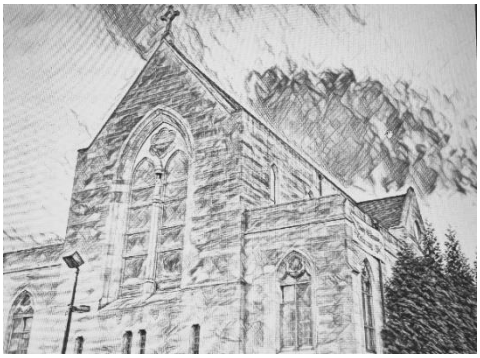
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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.

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16
Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Prelude: *Improvisation on Ubi caritas* by Julie Ainscough

The Liturgy of the Palms

OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 270)

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

1 When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to
me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them
immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt,
and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the
road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went
ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds
were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: BCP p. 271

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*.

SECOND ANTHEM (BCP p. 271)

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

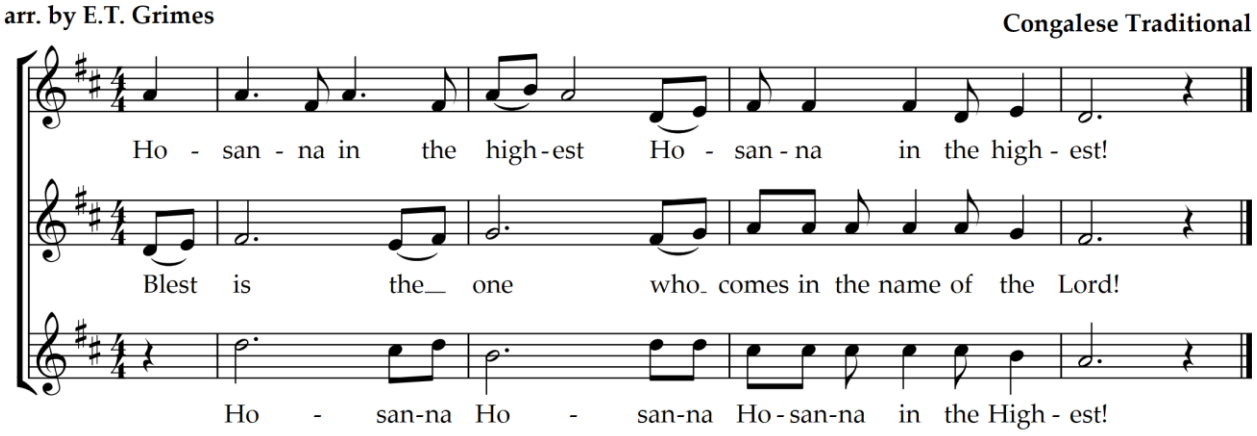
Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION (BCP p. 271)

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.

PROCESSION HYMN: *Hosanna! Congolese Trad. arr. by Edward Grimes*



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PROCESSION COLLECT (BCP p. 272)

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Celebrant Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Word of God

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

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

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

4 The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Remain seated.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
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 loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Remain seated.

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

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

[9]Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
[10]so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11]and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"Go to Dark Gethsemane" Petra (H171)***

All stand.

The Passion Narrative of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33) all stand.

You may kneel for a period of silence when verse "…breathed his last." is read. At the conclusion of the reading of the Passion narrative, you may be seated.

REFLECTION: ***Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry***

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: ***"Into the Woods My Master Went" Richard Shepherd***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

(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 truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

