St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

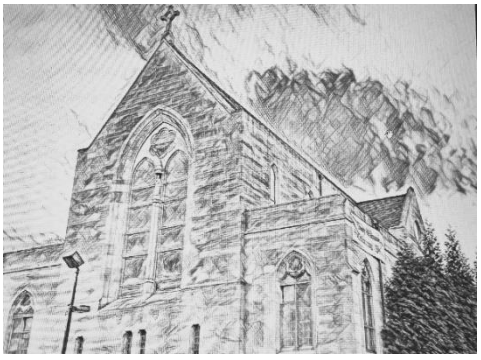
Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth 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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II (EOW)

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Psalm 119:9-16
Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Prelude: *Adagio* by Antonio Vivaldi

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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons
The people sit.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

31"The days are surely coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with
the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made
with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband," says the LORD. 33"But
this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the
LORD: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be
their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say
to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the
greatest," says the LORD; "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no
more."

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

PSALM: Psalm 119:9-16

Remain seated.

9How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.
10With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.
11I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.
12Blessed are you, O LORD; *
instruct me in your statutes.
13With my lips I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.
14I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.
15I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.
16My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

5Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one
who said to him,
"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; 6as he says also in another place, "You
are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

[7]In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. [8]Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; [9]and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, [10]having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"On the Cross the World's Salvation" (AFS 71)***

All stand.

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GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

All stand.

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

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They
came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see
Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very
truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a
single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and
those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me
must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the
Father will honor.
27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this
hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The
crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has
spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.
31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And
I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to
indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

THE SERMON: *Demetrius Carrothers*

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
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Leader: Through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, death no longer has dominion. Therefore, let us exercise our priestly call with boldness, praying for the church, interceding for the world, and lifting our hearts to God as we sing:

Leader: God who writes the law upon our hearts, we pray for your church in this Diocese; for our Applicants, Postulants, and Candidates. We lift our hearts in prayer: 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. Set our hearts to follow Christ. Make us seeds of grain bearing fruit. Let your church be for the world a compelling sign of promise and new life. We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

Leader: God who teaches hungry hearts the way of your statutes, we pray for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal. Fix eyes upon your ways. Spark delight in your decrees as much as in all riches. Open hearts and lips to declare your life-giving ordinances. We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

Leader: God for whom we wait and whose word is our hope, we pray for all in exile, and for those whose homes and sacred places lay in ruins, especially Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine. Speak your life-giving word, O God. Rebuild lives and communities. Breathe resurrection life into those suffocated by the powers of death. We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

Leader: God who considers well the voice of our supplication, we pray for the sick and those who suffer any need, especially June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Sr. Rosina, Alisha Rittenour, John Titmas, Ed Sutek, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Ethel,

Vickie Simpkins, Jolonda, Bea Bentley, Jackson, and Jason Meade. Have mercy according to your steadfast love. Break all bondage to hopelessness. Restore the afflicted to the joy of your salvation. We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

Leader: God, whose Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus, his friend, yet felt indignation at a people surrendering to death, we remember those who sleep in Christ, especially Jerry Harp, and Kathleen Green, and pray for those mourning who yearn for resurrection hope. Open graves. Rouse us to support those wounded by grief. Give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit that dwells within. We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

CONCLUDING COLLECT
God of glory, your revelation through Jesus Christ calls into your covenant of love. Enable us now to reflect your love, so that barriers erected by sin may be broken down, and all people may be drawn to you; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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: ***"O Wheat Whose Crushing Was for Bread" (VF 74)***

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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING HYMN: ***"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Olivet) (H 691)***
All Stand.

SILENT RECESSION

NO POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Guest Preacher:	Demetrius Carrothers
Priest-in-Charge:	Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Lector:	Karl Roshong
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Karl Roshong
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Barbara Anderson, Susan Phillips
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, Jeff Nowlin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Courageous Conversations on Race Relations
The CCORR Kickoff will be pushed back until April. We are encouraging everyone to attend the Voices from Southeast Canton presentation at Malone University on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. (see flyer on page 18)

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 Dorothy Day: The Idealistic Realist.

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.

New Member's Sessions
For those interested in becoming a member at St. Paul's, Member Sessions are held Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. with Rev. Robin. A Welcoming Ceremony will be held during the Easter Sunday service on Sunday, March 31st.

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

Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461
Sunday, March 17, 2024

Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Theologian, 386
Monday, March 18, 2024

Cuthbert, Bishop, 687
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wales, 1711
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711
Thursday, March 21, 2024

Thomas Cranmer: Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556
Thursday, March 21, 2024

James De Koven, Priest, 1879
Friday, March 22, 2024

Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary, c.332
Saturday, March 23, 2024

