St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

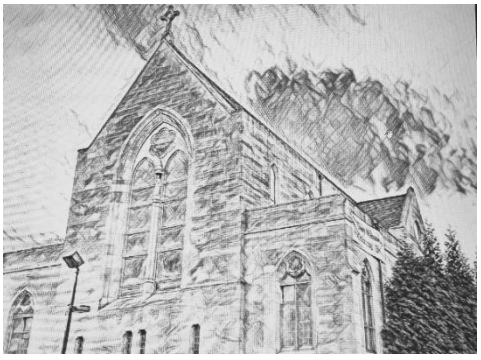
Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II (EOW)

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

Prelude: *Adagio e affettuoso* by Johann Ernst

The Word of God

SILENT PROCESSION

OPENING ACCLAMATION
The following is said, all standing

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins
People His mercy endures forever

COLLECT FOR PURITY
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.***

KYRIE
The following is said

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People *Christ, have mercy.*
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons
The people sit.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

4From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom;
but the people became impatient on the way. 5The people spoke against God and against
Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is
no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." 6Then the LORD sent poisonous
serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7The
people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and
against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for
the people. 8And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a
pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 9So Moses made a serpent of
bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would
look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Remain seated.

1Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
2Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
17Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
18They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
19Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
20He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
21Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
22Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

Remain seated.

