St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

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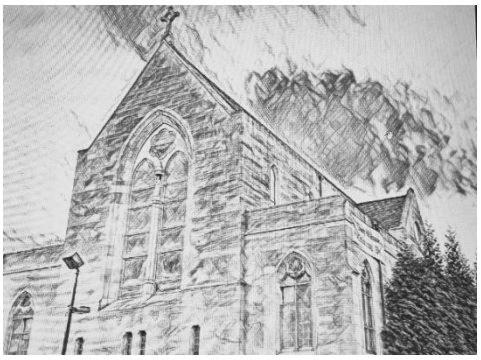
Sunday, May 12, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension 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 an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

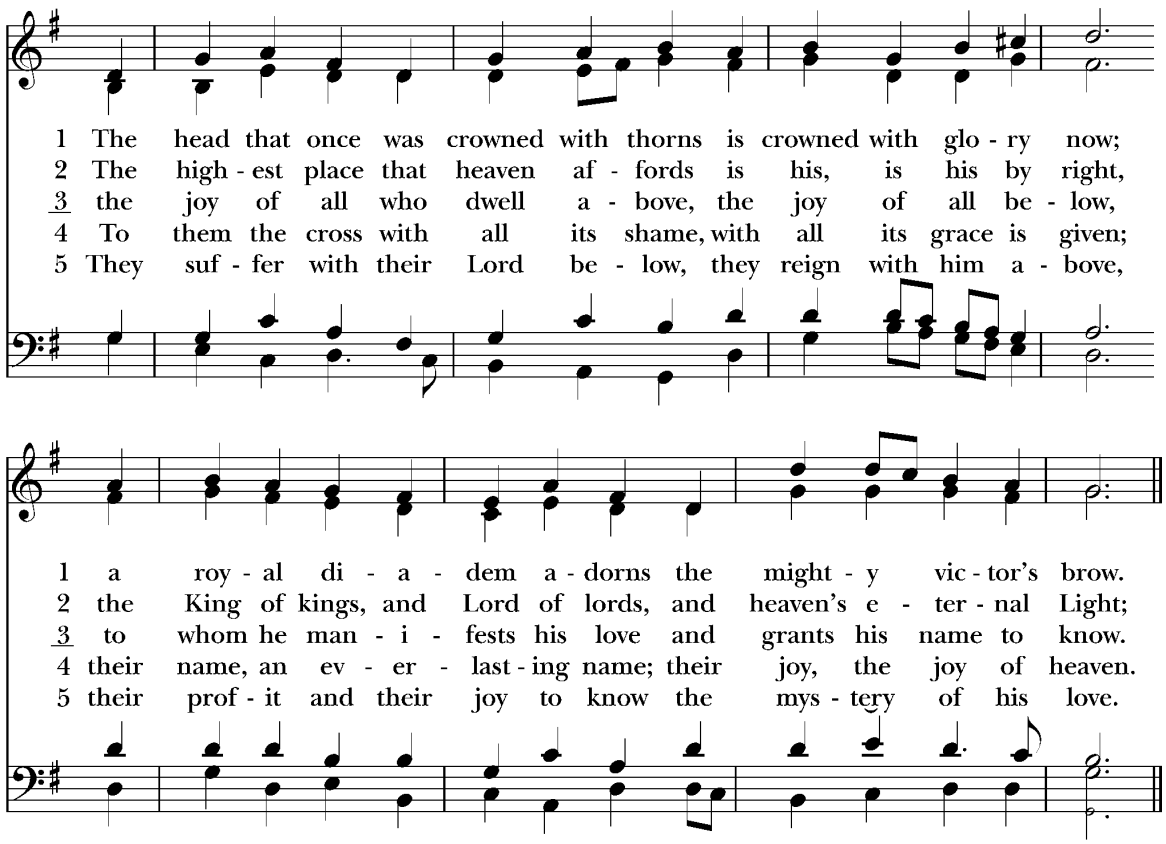
The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Ascension Sunday

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 47
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Prelude: *Reflective Processional* by Owain Edwards

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns" (H 483)***
All Stand



6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

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

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

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.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[1]In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the
beginning [2]until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions
through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3]After his suffering he
presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during
forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. [4]While staying with them, he ordered
them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he
said, "is what you have heard from me; [5]for John baptized with water, but you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you
will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

[7]He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his
own authority.
[8]But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” [9]When
he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of
their sight. [10]While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two
men in white robes stood by them. [11]They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand
looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will
come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 47

Remain seated.

