St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

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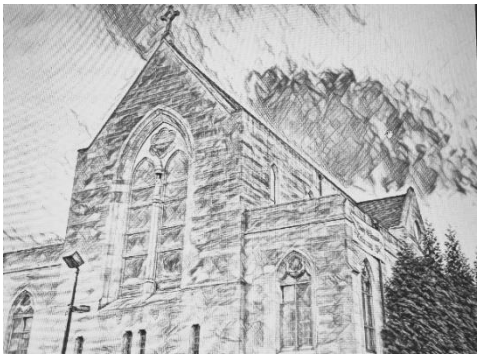
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

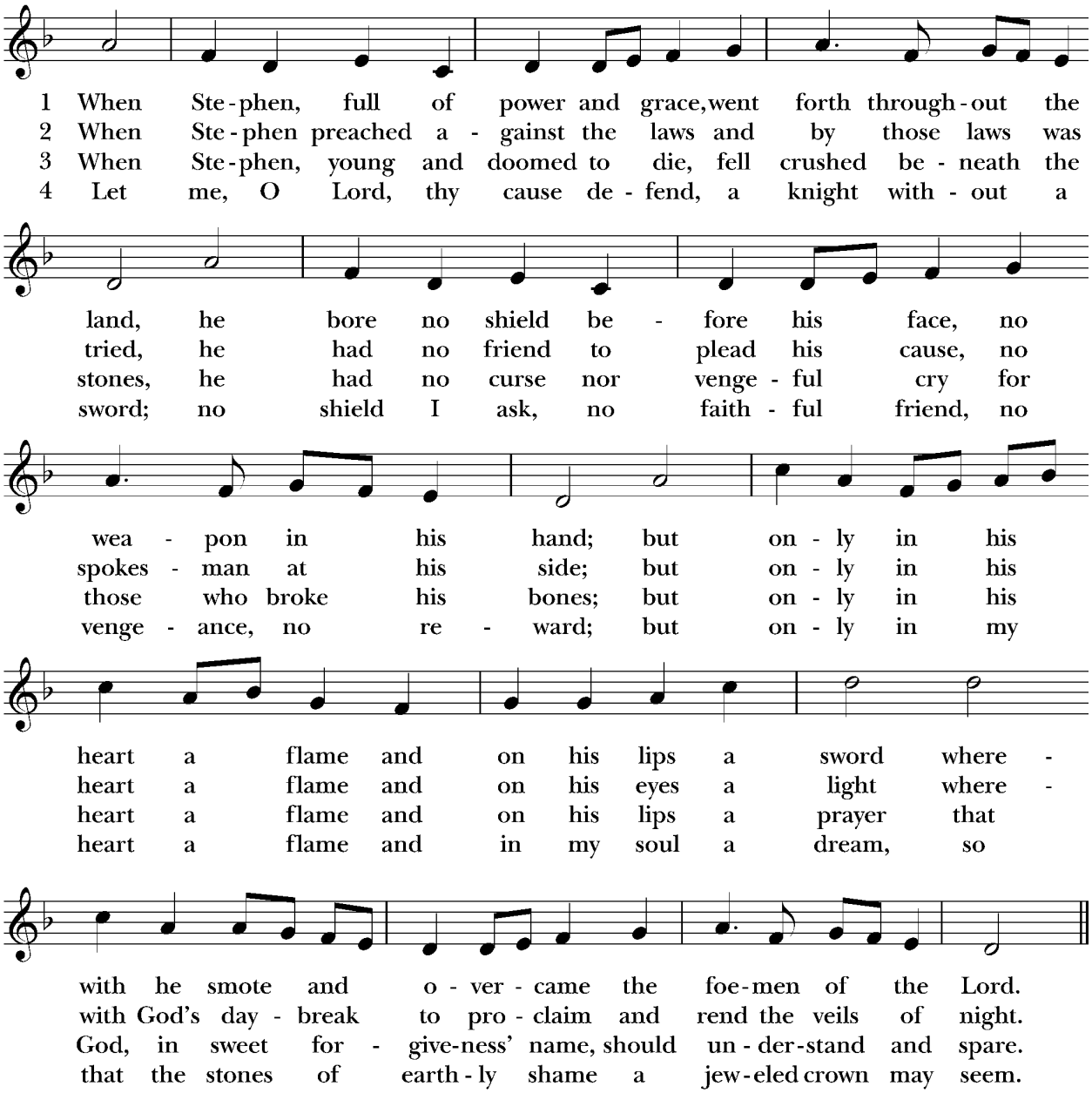
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60
Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14