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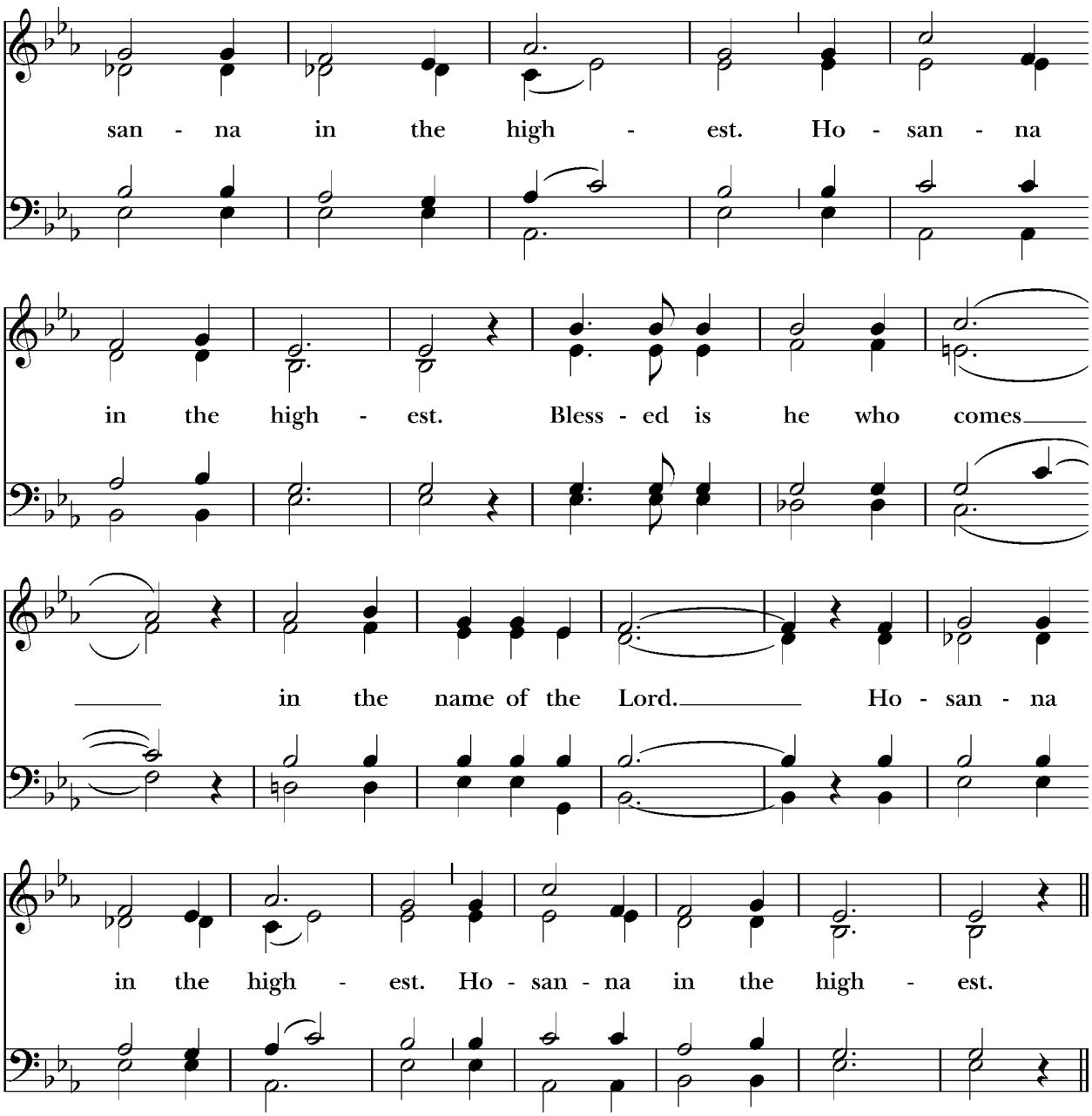
SANCTUS: ***S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)*** **(BCP p. 373)**



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the

sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."♪

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember the names of all who are on the hearts and lips of your people this day.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

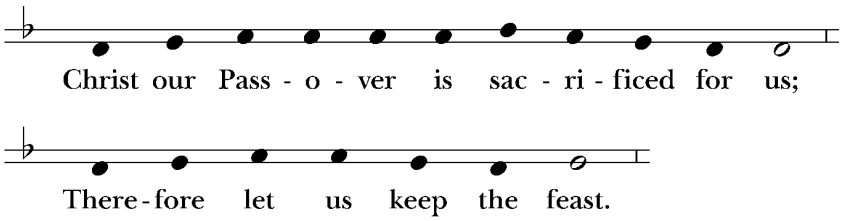
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: ***S 153 Christ our Passover (Chant/Martens)*** **(BCP p. 364)**