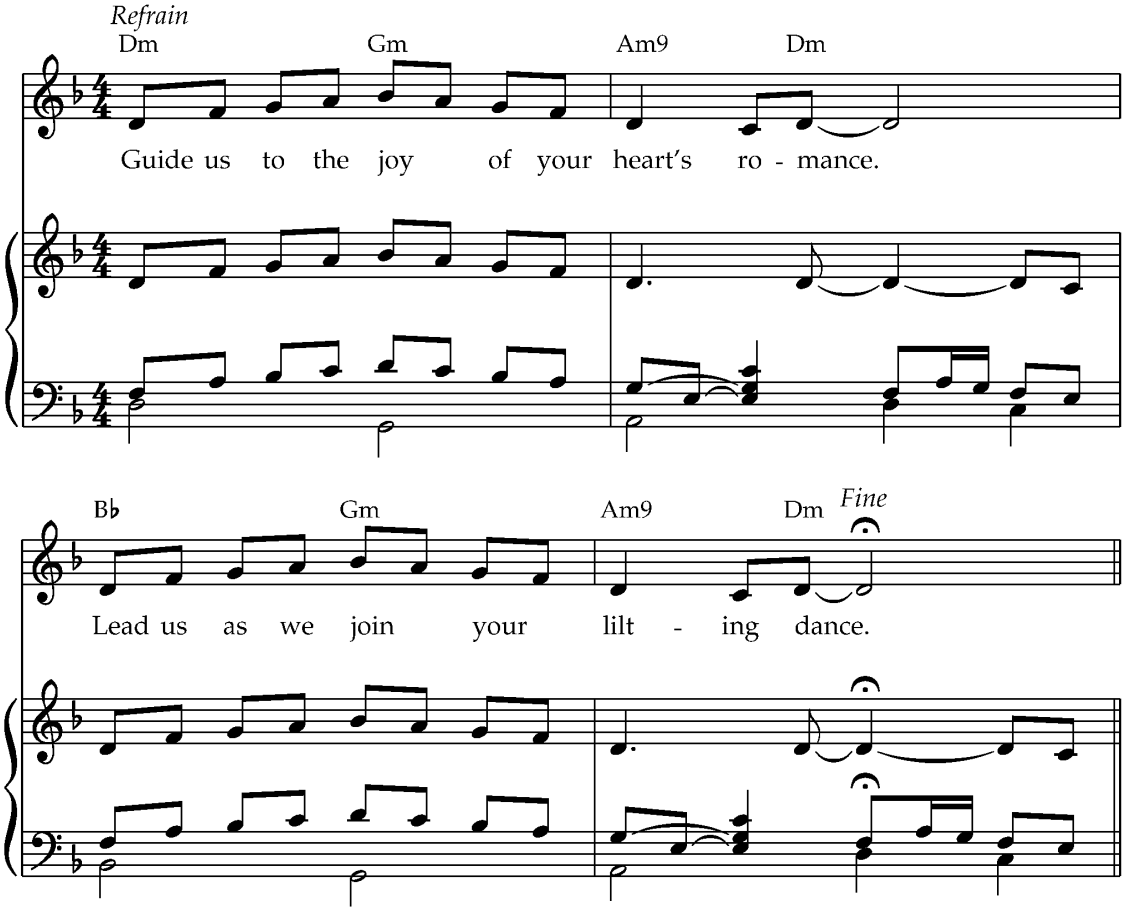
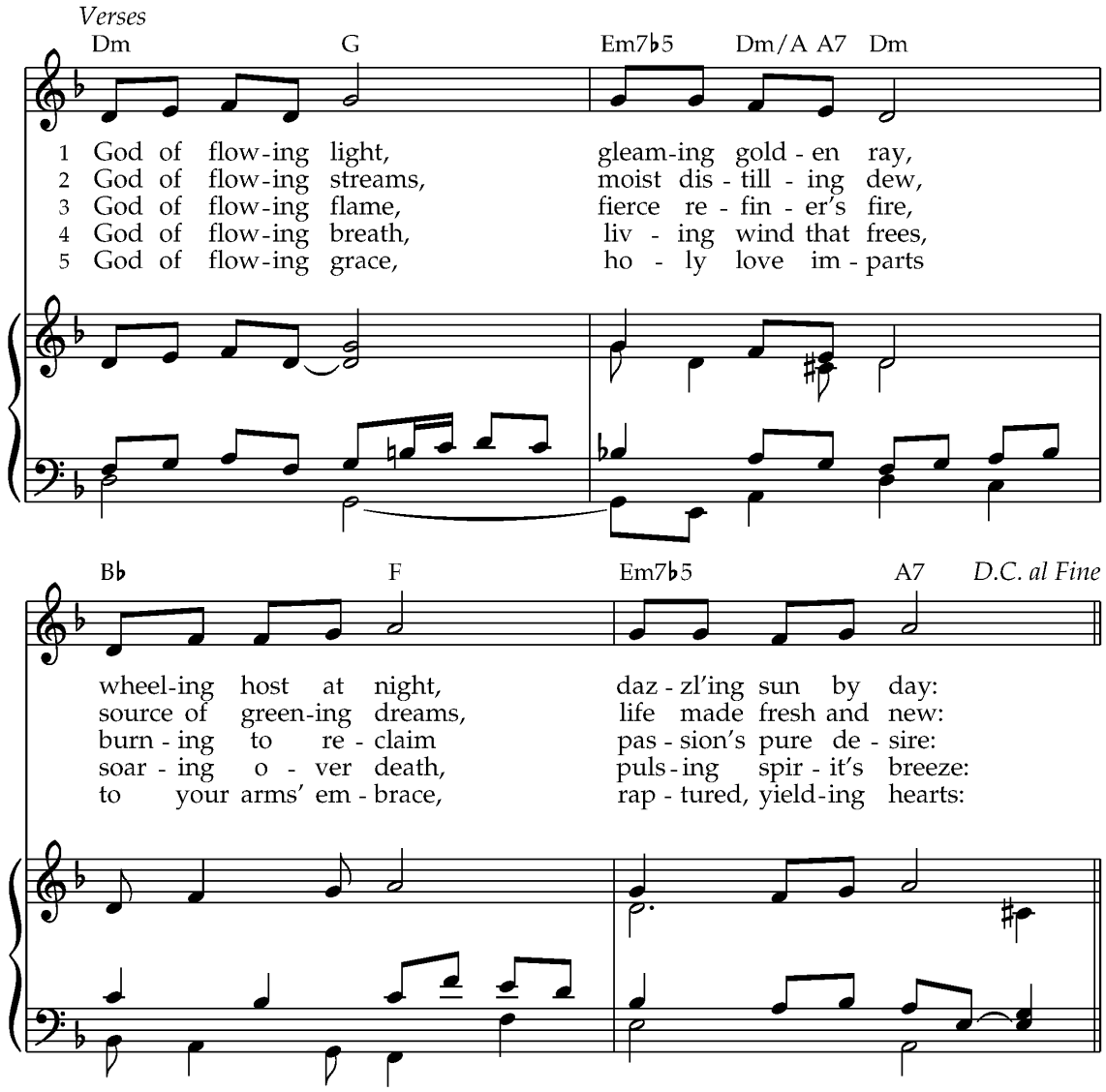
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

[1]You were dead through the trespasses and sins [2]in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. [3]All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. [4]But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us [5]even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6]and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7]so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8]For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—[9]not the result of works, so that no one may boast. [10]For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"God of Flowing Light" (VF 56)***

All stand.



GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

All stand.