Prelude: *Canzona* by Herbert Sumsion

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace" (Salvation) (H 243)***

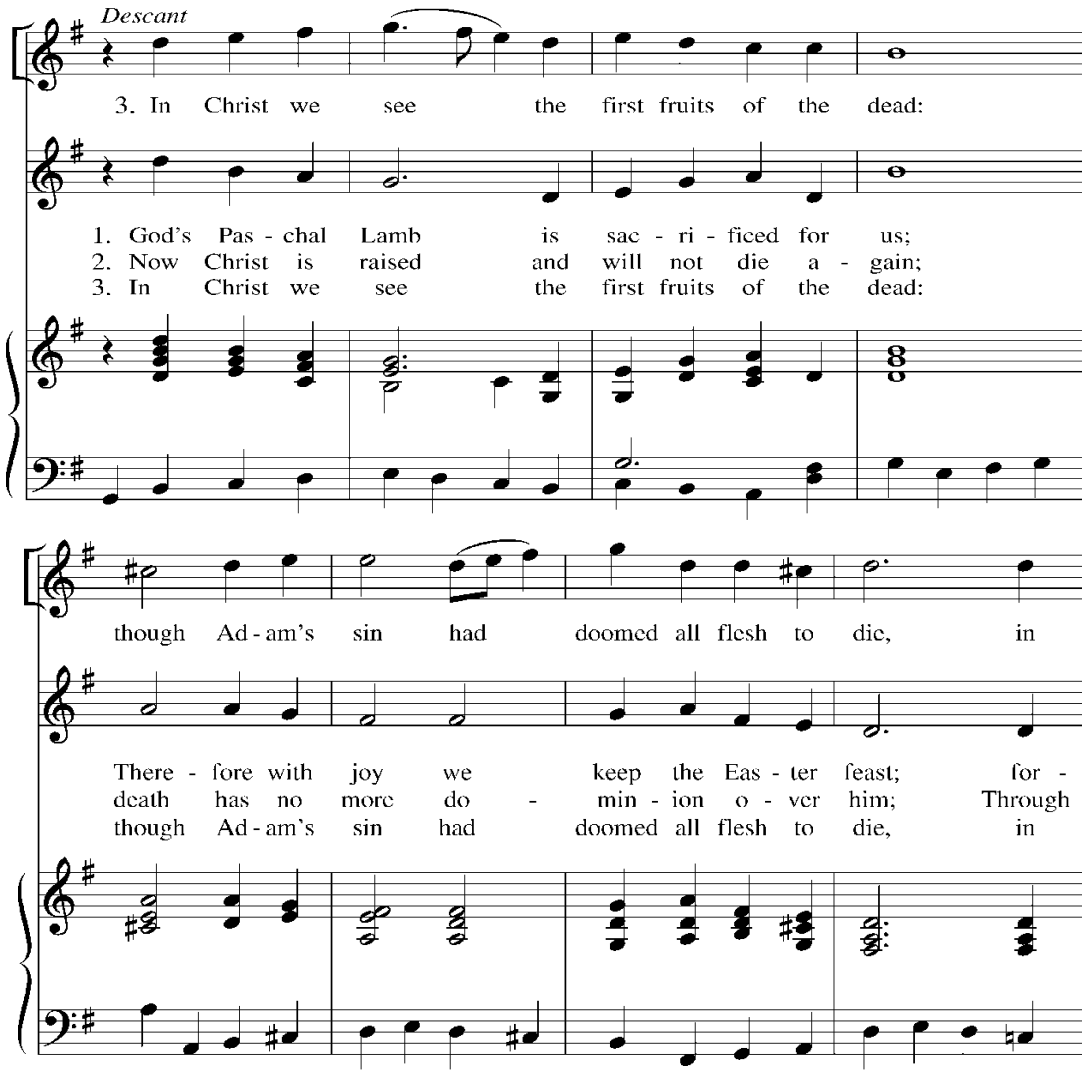
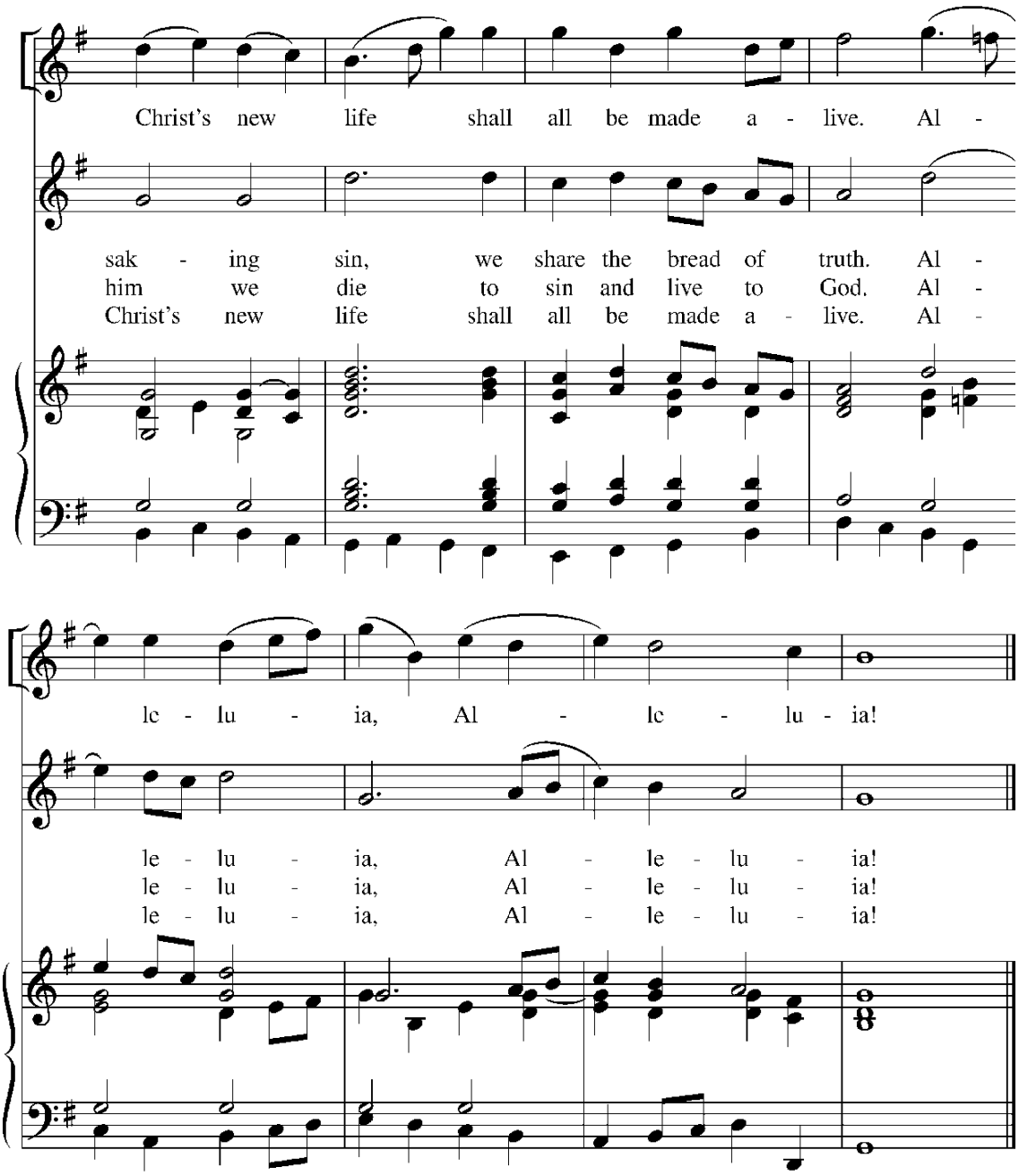


OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)
The Celebrant may say

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

SONG OF PRAISE *"Christ Our Passover"* (WLP 880)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

55 Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and
Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and
the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and
with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city
and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man
named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin
against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

Remain seated.

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your lovingkindness save me.