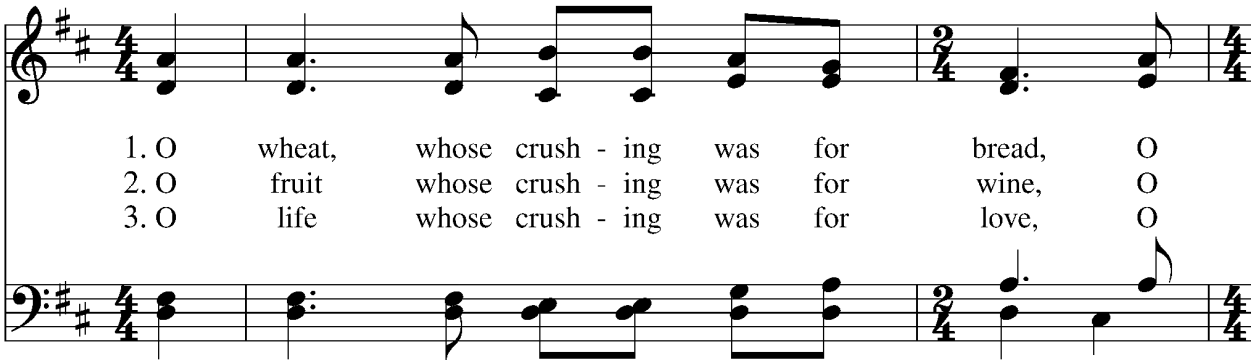
This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

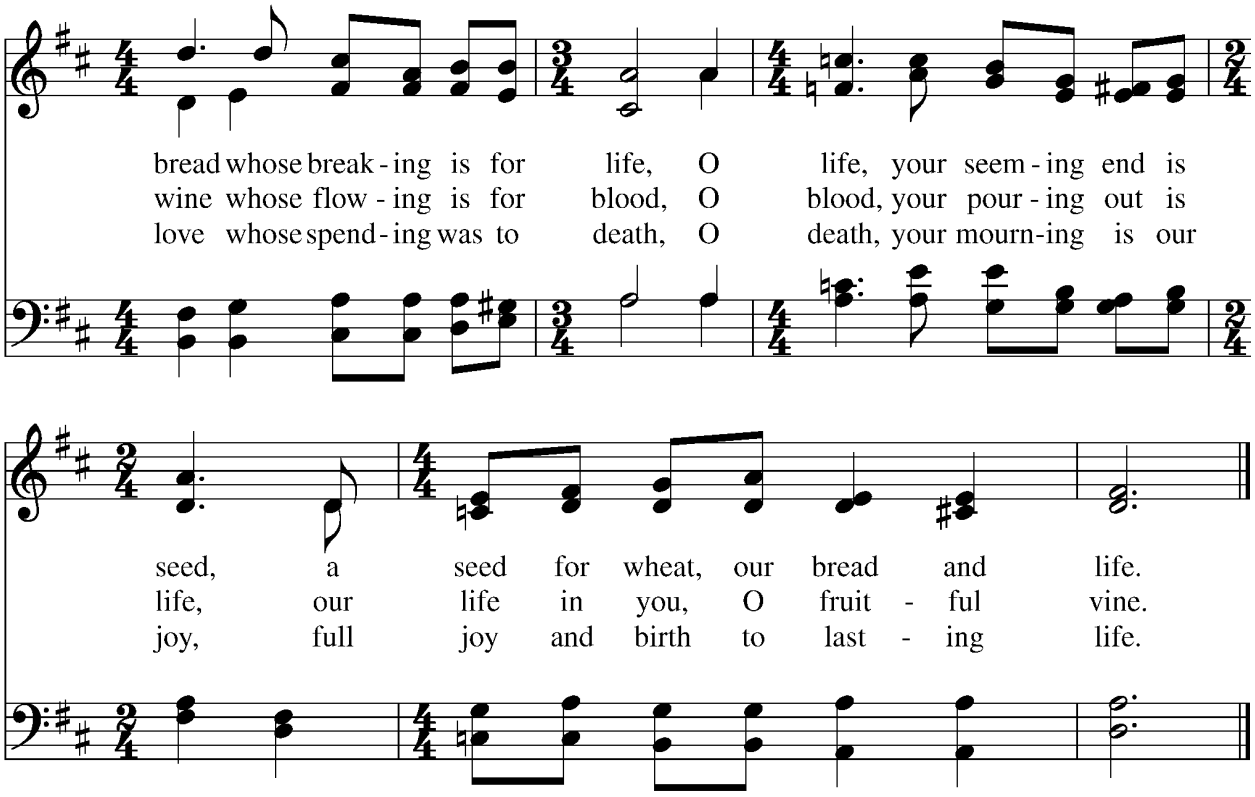
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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: ***"O Wheat Whose Crushing was for Bread" New Life (WLP #760)***

