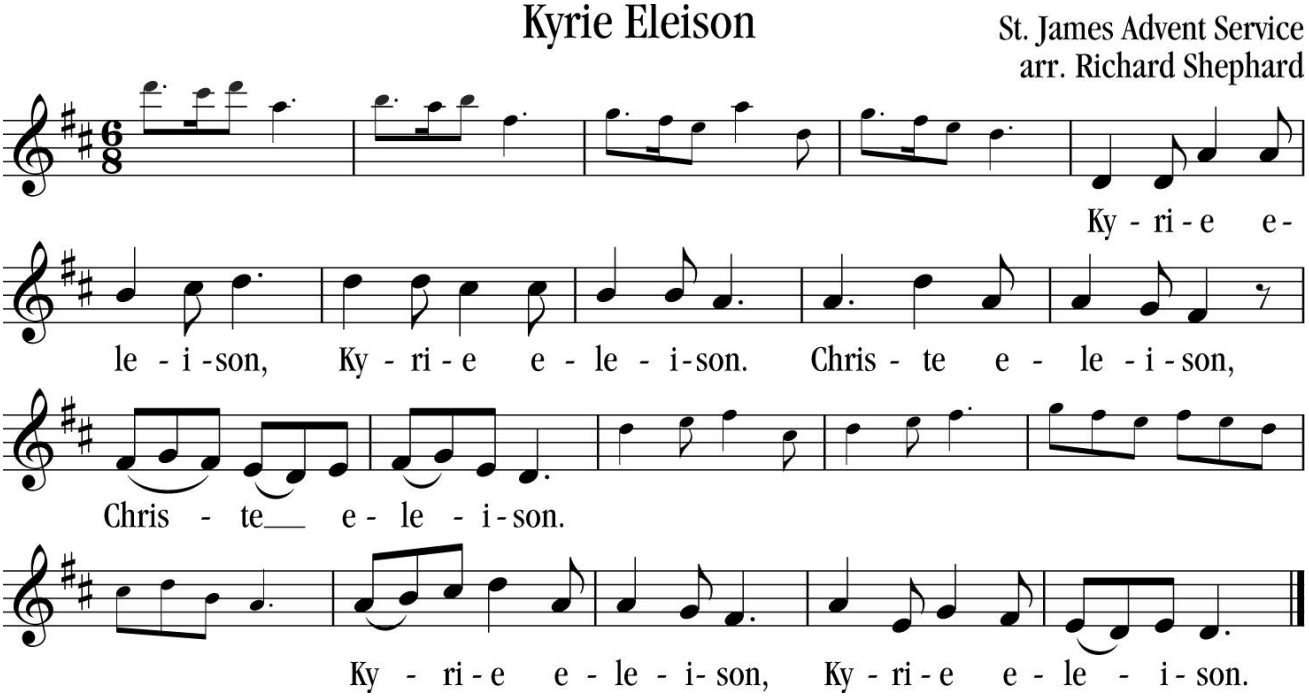
The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

SONG OF PRAISE:



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
3Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

1I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
2Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
4To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
5For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Remain seated.

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

11You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN*: "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" (Llangloffan) (H 68)*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44
All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] 36"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON: ***Rev. Christopher Hofer, Assisting Clergy***

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

THE 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:
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

Submitted by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Shelter Island Presbyterian Church, NY

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader: God of our beginning and our end, we confess to you that we live in a world that needs your mercy now more than ever. As we celebrate joyfully in anticipation of your coming son, we recognize that joy does not come as easily to everyone's lips. So many people are using their lips to cry out for healing in a broken world.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray this day, especially for children in places of violence, who struggle to find happiness and fulfillment, who hunger for love and compassion.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for women and men who are the victims of domestic violence, who endure pain and physical abuse, and who long for peace and healing.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for people who suffer from alcoholism and substance abuse, who seek an escape from that which they cannot solve by themselves, and who despair at seeing no way out.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for worshiping communities of all faiths that seek to heal the world, who preach love in the face of hate and welcome the stranger as a friend, who work to better themselves and share their blessings with others.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those dear to us who struggle with cancer and other illnesses, who desire comfort in the face of constant pain, and who wait for healing and peace.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those who call our community their home this winter, who shiver in the cold and fear the unknown, who search for people to acknowledge them as human.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, who grieve the loss of children and parents and other family and friends, who find the holidays a difficult time where joy is hard to find.