[1]Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
[2]For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
[3]He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
[4]He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
[5]God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram’s-horn.
[6]Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
[7]For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
[8]God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
[9]The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
[10]The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

Remain seated.

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

[15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

[17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit
of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart
enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
[20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him
at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to
come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"God Will Take Care of You" (LEVAS 183)***
All Stand

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[44][Jesus said to his disciples,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."[45]Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, [46]and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48]You are witnesses of these things. [49]And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

[50]Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. [51]While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. [52]And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; [53]and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

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.
With the Father and the Son he 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.***

RESURRECTION PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
*Adapted from the Ministration to the Sick, BCP 456, and *Adapted from the Ministration at the Time of Death, BCP 466

We pray for the church in every aspect and idiom of the world, especially Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Anne, Robin our priest, and all clergy. May they find their feet and their voice anew to preach the power of resurrection, to invalidate death and war, to plant peace in the furrows that our Savior has harrowed for us.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for this nation, for a renewal of our common life and purpose; for the courage and conscience of those elected and appointed to positions of authority within it, that the policies we implement may be life-giving for all who depend upon them.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for the world, that all powers of evil and corruption may be trampled under the feet of our Risen Savior, that a new season of peace and justice may arise.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for our neighbors, that they may find hope where it is needful, gladness where it is burgeoning, comfort where the earth still lies cold, knowing that resurrection is coming.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain them with his presence, especially Sr. Rosina, Alisha Rittenour, John Titmas, Ed Sutek, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Jessica and Toby Williams, Vickie Simpkins, Jolonda, Flo Myers, Jackson, Ruth Warren, Mark Bodo, Rob Reiner, Anthony Wilson, Rev. Elizabeth Kelly, Stacy, Lee and Family, Pam, Robert Thornton, Jason Meade, and the family of Frank Tyson. Uphold them and fill them with grace, and give them the victory of life and peace, that they may know the healing power of your love.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for those who have died, especially Kevin King Jr. Receive him into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let their hearts and souls even now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

Almighty God, who hallowed and sanctified motherhood by your Incarnation, and whose Son, even in his Passion, did not forget his blessed Mother, but rather entrusted the beloved Disciple with her care: Grant that we may so honor our mothers, and that those called to motherhood may so love their children, teaching them wisdom and the law of kindness, that we may share with all your children throughout the world the mothering love you have shown us by your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Living God, your Word is holy and true; in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, you have made your name known to us. Protect us from the power of evil, sanctify us in the truth of Christ, and make us one in the Holy Spirit, so that your joy may be complete in us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

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

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: ***The Lord Ascendeth*** by David Blackwell

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

(Please remain standing)

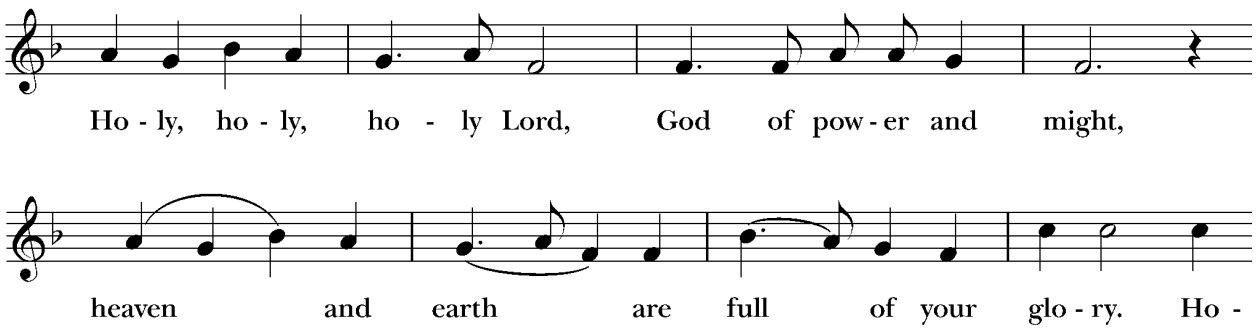
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