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

[Jesus said,] [14]"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15]that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[16]"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

[17]"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18]Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

[19]And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. [20]For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. [21]But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

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

Celebrant As children of God let us stand and affirm our faith.

THE CREED
All stand.

Celebrant: We believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

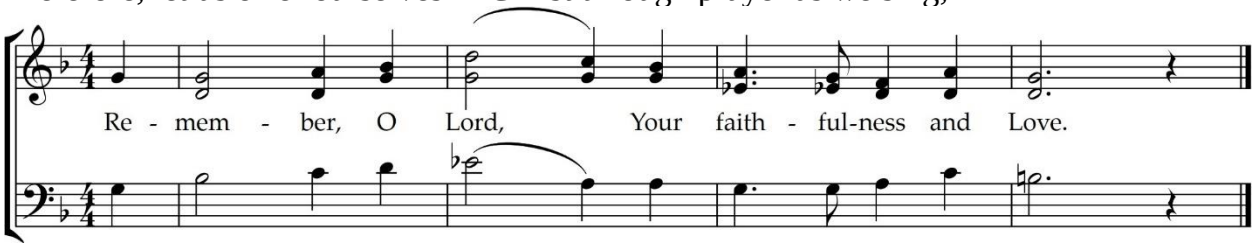
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of our sister Mary; Baptized by John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit: to preach the kingdom of God to the poor, to heal the sick, to receive those who have been cast out, to revive Israel for the salvation of the nations, and to have mercy upon all people.

Jesus 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, he is seated at the right hand of God, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We 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. AMEN.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Leader: We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Therefore, let us offer ourselves in Christ through prayer as we sing,



Leader: "God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive together in Christ."
Let us pray that Christ's people may live as children of light, discerning and acting upon what is pleasing in God's sight, we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Leader: "Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." Let us pray for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal, and commitment to God, that the Spirit of God may come mightily upon those anointed with baptism's fragrant oil we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Leader: For the church throughout the world, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God; especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Robin our Priest; and for all bishops, other ministers, and members of the Clergy. We continue prayers for the Northeast Mission Area; that, more and more, we may desire what God desires, and serve as Christ serves, we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Leader: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Let us pray for those who suffer around the globe due to injustice, disaster, or violence. Let us pray, too, for the wellbeing of the whole creation. That God's word will be sent out, turning hearts from the ways of greed or domination to the pursuit of peace and justice, we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Leader: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." Let us pray for all who journey through the wilderness of poverty, violence, fear, sickness, or other suffering, June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Sr. Rosina, Alisha Rittenour, John Titmas, Jackson, Flo Myers, Ed Sutek, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Ethel, Vickie Simpkins, Jolonda, Bea Bentley, and Jason Meade. That we will lift up Christ Jesus through compassionate care, so they may look on him and be healed, we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Leader: "Give thanks to the Lord; his steadfast love endures forever." Let us remember the dead, and that we will continually recall God's eternal faithfulness, we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

Leader: Remembering those who have died, especially Rev. Dr. Lee W. Gibbs, and Richard Atkinson, we pray for all who mourn; and that we may rejoice forever in the fellowship of all the Saints, let us pray to our God: **/R/**

CONCLUDING COLLECT
Said by all

O God, in baptism you anoint us and seal us as your own forever. Give us grace to see the world as it is seen by you, that we may walk in the light of your love, extending your healing touch to every race and nation.

We ask this through your anointed One, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People sit, stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Celebrant: Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, O God.

Celebrant: Our self-indulgence and our exploitation of others, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, O God.

Celebrant: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, O God.

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, O God.

Celebrant: Restore us, Holy God, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Celebrant: May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen

THE PEACE

Celebrant	The peace of Christ 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: "Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." *1 Peter 3:18a*

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer EOW 2

(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 our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we (say): ♪ ♪ ♪

SANCTUS: ***(Said by all)***

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

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: ***(Said by all)***
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