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those whom we lift to you in silence or out loud…

<u>YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED</u>

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: For all in need of your healing touch, especially Ed Sutek, Chris Moore, Rick Senften, Flo Myers, Baby Yiovanni, Mary Lou, Bill, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Gracious God, **be mindful of your mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Linda Kendrick. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We trust that you are a God of righteousness, mercy, and steadfast love. We hope for the day when you will wipe away every tear and death and pain will be no more. Until that day comes, be mindful of your mercy and forget not your children.

This we pray in your holy and merciful name. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Said by all

Grant, O God that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

The People sit, stand or kneel.

Deacon: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

THE PEACE

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

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)
The Celebrant says

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good thy vows unto the Most High." Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN*: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" Somerset Folk song Arr. (Alan Bullard)*

The Great Thanksgiving **(BCP p. 333)**

(Please remain standing)

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS: (BCP p. 333)
Celebrant and People

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he break it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: **(BCP P. 337)**
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

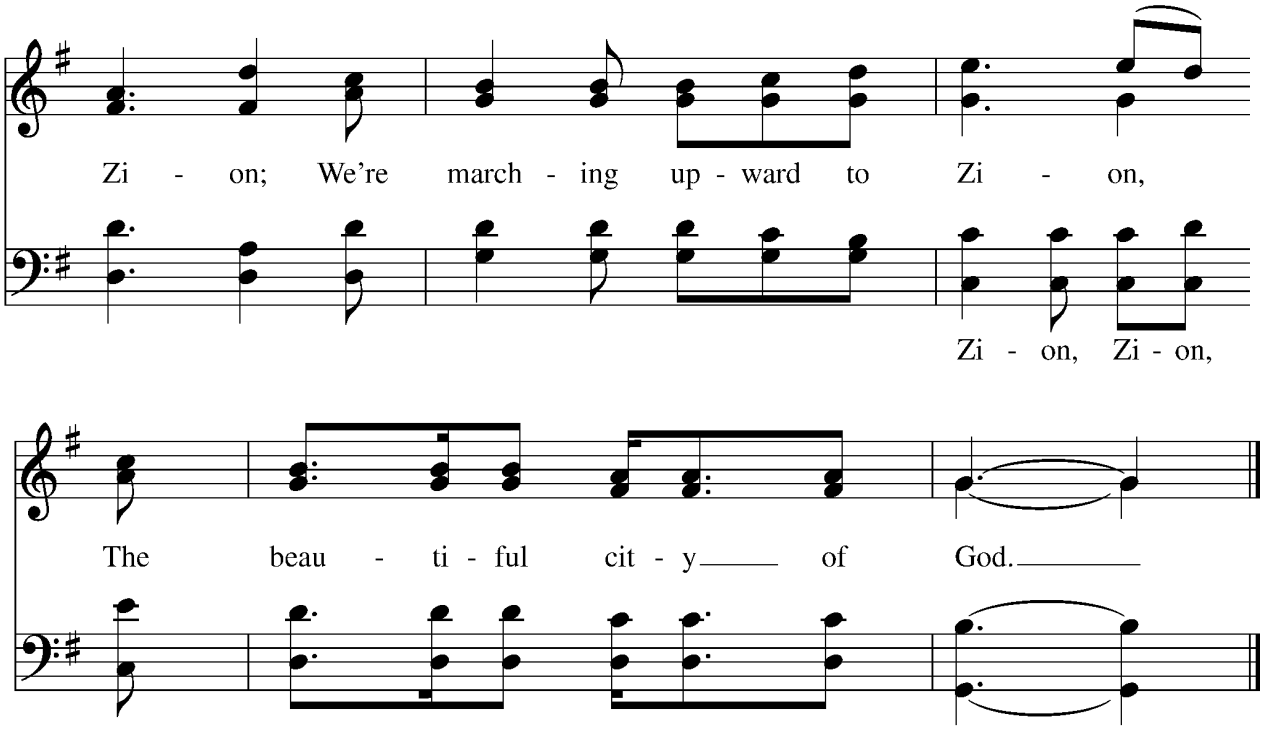
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

