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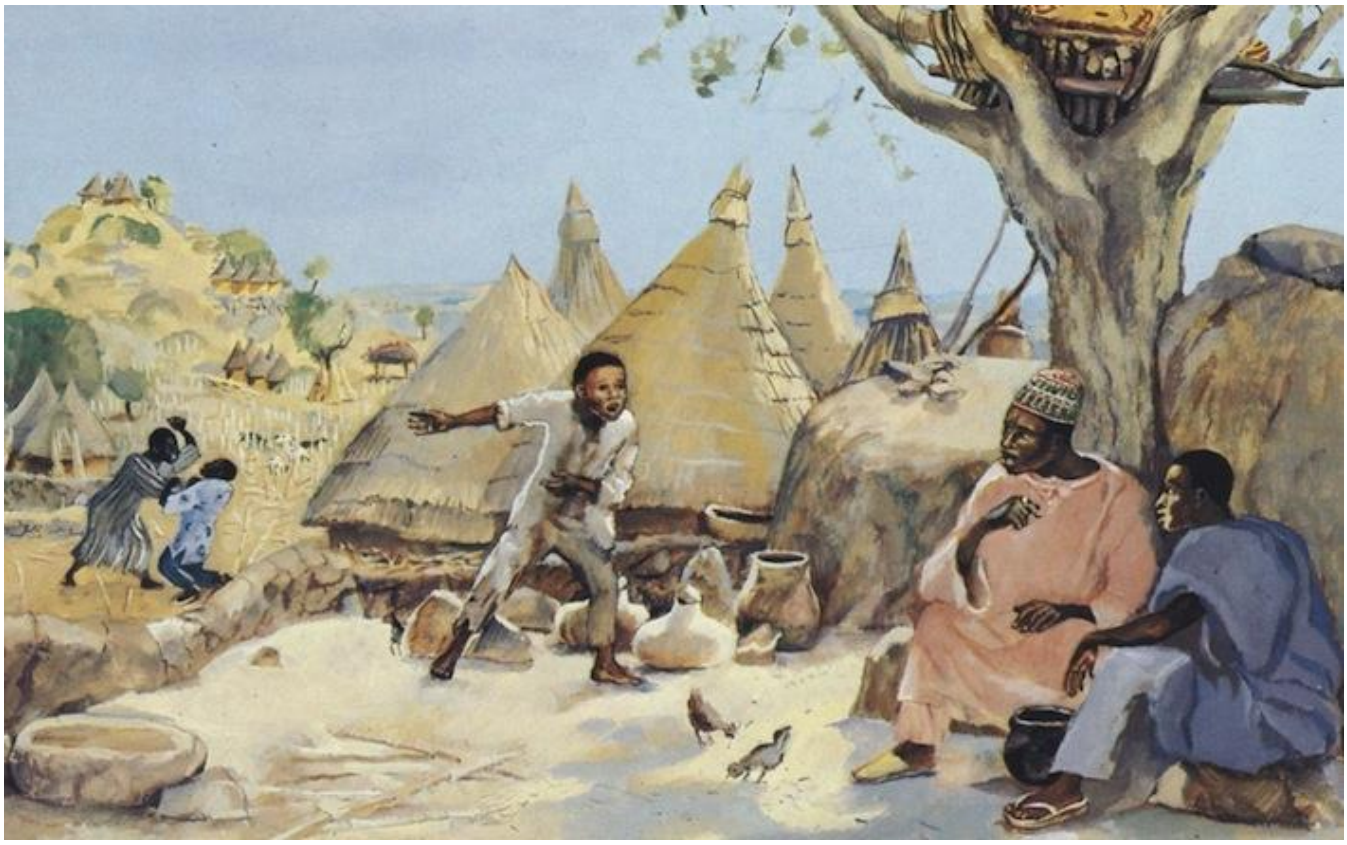
Canton, Ohio



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Sunday, September 17, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Paul's

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

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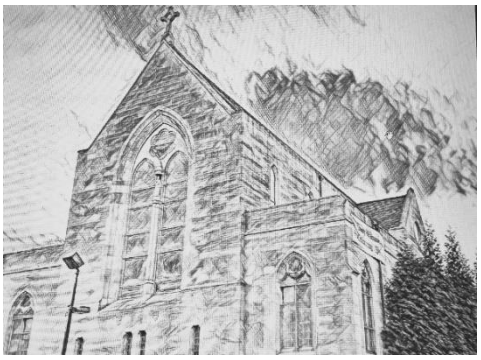

Our mission

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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm: Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13
Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Prelude: *Prelude* by William Thomas Best

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" (St. Thomas (Williams)) (H 411)

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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

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 *"Come All You People"* (MHSO 2)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a
grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So
they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say
to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in
harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your
father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down
before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be
afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God
intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So
have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured
them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM: Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13

Remain seated.