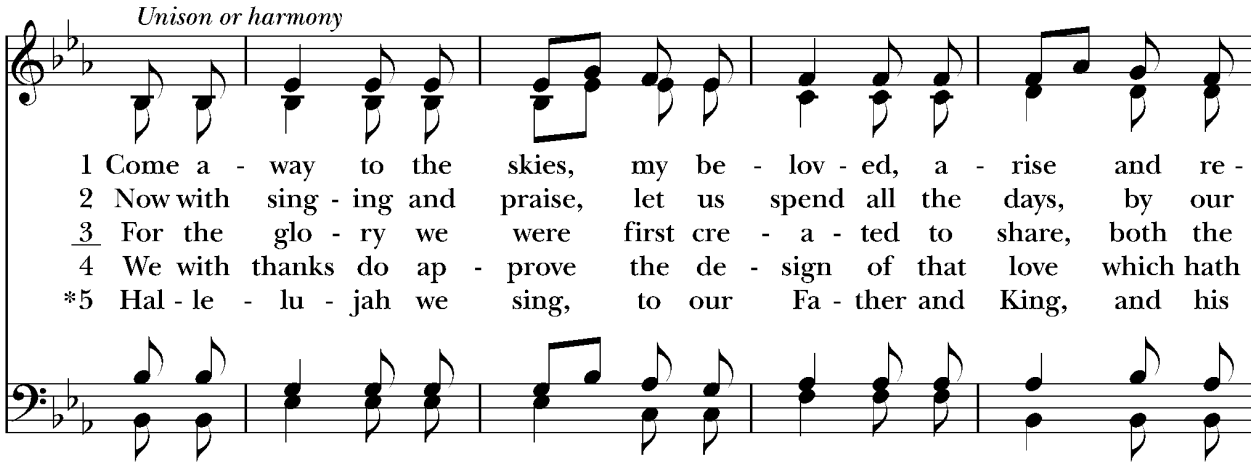
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10
The people sit.

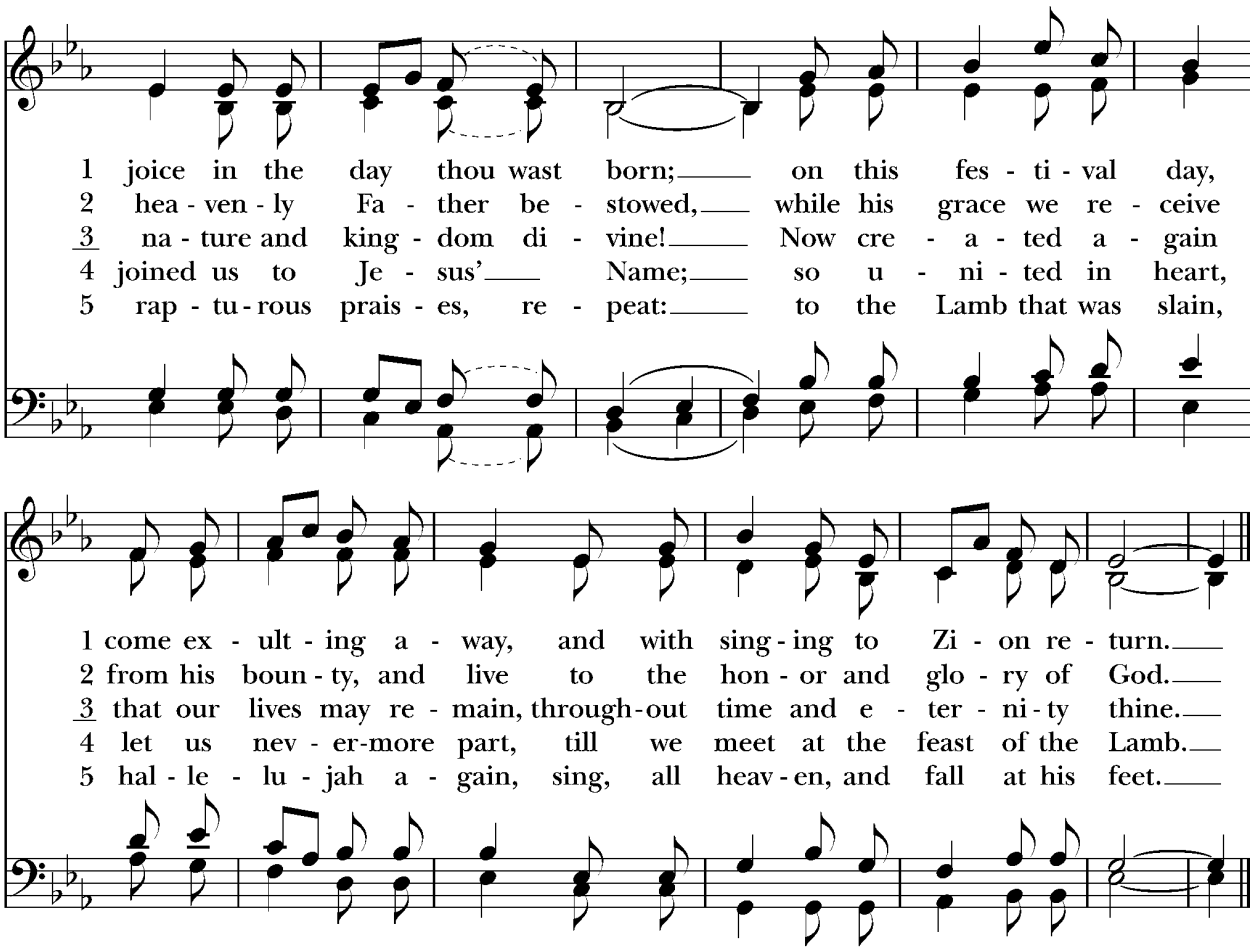
A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

[2]Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into
salvation—[3]if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
[4]Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in
God's sight, and [5]like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a
holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6]For
it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
[7]To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"
[8]and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
[9]But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in
order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light.
[10]Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"Come Away to the Skies" (Middlebury) (H 213)***
All stand.





GOSPEL: John 14:1-14
All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus told his disciples,] [1]"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. [2]In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. [4]And you know the way to the place where I am going." [5]Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" [6]Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7]If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

[8]Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." [9]Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10]Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me
does his works. [11]Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do
not, then believe me because of the works themselves. [12]Very truly, I tell you, the one
who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works
than these, because I am going to the Father. [13]I will do whatever you ask in my name, so
that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14]If in my name you ask me for anything, I
will do it."

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

SERMON: ***Rev. Christopher Hofer***

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)
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],
who with the Father and the Son 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 (BCP p. 359) The Easter Victory
https://grace-episcopal.org/easter-sunday-bulletin/
All remain standing.