This prayer is said by those not able to physically receive communion (online worshippers)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"We're Marching to Zion" (LEVAS 12)***

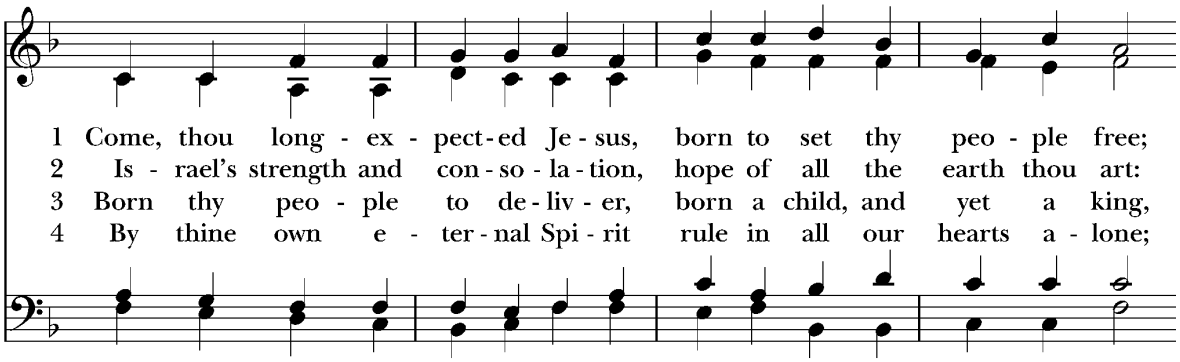


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)
Let us pray together

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty(+), the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ***"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Stuttgart) (H 66)***



DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Postlude on *Stuttgart"* by Paul Bryan

Participants in Today's Liturgy:

Deacon-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Supply Priest:	The Rev. Christopher Hofer
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Valerie Frear
Crucifer:	Douglas Colmery
Greeters:	M.L. Schultze
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis
Altar Guild:	Douglas Colmery, Susan Phillips
Eucharistic Minister:	Brenda Denning
Torchbearers:	Demetrius Carrothers, Beth Paynter
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, M.L. Schultze

Announcements:

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 pm. The next gathering is on December 13th. You can join us either here in the Guild Hall or via Zoom.

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!

December 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 27 ADVENT 1 10:30am Service	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30 10am Small Group Library	Dec 1 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA (Blue Room)	Dec 2	Dec 3 7pm AA (Library) 7:30pm NA (Cmty Rm)
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)

THE BISHOP IS COMING!!!!!

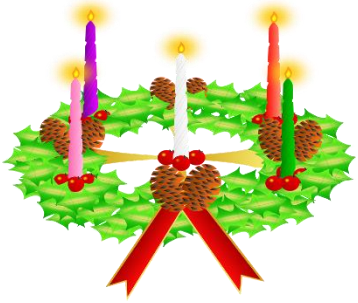
Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4, 2022, for the visitation of Bishop Mark Hollingsworth here at St. Paul's. This will be his last opportunity to visit with us before his retirement. Please plan on being in attendance to show our outgoing Bishop the kind of love and hospitality that St. Paul's is known for giving.

Upcoming Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Festive Christmas Eve Service, 7:30p

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

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



Upcoming Commemorations

Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, King and Queen, 1864 and 1885
Monday, November 28, 2022

Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637, or
Thursday, December 1, 2022

[Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916]
Thursday, December 1, 2022

Channing Moore Williams, Bishop, 1910
Friday, December 2, 2022

[Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552]
Saturday, December 3, 2022

Sermon Notes

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

Deacon-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Officiating Clergy
The Reverend Christopher Hofer

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Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

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

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