[1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

[5]He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
[6]The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
[7]He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
[8]The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
[9]He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
[10]He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
[11]For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
[12]As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
[13]As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

The people sit.

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

[1]Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. [2]Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. [3]Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. [4]Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

[5]Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. [6]Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

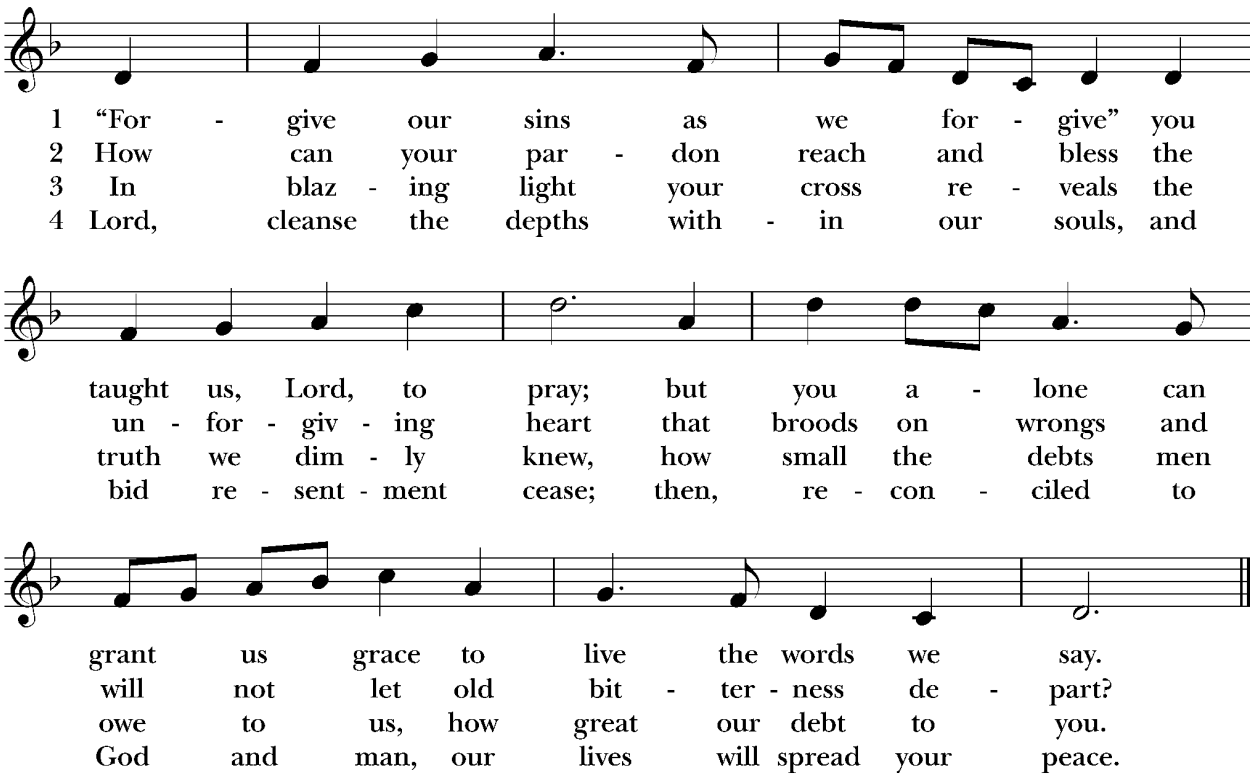
[7]We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. [8]If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. [9]For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

[10]Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

[11]For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”
[12]So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN*: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (Detroit) (H 674)*
All stand.



GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[21]Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me,
how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” [22]Jesus said to him, “Not seven
times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
[23]“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his slaves.

[24]When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to
him; [25]and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife
and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. [26]So the slave fell on his
knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' [27]And
out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. [28]But
that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a
hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' [29]Then his
fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay
you.' [30]But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the
debt. [31]When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and
they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. [32]Then his lord summoned
him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded
with me. [33]Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'
[34]And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.
[35]So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your
brother or sister from your heart."

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

THE SERMON: ***Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry***

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

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For our president; local elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are ill, especially Fred, Tamiya Tomlin, Ron Neidig, June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Alisha Rittenour, Holly Hillen, John Titmas, Bob Arnold, Joe Myers, Ed Sutek, Rachel Valentine Sutek, and Don. We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Central East Missions Area. (See bulletin for a list of names).
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Anne our bishop, for Robin our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

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

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

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life especially for the birth of Rori Ann Roshong, the birthdays of JoAnne Miller, and Janet Lewton, and the anniversary of Molly and Sean Ryan.

