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Canton, Ohio

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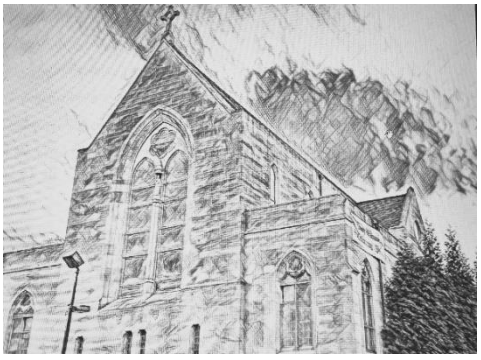
Sunday, January 7, 2024

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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 an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm: Psalm 29
Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7
Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Prelude: *Shall We Gather at the River* by Hugh S. Livingston

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"Shall We Gather at the River" (LEVAS 141)***

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)
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: "*I Will Kindle My Fire*" (VF 27)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

[1]In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, [2]the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. [3]Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. [4]And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM: Psalm 29

Remain seated.

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!”
10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

Remain seated.

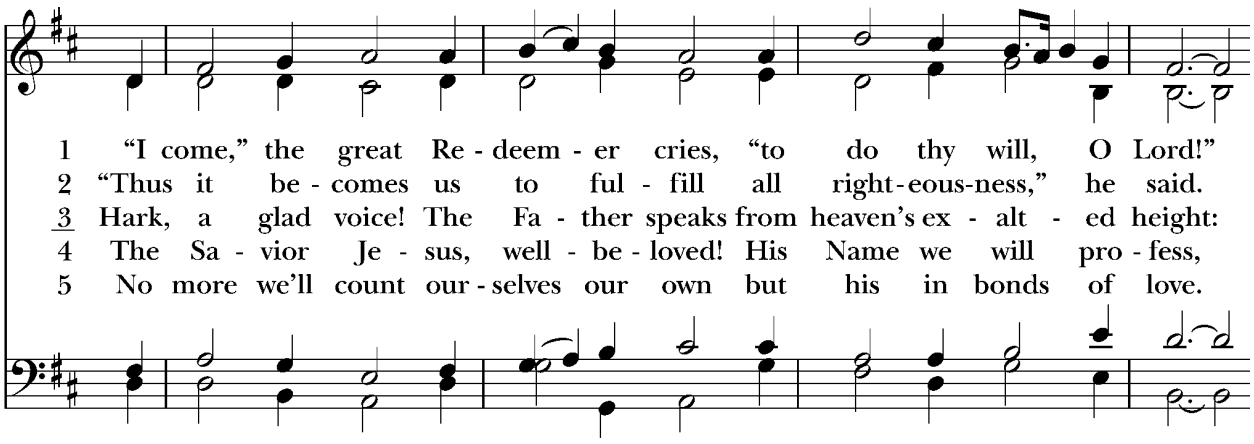
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

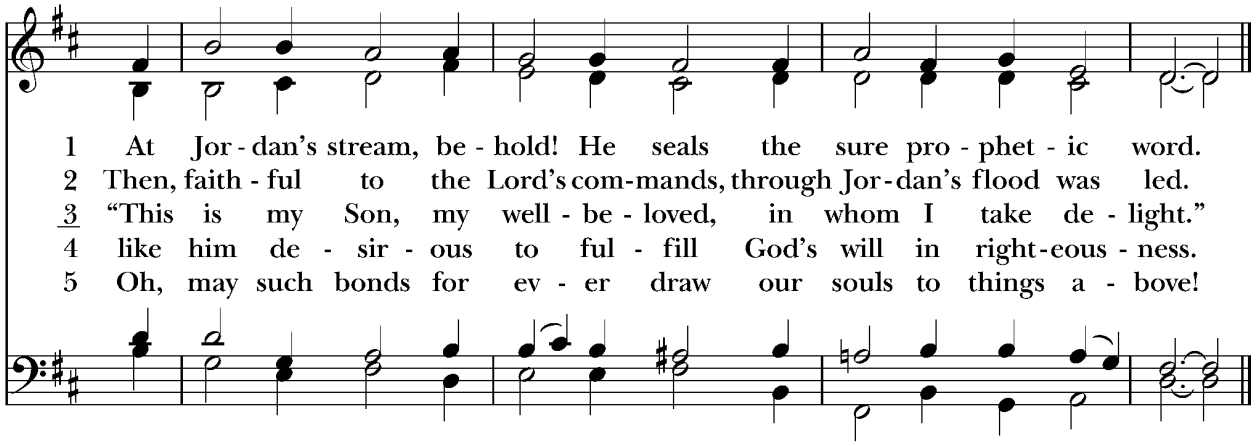
1While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to
Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy
Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there
is a Holy Spirit.” 3Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered,
“Into John’s baptism.” 4Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling
the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5On hearing
this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6When Paul had laid his hands on
them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
7altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: *“"I come," the Great Redeemer Cries” (H 116)*