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

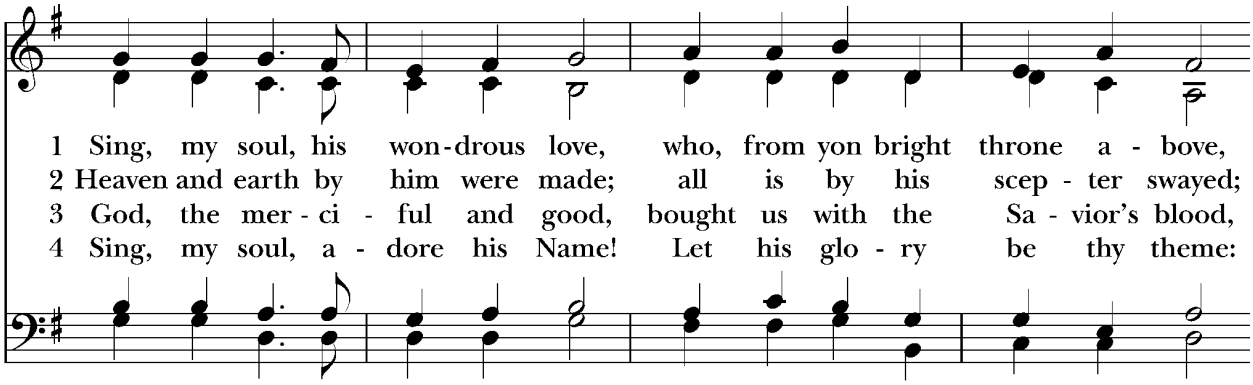
Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

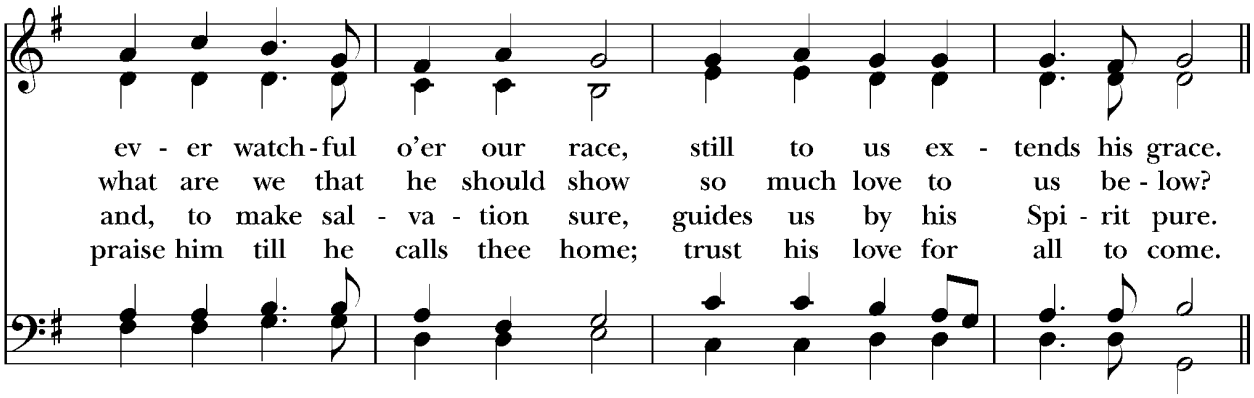
O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament, have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
(St Thomas Aquinas, 1227 - 1274)

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: ***"Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love" (St. Bees) (H 467)***





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray together

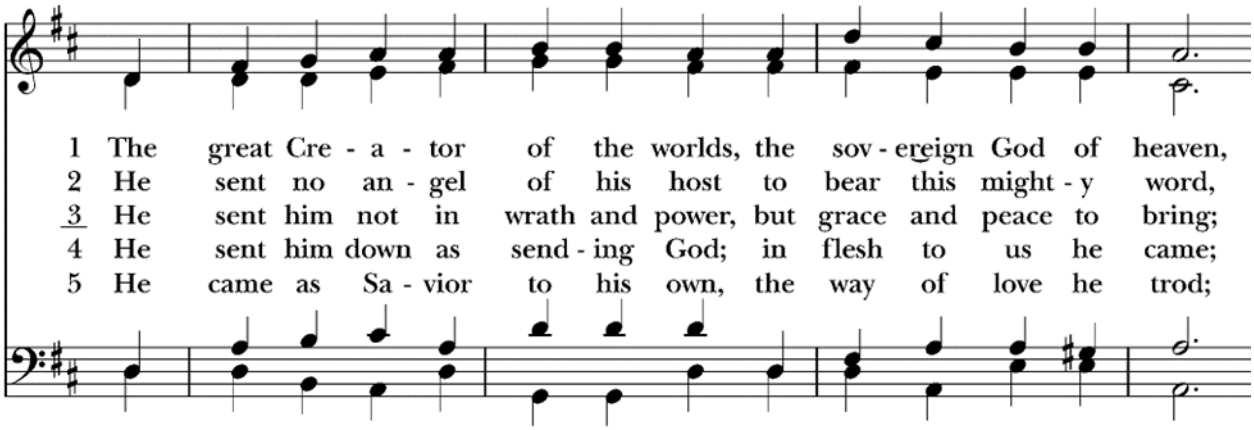
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