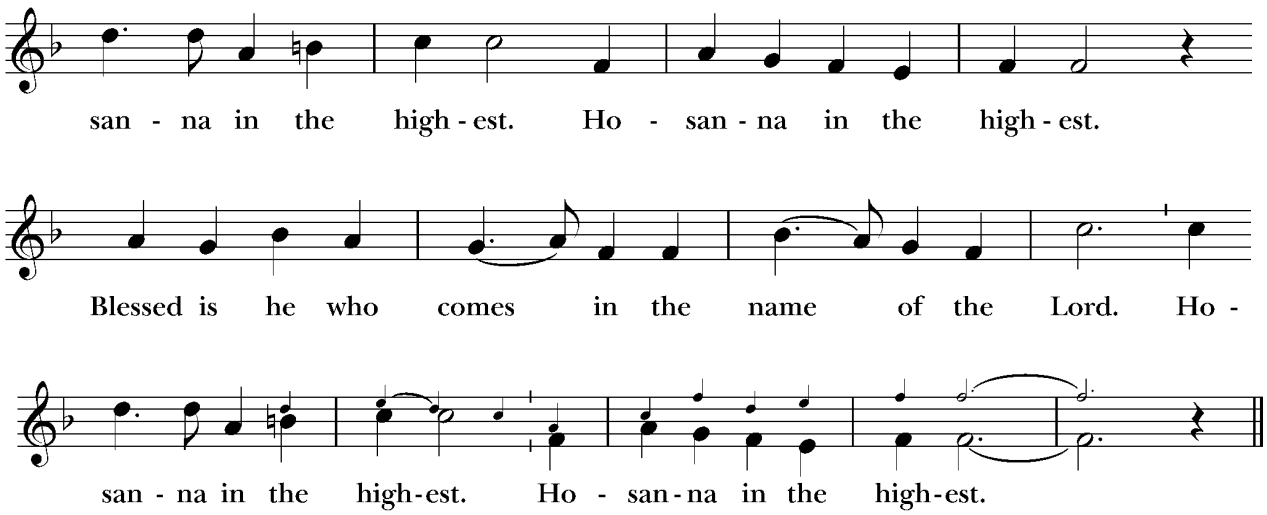
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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: S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)





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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

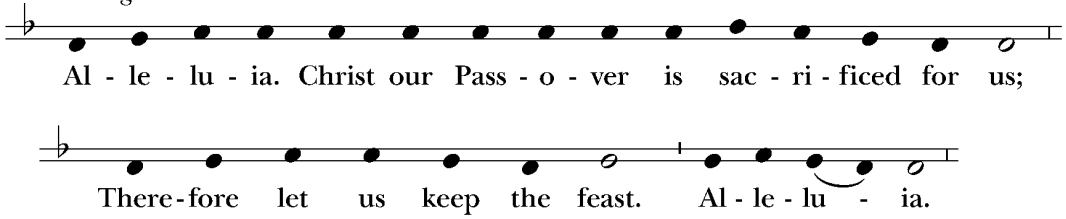
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: "*S 152 Christ our Passover" (Chant/Martens) (BCP p. 364)*

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.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

(A Prayer for Spiritual Communion from St. Alphonsus Liguori)

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: ***"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (Omni die) (H 341)***

All Stand

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

May the risen Christ Who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high. 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: ***"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (Hyfrydol) (H 460))***
All Stand

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a
1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: ***Exeunt Omnes*** by Richard Lloyd

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Small Group Study

Join us for the Office of Global Partnerships-sponsored video Bible study entitled, "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus: An Easter Journey with Palestinian Christians'. The class will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library and will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

Pentecost Sunday

A special celebration will be held next Sunday, May 19th at the 10:30a worship hour to celebrate Pentecost! You don't want to miss it!!