All stand.





GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11
All stand.

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

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the
people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around
his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of
his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit."

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the
Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are
my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

THE SERMON: *Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry*

BAPTISMAL COVENANT
All stand.

Celebrant
Do you believe in God the Father?
People
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Celebrant
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People
I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

~ written by Rick Pryce, and posted on Rick Pryce. http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/

Celebrant: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy*, and responding, ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: God of light and darkness,
through water and Word
you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.
We give thanks for this incredible gift.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of love and hate,
your love comes in spite of our animosity;
you bring reconciliation to those who are divided.
We pray for better relations between Canada and its native peoples.
Strengthen us to be peacemakers.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of hope and fear,
you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,
and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of church and world,
in baptism you unify yourself with our world,
and bring your reign into being.
Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of health and illness,
there is nothing that separates us from your love.
Inspire us to bring your health to the sick,
your encouragement to the discouraged,
your promise to the dying,
especially those we name before you now;
June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Alisha Rittenour, Stacy, Jackson, John Titmas, Flo Myers, Ed Sutek, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Rev. Wendy, and Jolonda.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of life and death,
all that exists is from you, and for you.
Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,
and serve this hurting world.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God who shines in the darkness,
receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts,
in the name of the one who is your light,
Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

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

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (*Psalm 29)*

OFFERTORY HYMN: *"I am the Gentle Light"* Paul Mealor

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 him thanks and praise.

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

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

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: ♪ ♪ ♪

SANCTUS: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* WLP *853*

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

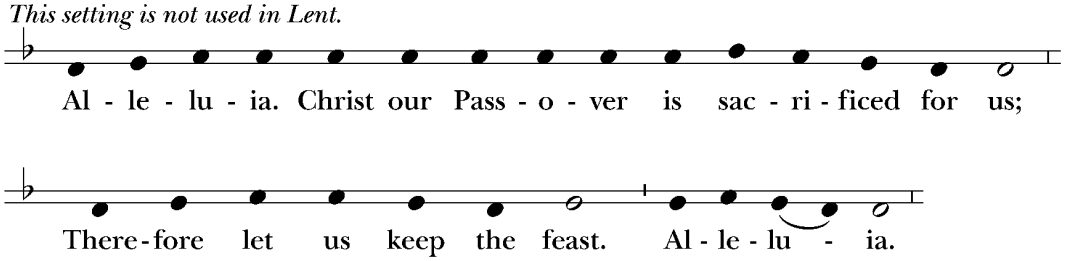
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: S 152 "Christ our Passover" ***(Chant/Martens)***

This setting is not used in Lent.