All Stand





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it, you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Bow down before the Lord. Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SILENT RECESSION

There is NO dismissal or Postlude.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Deacon-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Guest Priest:	The Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Greeters:	M.L. Schultze
Lector:	Demetrius Carrothers
Eucharistic Minister:	Karl Roshong
Crucifer:	Demetrius Carrothers
Thurifer:	Douglas Colmery
Torchbearers:	Nancy Suba, Cara Warren
Camera/Audio:	David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barbara Anderson
Counters:	Carol Sutek, Cara Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Easter Flower Orders: DEADLINE IS TODAY!!!
Orders for Easter flowers are now being taken. Please complete the form provided on page 19 of the bulletin, or in the Narthex and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Or call the office at 330-455-0286 to place an order. Make checks payable to St. Paul's.

Wednesday Small Group Study
Will NOT be meeting for two weeks. The group study will resume on Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00a

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!! We welcome Emily and Josephine! All are welcome!

Maundy Thursday and Foot washing Service, April 6th, 7:00p

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Service, April 7th, 12:00p

April Birthdays

9th-Hilary Powell, Victoria Simpkins
10th- Matthew Johnson
13th- Douglas Colmery, Carol Sutek

Anniversaries

8th-Richard & Marcia Enslen

Special Worship Service Schedule

Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00p
Friday, April 7th, Good Friday Service, 12:00p & 7:00p
Saturday, April 8th, Easter Vigil Service, 8:00p @ Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30a

Upcoming Commemorations

James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Richard of Chichester, Bishop, 1253, or
Monday, April 3, 2023

Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr, 1968
Tuesday, April 4, 2023

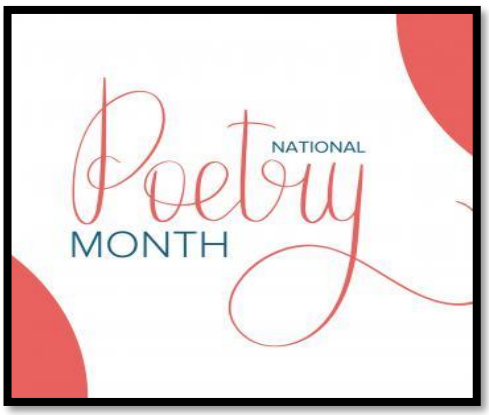
Pandita Mary Ramabai: Prophetic Witness and Evangelist in India, 1922
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Daniel G. C. Wu: Priest and Missionary among Chinese Americans, 1956
Thursday, April 6, 2023

Tikhon, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1925
Friday, April 7, 2023

William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877
Saturday, April 8, 2023

It's National Poetry Month, the largest literary celebration in the world. Each year the month of April is set aside as a time to celebrate poets and their craft. It was created to encourage the artistry and legacy of poets and encourage the reading and teaching of poetry. Each week, a different poet will be featured in the service bulletin. Do you have a favorite?!?!?!