Leader: Let us pray, thanking God for the victory that Jesus, God's Son and our Brother, has won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed. *Silence*

Leader: Christ died for all, in order that they who are alive may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and rose again.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: If then any are in Christ, they are a new creation; the former things have passed away: behold, they are made new.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of the glory of God, shining on the face of Christ Jesus.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: Walk, then, as children of light, for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth, and test what is well pleasing to God.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: For if we live, we live to the Lord, or if we die, we die to the Lord.
People: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Leader: You were buried together with Christ in Baptism, and in him also you rose again through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
People: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Leader: "Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

People: ***Thanks be to God who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Leader: For all who are ill and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: Almighty God, you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love. Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for Charles III the new King of England, that you may pour upon him abundant gifts to help him fulfill the promises made at his coronation: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED SILENTLY OR ALOUD

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

CONCLUDING COLLECT
Said by all

Holy One, our eternal dwelling place, you prepare a home for us in glory.
Make room in our hearts for faith in you, so that we may know you by your Word,
and serve you through all our works; we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People sit, stand or kneel.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *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: *"He That Raised Up Jesus"* by Carlton Russell

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

(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 God thanks and praise.

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:, ♪ ♪ ♪

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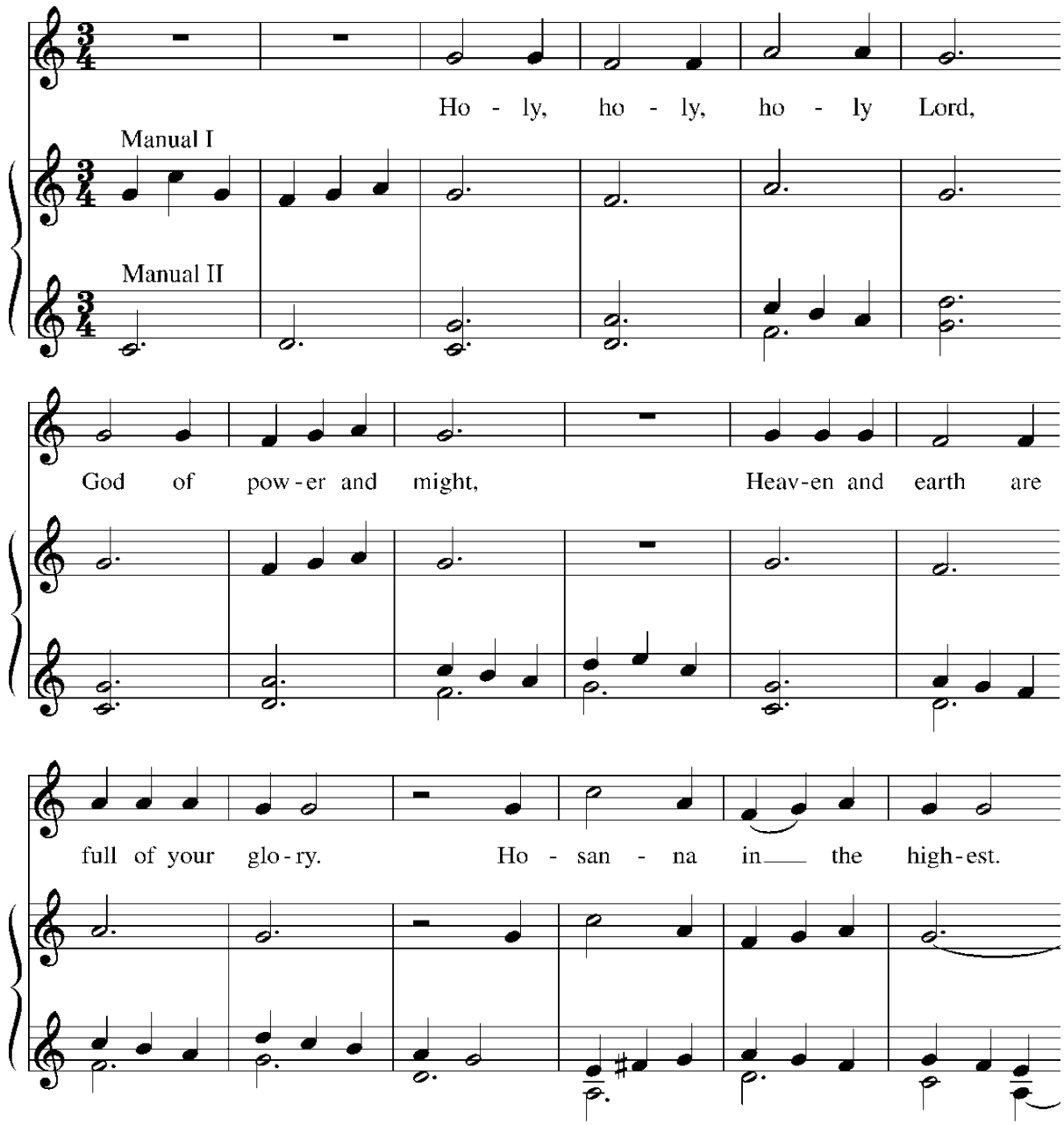
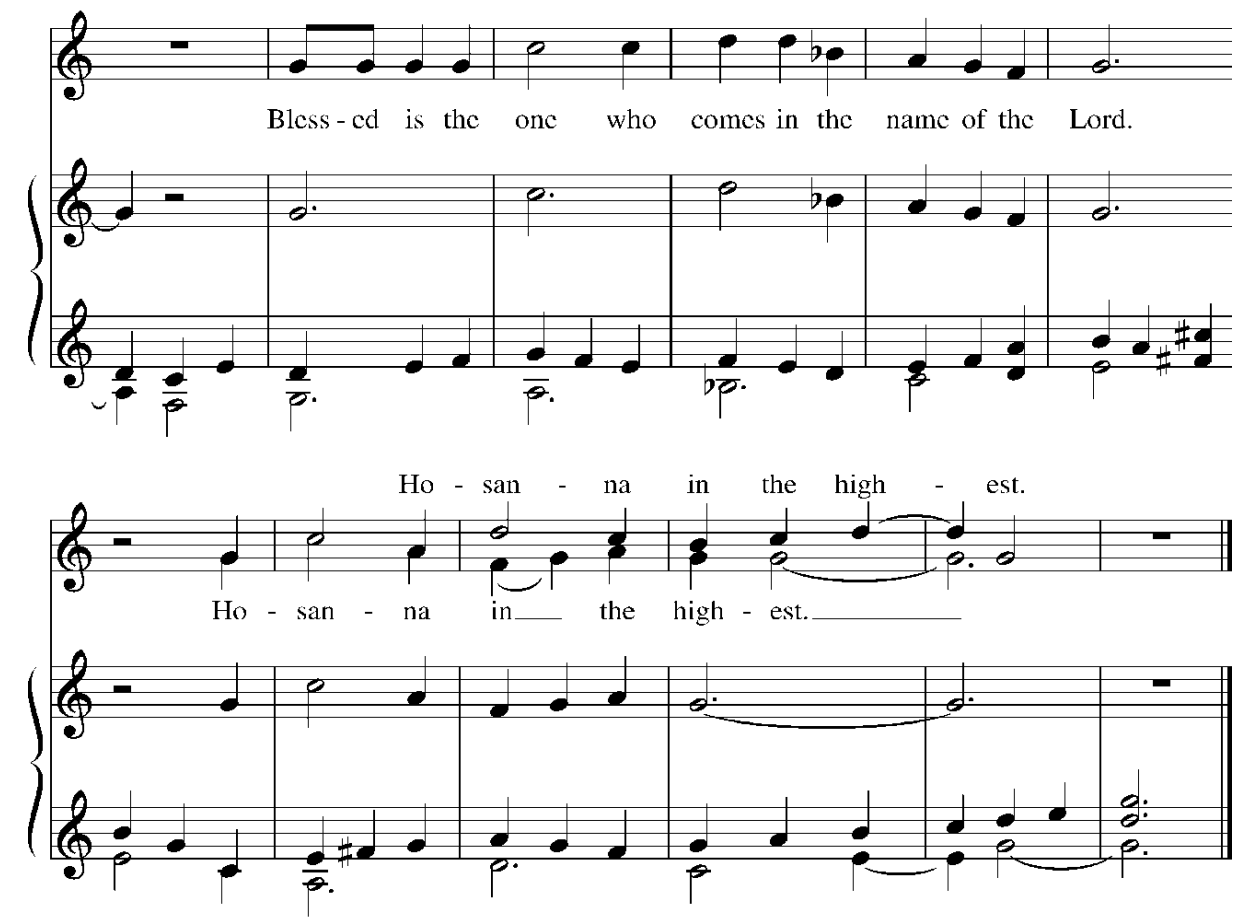