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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"Crashing Waters at Creation" (Ellerman) (VF 67)***

optional Descant
Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and
wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the
flood the soul. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our
soul. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our
dry - ness, make us whole, drench our dry - ness, make us
dry - ness, make us whole, drench our dry - ness, make us

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (EOW p. 70)

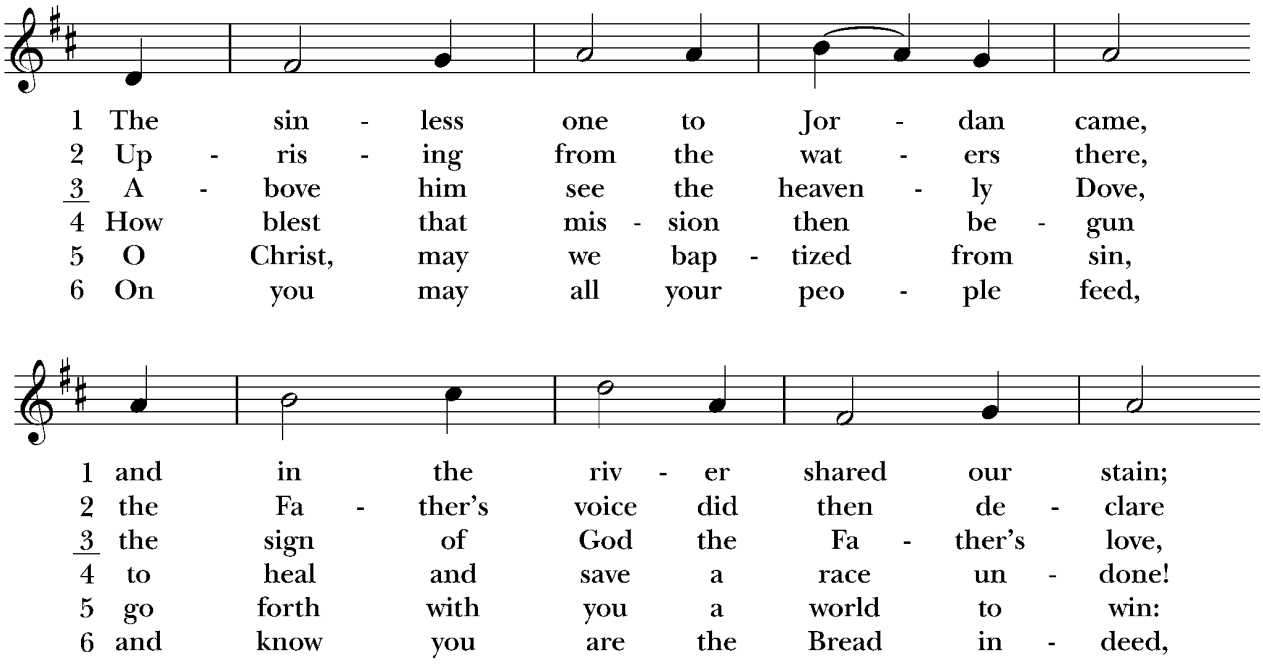
Let us pray together

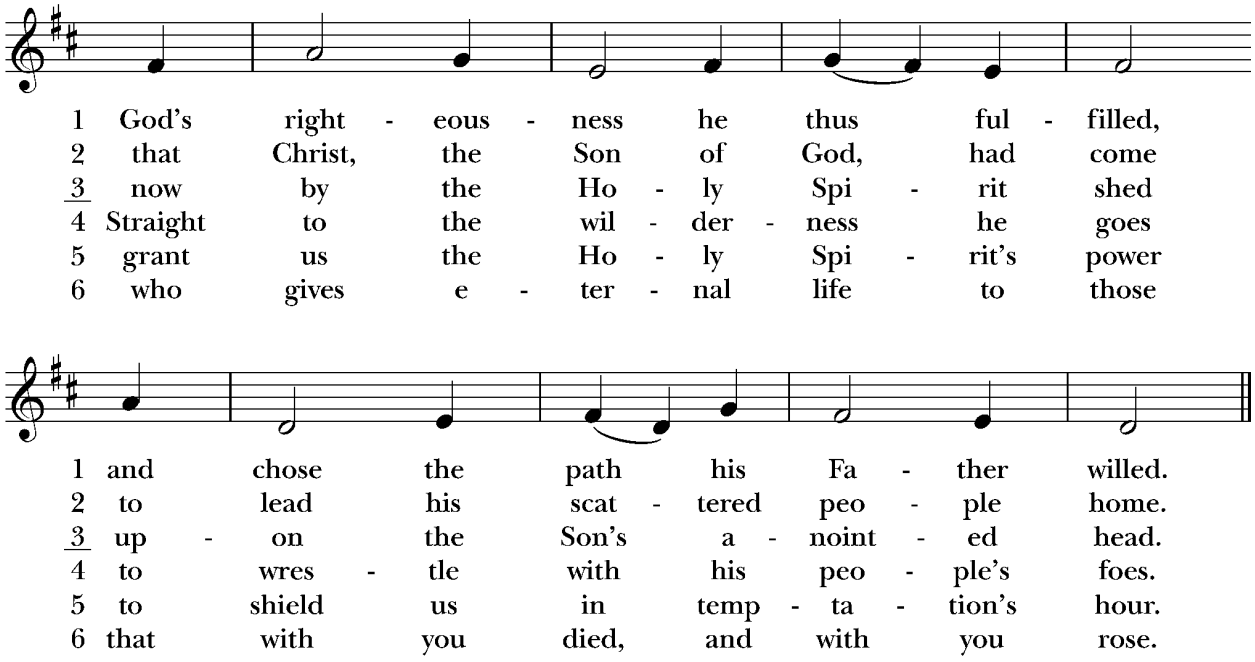
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"The Sinless One to Jordan Came" (H 120)*





DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Vom himmel hoch da komm ich her* Johann Pachelbel

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Carol Sutek
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery, Karl Roshong
Crucifer:	Karl Roshong
Thurifer:	Douglas Colmery
Greeters:	David Lewis
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barbara Anderson
Torch Bearers:	Nancy Suba, Cara Warren
Counters:	Carol Sutek, Cara Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, January 8th
Communications meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Small Group Study
Meets at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Degreening of the Sanctuary will take place immediately after service. We will be taking down all the Christmas Decorations. Please plan to come and help!

Wednesday, January 10th
Finance Committee meeting will be held at 6:00p

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!

Saturday, January 13th
The Gun Violence Prevention Workshop will be held in the Guild Hall 9a-12 noon. Please register. (See announcement on pg. 19)

Monday, January 15th
MLK Day activities and dinner. Service at 12 noon. Community service 1-4p. Dinner at 5:30p. Service and dinner at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Please register. (See announcement on pg. 20)

Social Justice Book Club
We are currently reading, "Dancing in The Darkness." We meet the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The next gathering is on January 23rd. You can join us either here in the Guild Hall or via Zoom.

January Birthdays

3rd-	Rick Senften	18th-	Maureen Major	28th-	Ed Denning
11th-	Natalie Sutek	19th-	Nancy Reinbold	29th-	Cathi Johanning
12th-	Sabrina Patterson	21st	David Rotthoff	30th-	Cayson Schmidt
15th-	Owen Valentine	24th-	Megan Demastus	31st-	Barbara Anderson
17th-	Bethany Sutek	26th-	Wyatt Marcum	27th-	Mary Lou Stauffer

Happy Anniversary

Ed & Carol Sutek: 10th
Richard & Nancy Reinbold: 25th

Save the Date: January 21, 2024 Annual Church Meeting

All ministries are asked to get their reports into the Church Office no later than January 14th.

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:30 am Service New Year's Eve Party 12p-2p	**January 1** New Year's Day!	**2**	**3** 10 am Bible Study	**4** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**5**	**6** 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
7 THE BAPTISM OF JESUS! 10:30 am Service Degreening of the Church	**8** 6 pm Communications Mtg.	**9**	**10** 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Finance Mtg.	**11** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**12**	**13** 9 am Gun Violence Prevention Workshop 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
14 9 am DOK Mtg. 10:30 am Service	**15** 12 pm Service 	**16**	**17** 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	**18** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**19**	**20** 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
21 10:30 am Service Church Annual Meeting	**22**	**23** 7 pm Social Justice Book Club	**24** 10 am Bible Study	**25** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**26**	**27** 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
28 10:30 am Service	**29**	**30**	**31** 10 am Bible Study			

Session 1

Ministering for a Less Violent Community:

An Interfaith Workshop to Reduce Gun Violence

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration and refreshments 8:30-9:00

Community Room of St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton 44702

You are invited to send up to three members of your ministry team (ordained or lay).