April 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 2 PALM SUNDAY 10:30 am Service Rev. Brian Wilbert	Apr 3 HOLY WEEK	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 7 12 noon Stations 7 pm Good Friday Service	Apr 8 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 9 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 am Service Rev. Brian Wilbert	Apr 10 6 pm Communications Mtg Robin Vacation	Apr 11	Apr 12 6 pm Finance Mtg	Apr 13 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 14	Apr 15 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 16 BAPTISM 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield 12 noon Anniversary Mtg	Apr 17 6 pm Vestry Mtg	Apr 18 6 pm Courageous Conversations	Apr 19 10 am Bible Study Group	Apr 20 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 21	Apr 22 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 23 10:30 am Service Rev. Chris Hofer Robin Vacation	Apr 24	Apr 25 7 pm Social Justice Book Group	Apr 26 10 am Bible Study Group	Apr 27 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 28	Apr 29 11 am Bishop Consecration 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)

The Ordination Express!!!

St. Paul's has teamed up with St. Timothy's, and St. Mark's churches to provide bus transportation for those in the SE Mission Area to attend the historical **Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly** on Saturday, **April 29, 2023,** at 11:00 a.m. at Public Auditorium in Cleveland.

Where to Gather: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
226 3rd Street SE ~ Massillon 44646

When: Saturday, April 29th @ 8:00a….The bus pulls out at 8:30a!! The approximate return time is 4:00p.

Cost: $20 per person **(Sponsorships are available ~ See Deacon Robin)**

PLEASE NOTE: a head count is needed in order to plan properly. This trip is not limited to St. Paul's parishioners only. Please feel free to invite family members and friends who would like to be a part of this historic occasion. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or you may contact the Church Office to make your reservation. Payment is needed by Friday, April 21st. Please see Deacon Robin for questions.

What Do You Know About Palm Sunday?????

Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 2nd with the Sunday of the Passion, also known as Palm Sunday. We begin our service in the Guild Hall, offering prayers that we may be open to reflect on the acts of love Jesus will do for us in the coming days. We hear the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

We, like the people of that day, wave palms to celebrate Jesus. The choir leads us where we continue our worship. The day begins in celebration and shouts of, "Hosanna!" but it does not end there. We hear the Gospel account of Jesus' crucifixion, called the Passion Gospel. We are reminded just how quickly we humans can make enemies from our friends. The service ends in silence as we are invited to reflect on all that Jesus offered to us in love, and all that we have too often rejected.

City of Canton Mayoral Forum

Kimberly D Bell ~ Roy Scott DePew
Willis Gordon ~ William V Sherer II
Bill Smuckler ~ Thomas Edward West

Thursday, April 13 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Timken Commons
(former Timken H.S.)
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COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE RELATIONS
CC ON RR

APRIL 18

No cost to attend & participate

Courageous Conversation on Race Relations

CURRICULUM & DINNER

LESSON 3: MICRO-AGGRESSIONS CODE-SWITCHING

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

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DINNER AT 6 • CURRICULUM AT 6:30

CCORR Mission: a diverse group of individuals creating a beloved community through courageous, open dialogue, confronting racism and the ways it causes division, by educating and empowering participants into anti-racist actions

REGISTER ONLINE WWW.CCORROHIO.ORG OR SCAN QR CODE

To place your order for Easter Flowers, please complete this form and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. Paul's. Thank you for making our Sanctuary special this Eastertide!

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: $_____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

To the Glory of God for: _____

Quantity	Type	Price	Donate *	Purchase **
_____	Easter Lily (7.5"/double)	$17.00 ea.	_____	_____
_____	Easter Lily (8.5"/triple)	$25.00 ea.	_____	_____
_____	Paschal candle flower ring (one needed)	$50.00	_____	xxxxxxxx
_____	Majesty palm plant (4 needed)	$25.00 ea.	_____	_____

*Flowers donated will be distributed to shut-ins when the chancel area is cleared, and are tax-deductible.
**Flowers purchased will be labeled with the buyer's name and may be picked in the Narthex when notified (non-deductible).

Deadline to order flowers: Sunday, April 2

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 Dr. Brian Wilbert

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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