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, 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.

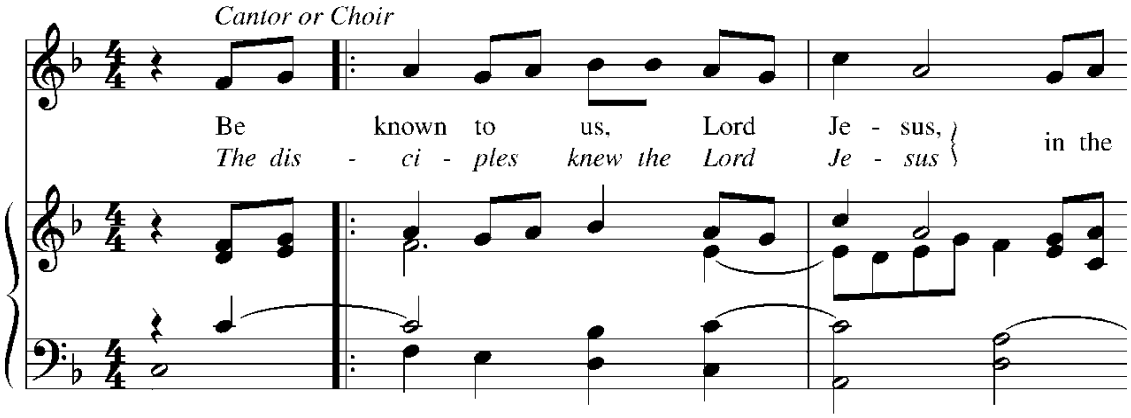
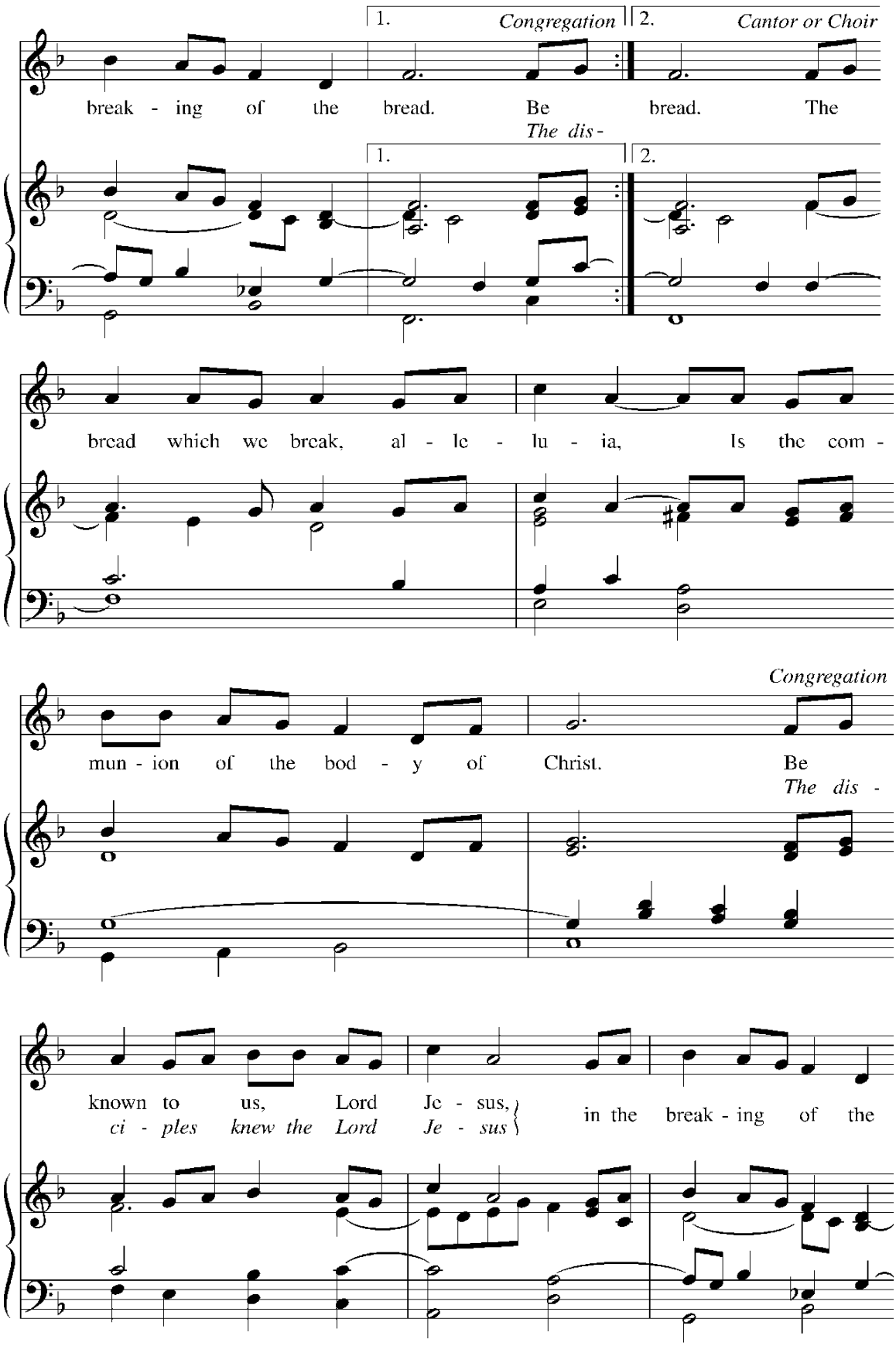
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM: "*Be Known to Us"* (WLP 875) (please use italicized text…"The disciples…")