At the conclusion of the workshop, your team will receive a jump drive with an Interfaith Gun Violence Prevention Tool Kit and other resources to utilize with your faith community for dialogue, feedback about existing barriers to action, and subsequent workshops.

RSVP by January 4, 2024, with names of attendees to: interfaithcoalitionstark@gmail.com

Shalom, Salaam, Shanti, Peace, On Behalf of the Interfaith Violence Prevention Coalition of Stark County:

Rabbi John Spitzer, *Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Israel*

Reverend Robin Woodberry, *Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

Mustafa Ozguler, *Secretary, Islamic Society of Northeast Ohio*

Father Edward Keck, *Retired Catholic Priest*

Reverend Hector McDaniel, *Outreach Pastor, Union Baptist Church*

Laurence Bove, *Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Walsh University*

Please contact workshop co-chairs with questions:

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MLK DAY
12PM • SERVICE
1-4PM • VOLUNTEER
5:30PM • DINNER
MONDAY JANUARY 15TH, 2024
MLK Jr. Joint worship service
Mt. Olive Baptist Church 1403 13th St SE, Canton,
12 pm - 1 pm
On-site volunteering
at StarkFresh Grocery Store locations in Alliance & Canton
1 pm - 4 pm
Dinner gathering/ Curriculum kickoff event
Mt. Olive Baptist Church 1403 13th St SE, Canton,
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
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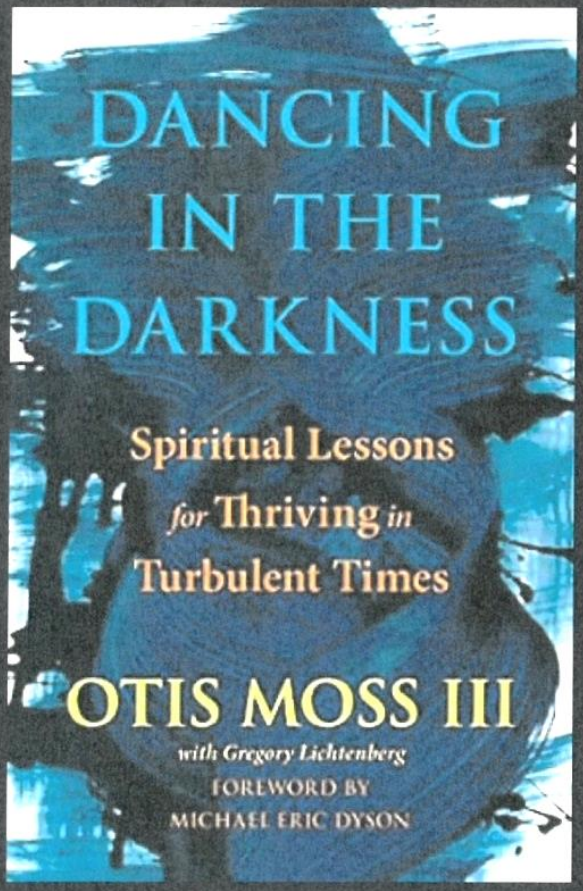
Social Justice BOOK Club

Dancing in the Darkness is a "life-affirming" guide to the practical, political, and spiritual challenges of our day. Drawing on the teachings of Dr. King, Howard Thurman, sacred scripture, southern wisdom, global spiritual traditions, Black culture, and his own personal experiences, Dr. Moss instructs you on how to practice spiritual resistance by combining justice and love. This collection helps us tap into the spiritual reserves we all possess but too often overlook, so we can slay our personal demons, confront our civic challenges, and reach our highest goals.



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Sermon Notes

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
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 Sunday Services at 10:25am are also live-streamed on Facebook.

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