May 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 28 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield Robin Vacation	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1 10 am Bible Study	May 2 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 3 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)	May 4 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 5 10:30 am Service 12 noon Cinco de Mayo Coffee Hour	May 6	May 7	May 8 10 am Bible Study	May 9 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 10 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)	May 11 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9 am DOK Mtg. 10:30 am Service	May 13 6 pm Communications Mtg	May 14 6 pm Courageous Conversations	May 15 10 am Bible Study 5-7 pm Wednesday Whine Nite	May 16 6:30 pm Finance Mtg 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 17 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)	May 18 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 19 Pentecost Sunday 10:30 am Service w/ New Members Recognition	May 20	May 21 7 pm Social Justice Book Group	May 22 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Quilting Mtg	May 23	May 24	May 25 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
May 26 Trinity Sunday 10:30 am Service	May 27 Memorial Day!!	May 28	May 29 7 pm Vestry Mtg	May 30	May 31	

CCORR Gathering

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Conversation at 6:30pm

All are welcome to attend

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

NEW QUILTING CLASS!

The first meeting for the quiting class will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 6:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY WHINE NITES

Hey ladies, do you need a night out? A break from the kids, significant other, work, grandkids, or the dog? Well, let's get together at a local establishment for Wednesday Whine Nites for a chance to unwind, have some laughs, sing some karaoke, whine, and of course enjoy some wine, or beverage of your choice. The Whine Nite Schedule is as follows and subject to change:

May 15th, 5-7p: The Winking Lizard Tavern 5710 Fulton Dr. NW, Canton

July 17th, 5-7p: Location to be announced.

Aug. 21st, 5-7p: Location to be announced.

Let's have some fun! Ladies of all ages are welcome!!

Upcoming Commemorations

[Frances Perkins, Social Reformer, 1965]
Monday, May 13, 2024

Junia and Andronicus
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Martyrs of Sudan
Thursday, May 16, 2024

Thurgood Marshall, Public Servant, 1993
Friday, May 17, 2024

William Hobart Hare: Bishop of Niobrara, and of South Dakota, 1909
Friday, May 17, 2024

May Birthdays

15th-Karen Swope
22nd- Frances Beacon
24th- Rachel Valentine
29th- Ainsley Marcum

Anniversaries

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

What's new in the Diocese of Ohio

Regional Confirmations

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly will celebrate confirmations at regional services.

The remaining regional confirmations are:
May 11 at 11:00 a.m. - Ascension, Lakewood
May 18 at 11:00 a.m. - Grace, Sandusky
June 1 at 6:00 p.m. - St. Andrew, Mentor

New Summer Worship Hours!

We are excited to announce our new summer worship hours, beginning June 2nd and continuing until August 25th.

Join us for a meaningful and uplifting worship experience every Sunday at 10:00 AM.

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS
Mondays

St. Paul's will be providing themed Fun Nights throughout the summer. Come dressed for the occasion based on the theme for the evening. Games, food, activities, fun for the entire family!!!

June 17th: 6-8p PIRATE NITE

July 15th: 6-8p SUPER HERO NITE

Aug 19th : 6-8p SPORTSFAN NITE

ANGEL CELEBRATIONS

Once a quarter, a public service will be provided to remember and celebrate our dear departed angels who have anniversaries of death during those months.

These services will be held in the Guild Hall and will NOT include communion. But they will be intentionally crafted to fully bring honor to those whom we love but are no longer with us. And prayerfully, they will assist those who are still grieving and healing from their loss. These services are open to anyone who feels the need to attend, not just St. Paul's members, so tell a friend!

The first service will be on **Sunday, June 30th @ 3p**. and will cover dates from January –June.

The next service will be held on **Sunday, September 22nd @ 3p,** and will cover dates from July to September.

If there is someone whom you would like to honor, please fill out the slip below and place in the offering basket, or contact the church office at 330-455-0286, and leave your information.

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal." Thomas Moore

In Loving Memory of: _____

Date of Remembrance: _____

Submitted by: _____

Sermon Notes

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

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Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

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

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