1. Congregation
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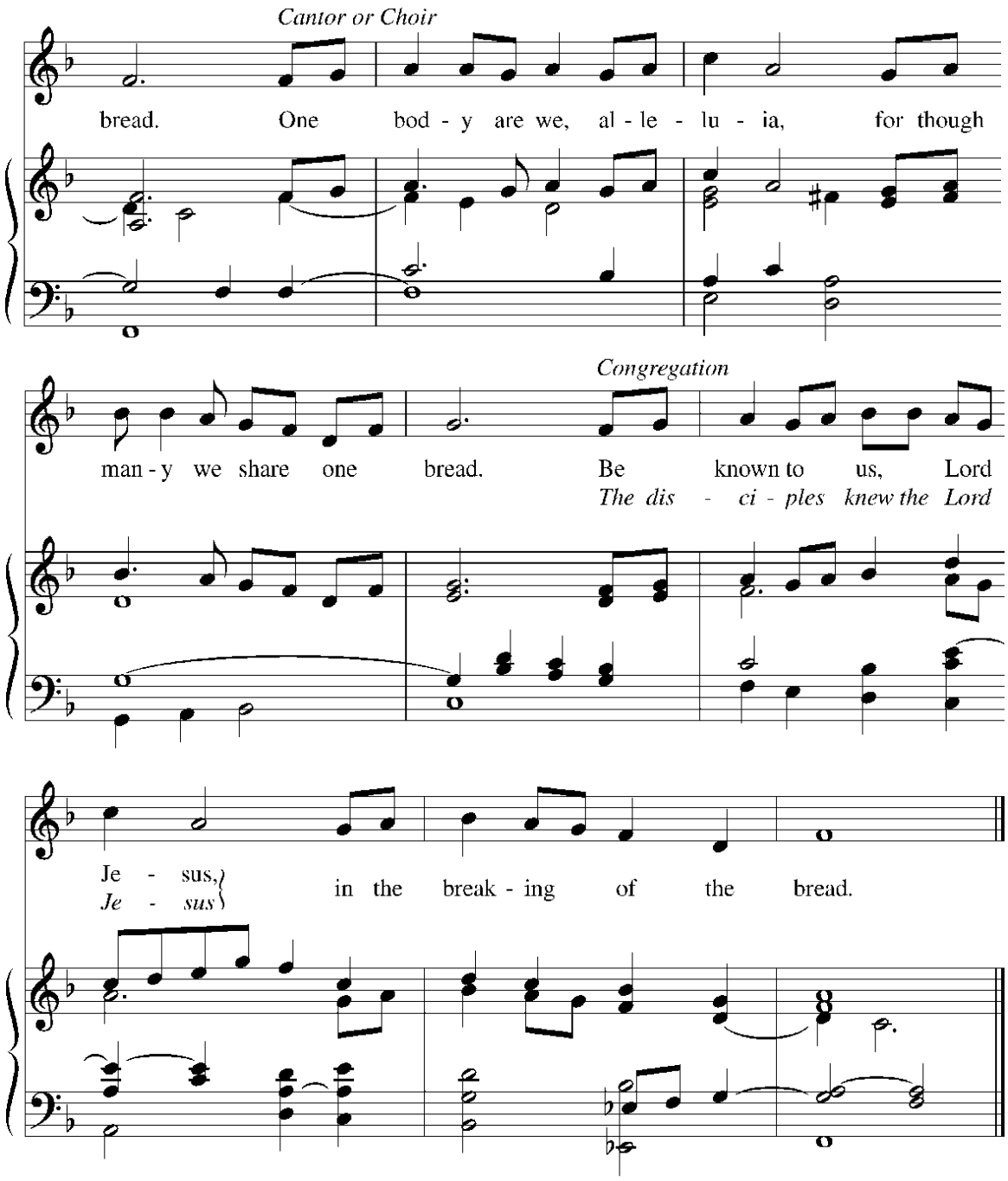

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

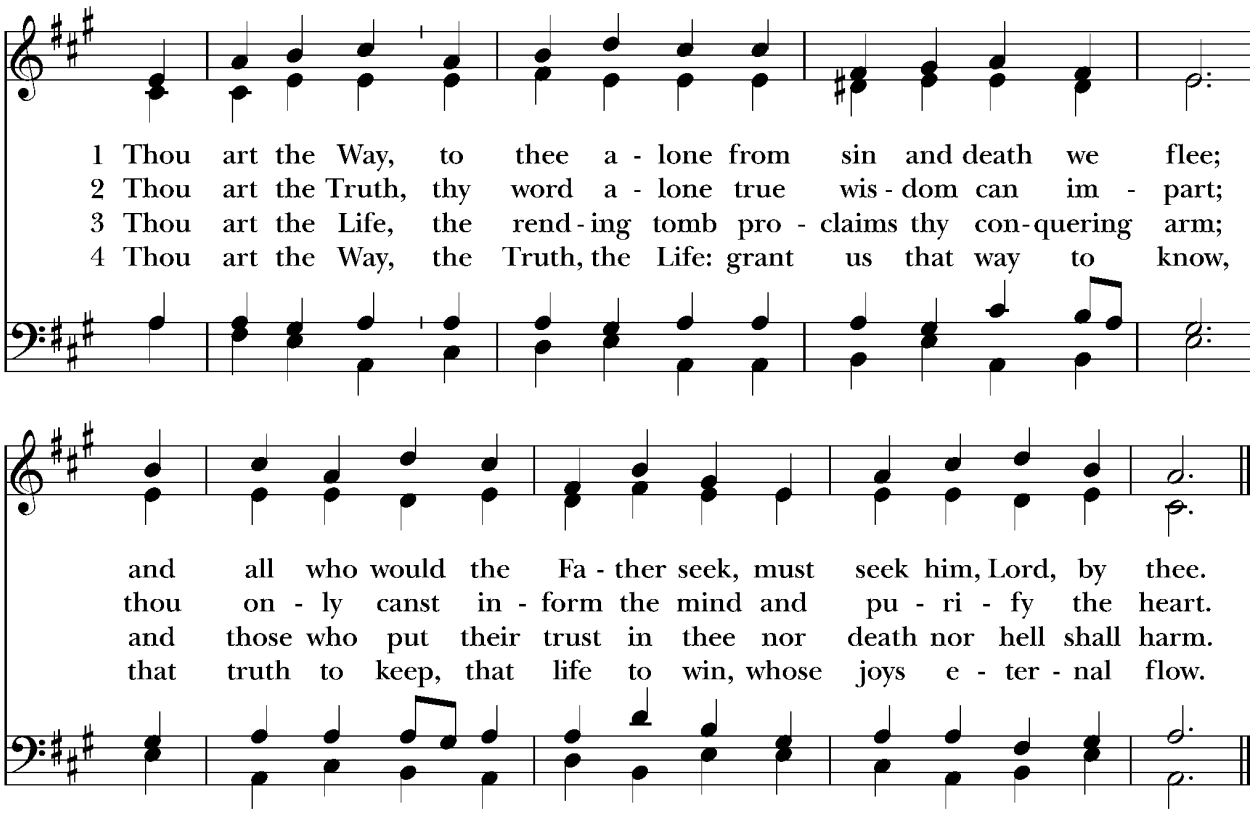
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from receiving Holy Communion. Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Deacon of the parish.

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone" (St. James) (H 457)***

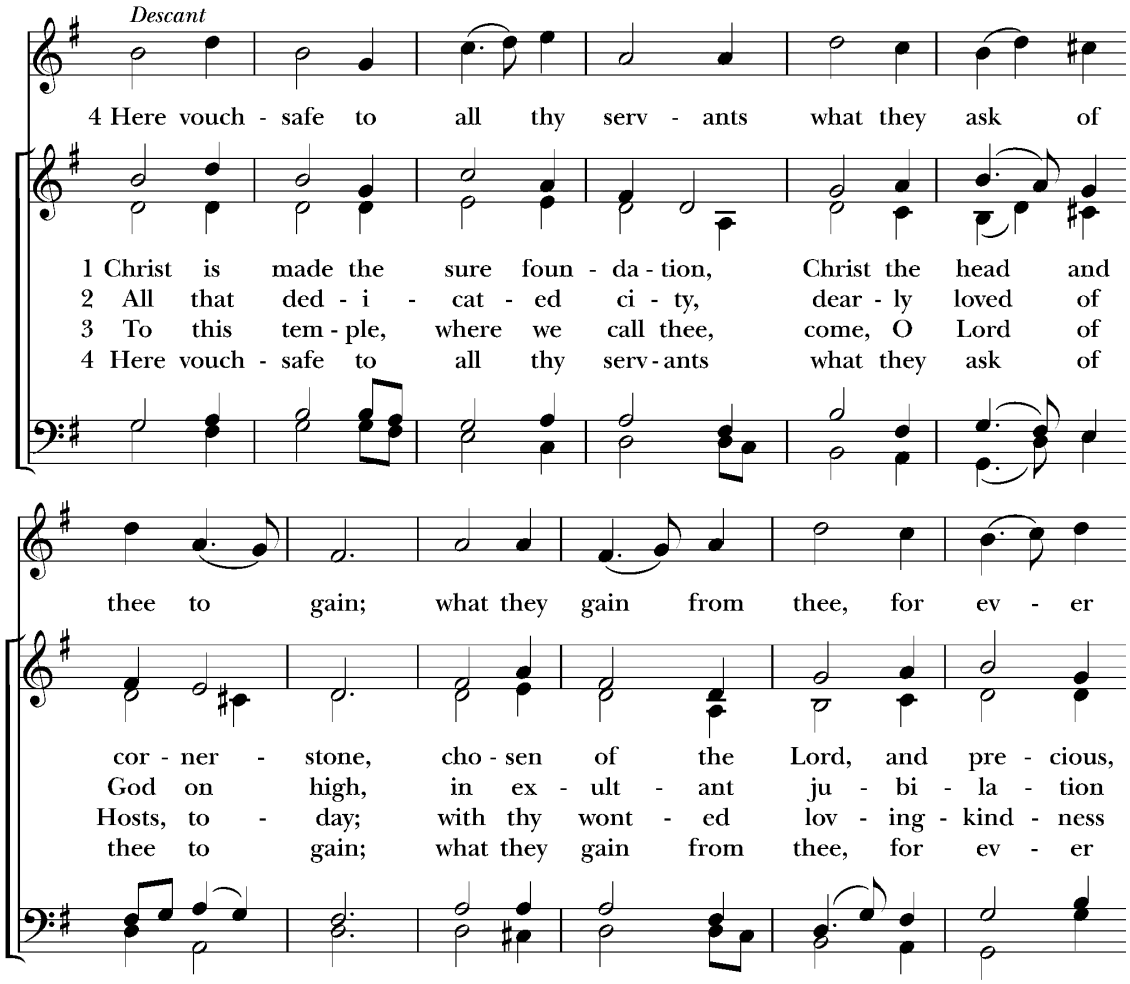
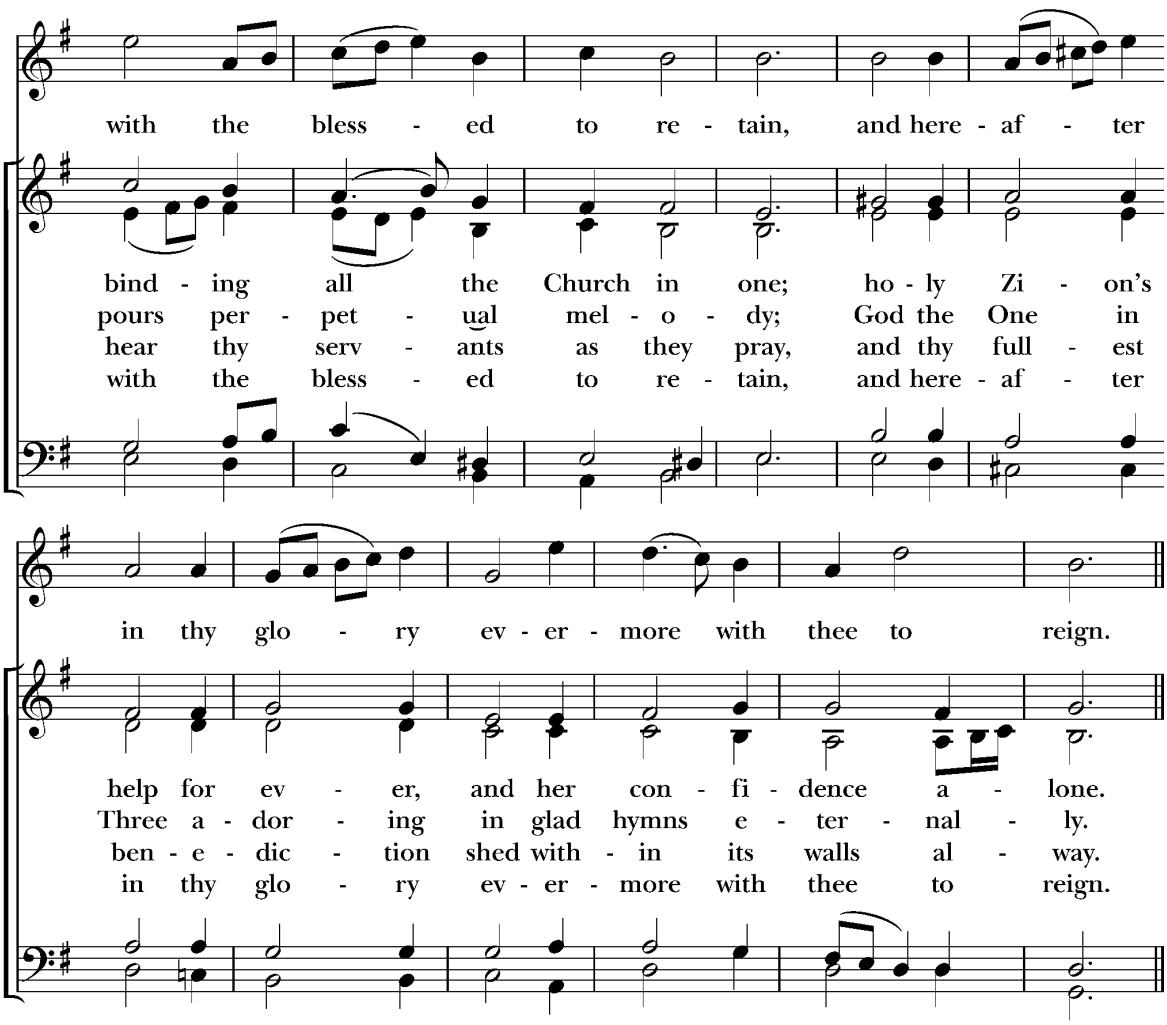