Lenten and Easter Worship Service Schedule

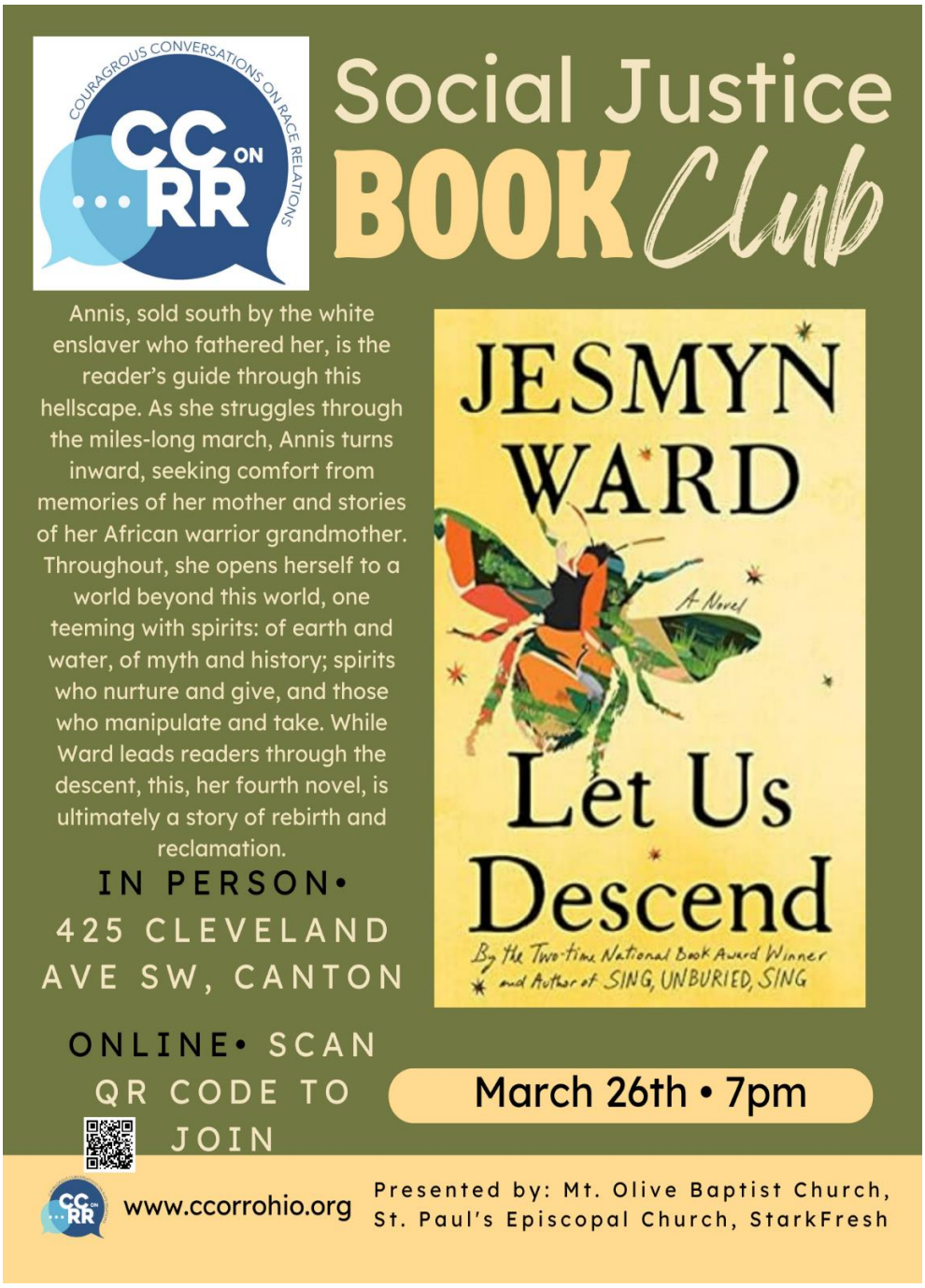
Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:00p

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

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

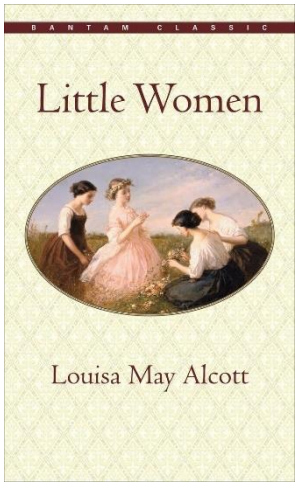
Friday, March 29th, Good Friday Service, 7:00p

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



March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 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**						



Women's History Month Good Read

Little Women is a coming-of-age novel written by American novelist Louisa May Alcott, originally published in two volumes in 1868 and 1869. The story follows the lives of the four March sisters—Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy—and details their passage from childhood to womanhood.

Bible Study

The 10a Wednesday Bible Study will follow a series entitled "Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything" by C.K. Robertson.

February 21st—Barnabas: The Subversive Bridge Builder

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.

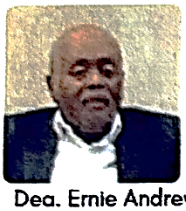
For more information, please see Rev. Robin or call the Church Office, at 330-455-0286.
All are welcome!

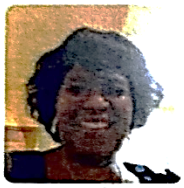
Classes are now livestreamed on FB

Malone University Presents...

Voices from Southeast Canton

A Historical Look

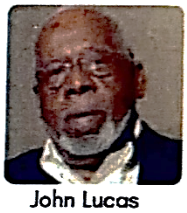

Dea. Ernie Andrews


Marie Dubose

Stephen Pressley

Come to hear stories and observations captured and recorded by Malone University History students. Stories told by several people who lived in Southeast Canton before it was transformed by Urban Renewal

Lydia (Bess) Lee


John Lucas

Patty (Stokes) Williams

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Location: Malone University | Silk Auditorium
2600 25th St. NW | Canton, OH | 44709
Questions? Contact Dr. Jay Case: 330-471-8182

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)

Good Friday Offering

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

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 10:25 am are also live-streamed on Facebook.

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