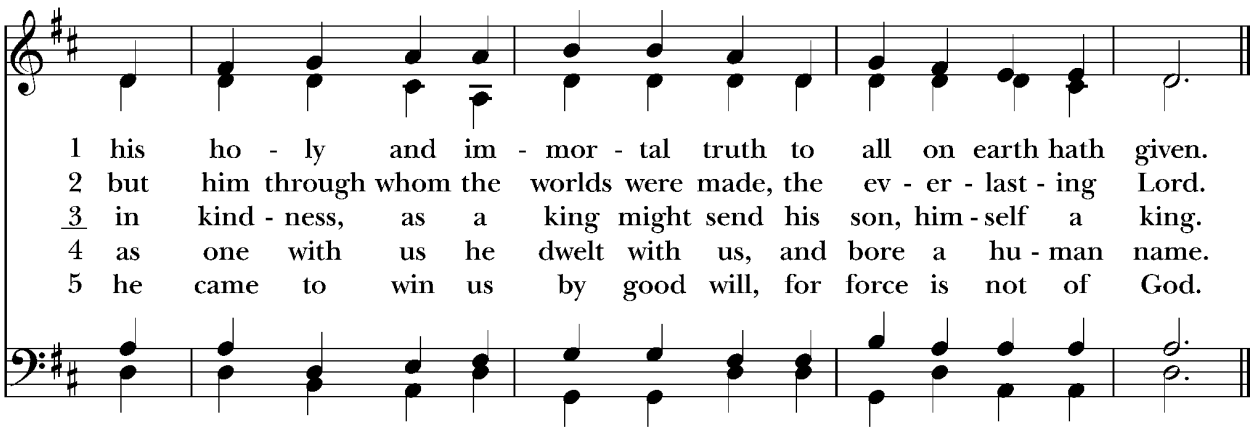
BLESSING
Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: ***"The Great Creator of the Worlds" (Tallis' Ordinal) (H 489)***
All Stand.





6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

SILENT RECESSION

NO POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Priest-in-Charge:	Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Jeff Nowlin
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Demetrius Carrothers
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Shirley Brown, Douglas Colmery
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, Valerie Frear

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communications Meeting

The Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Wednesday Small Group Study

The 10a Wednesday Bible Study will follow a series entitled "Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything" by C.K. Robertson. This week we will learn about Sojourner Truth: The Persevering Prophet.

Finance Meeting

The Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Thursday Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Consider "Making a joyful noise unto the Lord" and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

Station of the Cross
Held in the Sanctuary on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

March Birthdays

1st-Stephen Sutek
2nd-Robert Reiner
5th-Linda Heitger, Mark Heitger, Paul Schmucker, Jr., Beverly Vail
6th-Brenda Maurer-Denning
9th-Jason Marcum
11th-Haley Wade
14th-Gregory Johanning
20th-Helen Haught
21st-Corey Demastus
22nd-Jonathan Suba
26th-Mike Paynter
31st-Elizabeth Mapp

Upcoming Commemorations

Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Lenten and Easter Worship Service Schedule

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:00p

Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday Service, 10:30a

Thursday, March 28th, Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Service, 6:00p

Friday, March 29th, Good Friday Service, 7:00p

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30a

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 3 **Sunday Lent 3** **10:30 am** **Service**	**Mar 4**	**Mar 5**	**Mar 6** **10 am** **Bible Study**	**Mar 7** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**	**Mar 8** **6 pm Stations of the Cross** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**	**Mar 9** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Mar 10 **9a D.O.K. Mtg.** **Sunday Lent 4** **10:30 am** **Service**	**Mar 11** **6 pm** **Communications Mtg**	**Mar 12**	**Mar 13** **10 am** **Bible Study** **6:30 pm** **Finance Mtg**	**Mar 14** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**	**Mar 15** **6 pm Stations of the Cross** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**	**Mar 16** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Mar 17 **Sunday Lent 5** **10:30 am** **Service** **St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour**	**Mar 18**	**Mar 19** **6 pm** **Courageous Conversations**	**Mar 20** **10 am** **Bible Study** **7 pm** **Vestry Mtg** **(Zoom)**	**Mar 21** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**	**Mar 22** **6 pm Stations of the Cross** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**	**Mar 23** **11 am HOT Lunch** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Mar 24 **PALM SUNDAY!** **10:30 am** **Service**	**Mar 25**	**Mar 26** **7:00 pm** **Social Justice Book Group**	**Mar 27** **10 am** **Bible Study**	**Mar 28** **6 pm** **Maundy Thursday** **Agape Meal & Service** **7 pm AA** **(Blue Room)**	**Mar 29** **12 noon** **Stations of the Cross** **7 pm** **Good Friday Service** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**	**Mar 30** **7 pm AA** **(Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Mar 31 **EASTER SUNDAY!** **10:30 am** **Service**						