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray together

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
The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; And the blessing of God almighty, Father, son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ***"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)*** *All stand.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *"Westminster Abbey":* by Sir David Willcocks

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Deacon-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Guest Priest:	The Rev. Christipher Hofer
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Greeters:	D. Lewis
Lector:	Carol Sutek
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Karl Roshong
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Linda Kendrick, Susan Phillips
Counters:	Carol Sutek, Cara Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Small Group Study
The group study is held at 10 a.m. in the Church Library. All are welcome to attend.

Courageous Conversations & Dinner
The next gathering will be on Tuesday, May 16th, with dinner being served at 6p and conversation starting at 6:30 p.m. Topic: Redlining and Urban Renewal.

Social Justice Book Group
The Group will meet on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

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!

Upcoming Commemorations

Harriet Starr Cannon: Religious, 1896
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Julian of Norwich, Mystic and Theologian, c.1417
Monday, May 8, 2023

Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop and Theologian, 389
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

[Frances Perkins, Social Reformer, 1965]
Saturday, May 13, 2023

May Birthdays

15th-Karen Swope
22nd- Frances Beacon
24th- Rachel Valentine

Anniversaries

24th-Donald & Mary Lou Stauffer
29th-Richard & Dorothy Oloya

May 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 30 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield 2 pm Church Tours	May 1	May 2	May 3 10 am Bible Study Group	May 4 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 5	May 6 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 7 10:30 am Service Rev. Christopher Hofer Robin Vacation	May 8 6 pm Communications Mtg	May 9 7 pm Social Justice Book Group	May 10 10 am Bible Study Group 6 pm Finance Mtg	May 11 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room) Robin Vacation	May 12 Robin Vacation	May 13 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 14 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield MOTHER'S DAY!	May 15 6 pm Vestry Mtg	May 16 6 pm Courageous Conversations	May 17 10 am Bible Study Group	May 18 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 19	May 20 9 am DOK Mtg 10 am DOK Blanket Project 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 21 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield 3 pm Recital & Reception	May 22	May 23 7 pm Social Justice Book Group	May 24 10 am Bible Study Group	May 25 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 26	May 27 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 28 10:30 am Service Rev. Christopher Hofer PENTECOST SUNDAY!	May 29 MEMORIAL DAY!	May 30	May 31 10 am Bible Study Group			

MAY
IS MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH
#breakthestigma

MAY
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No cost to attend & participate
Courageous Conversation on Race Relations
CURRICULUM & DINNER
LESSON 4:
REDLINING • URBAN RENEWAL
This curriculum was adapted from our original Courageous Conversations held 2019-2020 among the three founding groups, StarkFresh, Mt. Olive Baptist Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It has been field-tested and is designed to take place in a social gathering where food is provided as a common currency to make people feel welcome. A warning of sorts, proper use of the curriculum will create situations of extreme emotion from participants as it creates a safe format for one to look inward and asses their own beliefs. This curriculum has been known to create strong, personal bonds with other participants and propel you on a journey of soul and information seeking opportunities
425 CLEVELAND AVE SW, CANTON, OH
6PM - 8:15PM
DINNER AT 6 • CURRICULUM AT 6:30
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Music Begins at 10:25 am. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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