Who put their trust in you.

CONCLUDING COLLECT
Said by all

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People sit, stand or kneel.

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

People: 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.

The Priest stands and says

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 ANTHEM*: "With a Voice of Singing"* by Martin Shaw

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The People 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

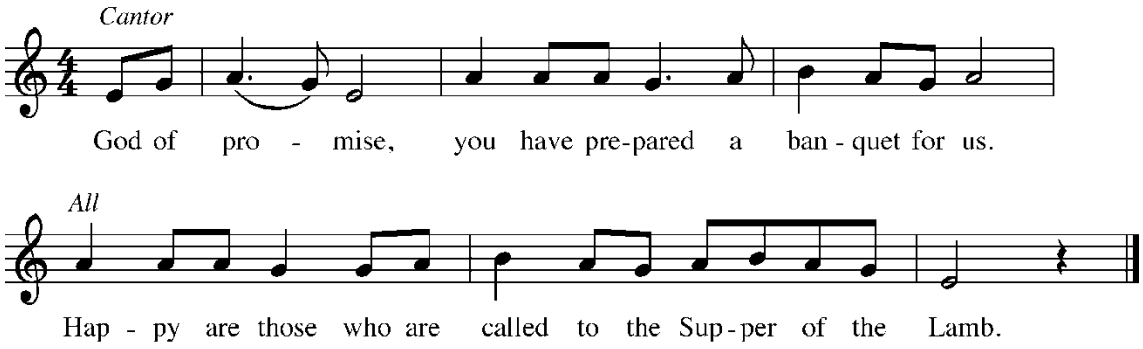
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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: "*God of Promise" (EOM1)*



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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: 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 Priest of the parish.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

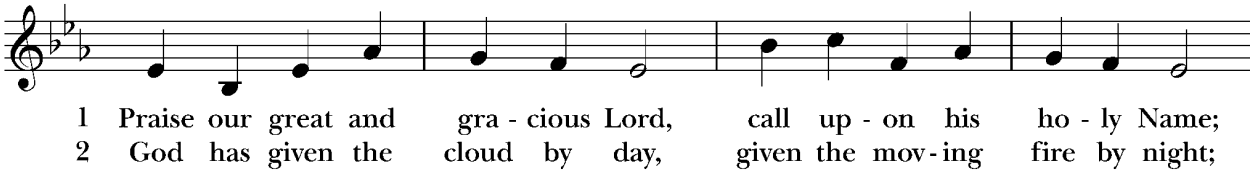
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your
Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and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

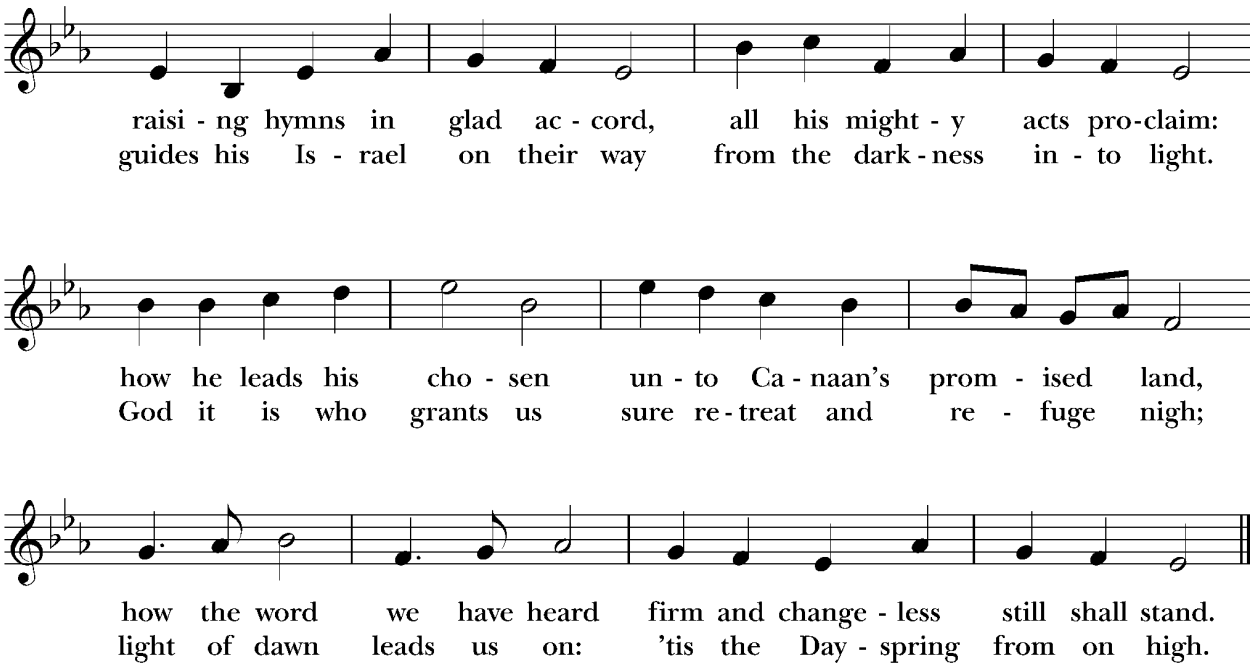
BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Beloved of God, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand—this same power is at work in each one of us who believe! So go from here in confidence and peace, knowing that God's presence and power go with you. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ***"Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord" (Maoz Zur) (H 393)***





DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in F Major* by Nicola Porpora

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Director of Music: Edward T. Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Lectors: Brenda Maurer
Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery
Crucifer: Karl Roshong
Camera/Audio: David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Linda Kendrick, Karen Swope
Counters: David Rotthoff, Cara Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today: We welcome the American Guild of Organists who will hold an organ recital at 3:00p. Our own William Kendrick will be among those performing selections. All are welcome.

Wednesday Study Group: The Study Group has resumed. We began a mini-series on the topic: "The Ten Commandments, Are They Relevant for Today?" Come and join us on Wednesday, September 20th at 10a.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7p-8p. Please see the music director, Edward Grimes for more information.

Social Justice Book Club
The Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 27th at 7p. and will review the book, "American Whitewash: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress." The author is Wesley Lowry. Books are free and can be picked up at the StarkFresh Market.

The Annual Convention
The 207th Annual Diocesan Convention will be Nov. 10-11, 2023, at the Greystone Event Center in Wooster, Ohio. This is the annual gathering of representatives of 83 parishes in northern Ohio. Registration will be available in the early Fall. If you would like to be a lay delegate, please let Rev. Robin or any member of the Vestry know. Delegates must be certified by Oct. 27th.

Upcoming Commemorations

Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic and Scholar, 1179
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
Monday, September 18, 2023

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld, 1961
Monday, September 18, 2023

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
Tuesday, September 19, 2023

John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Philander Chase, Bishop, 1852
Friday, September 22, 2023

[Thecla of Iconium, Proto-Martyr among Women, c.70]
Saturday, September 23, 2023

9/17/2023: *In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Central East Mission Area.*

- Trinity Church, Alliance
  The Rev. Jon M. Coventry, Priest-in-Charge
- St. Mark's Church, Canton
  The Rev. R. J. Johnson, Rector
- St. Paul's Church, Canton
  The Rev. Robin R. Woodberry, Priest-in-Charge
- Trinity Church, Coshocton
- St. Timothy's Church, Massillon
  The Rev. George R. Baum, Rector
- Trinity Church, New Philadelphia
- Church of Our Saviour, Salem
- New Life Episcopal Church, Uniontown
  The Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Bond, Priest-in-Charge

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September 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 10 **9 am D.O.K. Mtg** **10:30a Service**	**Sept. 11** **6 pm** **Communications Mtg.**	**Sept. 12**	**Sept. 13** **10 am Study Group** **6 pm** **Finance Mtg**	**Sept. 14** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**Sept. 15**	**Sept. 16** **9:30a CWU** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Sept. 17 **9 am Adult Forum** **10:30a Service**	**Sept. 18**	**Sept. 19**	**Sept. 20** **10 am Study Group** **6:30 pm** **Outreach Mtg.**	**Sept. 21** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**Sept. 22** **5 pm** **Wedding Rehearsal**	**Sept. 23** **3 pm Wedding** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Sept. 24 **10:30a Service**	**Sept. 25** **7 pm** **Vestry Mtg.**	**Sept. 26** **7 pm** **Social Justice Book Club**	**Sept. 27** **10 am Study Group**	**Sept. 28** **5-7 pm** **Picnic in the Parking Lot** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**Sept. 29**	**Sept. 30** **11 am HOT Lunch** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**

September Birthdays

9th- Bradley Swinderman
20th- JoAnne Miller
23rd- Janet Lewton
25th- Jessica Patterson
26th- Ed Sutek

Anniversaries

Robin & Anthony Woodberry- 14th
Molly & Sean Ryan- 23rd

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Staff
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

Music Begins at 10:25 am. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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