Bible Study

The 10a Wednesday Bible Study will follow a series entitled "Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything" by [illegible] Robertson

Classes are now livestreamed on FB

February 21st—Barnabas: The Subversive Bridgebuilder

February 28th—Francis of Assisi: The Lovable Rebel

March 6th—Thomas Cranmer: The Tightrope Walker

March 13th– Sojourner Truth: The Persevering Prophet

March 20th– Dorothy Day: The Idealistic Realist

March 27th—Oscar Romero: The People's Voice

Handouts will be provided.

For more information, please see Rev. Robin or call the Church Office, at 330-455-0286.
All are welcome!

St. Patty's Coffee Hour!

Calling all Irish, or those who
wanna be Irish for the day.

Join us for some Irish themed fun, food and fellowship!

Sunday, March 17th
12 noon in the Guild Hall.

WEAR YOUR GREEN!!!

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE RELATIONS

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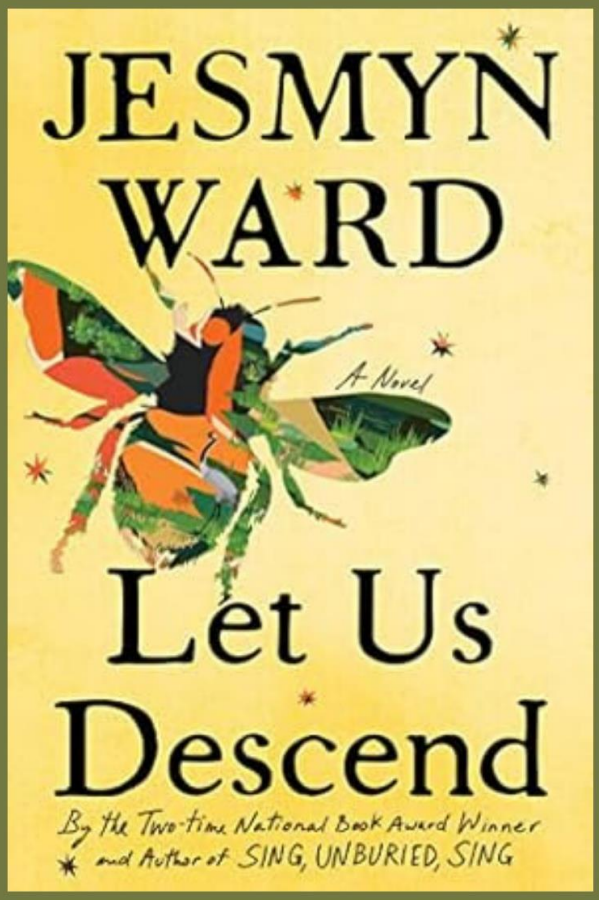
Social Justice BOOK Club

Annis, sold south by the white enslaver who fathered her, is the reader's guide through this hellscape. As she struggles through the miles-long march, Annis turns inward, seeking comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother. Throughout, she opens herself to a world beyond this world, one teeming with spirits: of earth and water, of myth and history; spirits who nurture and give, and those who manipulate and take. While Ward leads readers through the descent, this, her fourth novel, is ultimately a story of rebirth and reclamation.



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Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service
Thursday, March 28th, at 6:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to an Agape Meal at **6 PM on Maundy Thursday**. The meal features a short prayer service, the retelling of Jesus' last meal with the disciples, and biblically inspired (think Mediterranean) food served family style.

We are asking people to bring various Mediterranean style foods for the meal. Items needed are listed below. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Narthex as well as a sign-up link through the email blast.

Items needed for the Agape Meal (No meat or desserts)

Dinner Stoneware
Assorted Olives
Rustic Bread
Pita Bread
Assorted Nuts
Hummus
Fruit (Grapes, Figs, Apples, Berries, Oranges)
Tzatziki
Tomatoes
Cucumbers
Honey
Crackers
Various Cheeses
Roasted Vegetables
Olive Oil (Flavors)

Women's History Month Theme 2024

The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2024 theme celebrates “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.” This theme recognizes women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions.

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

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