St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

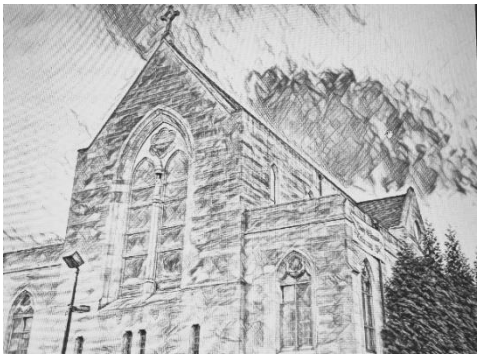
Sunday, January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Baptism of Sutton William Wade

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.

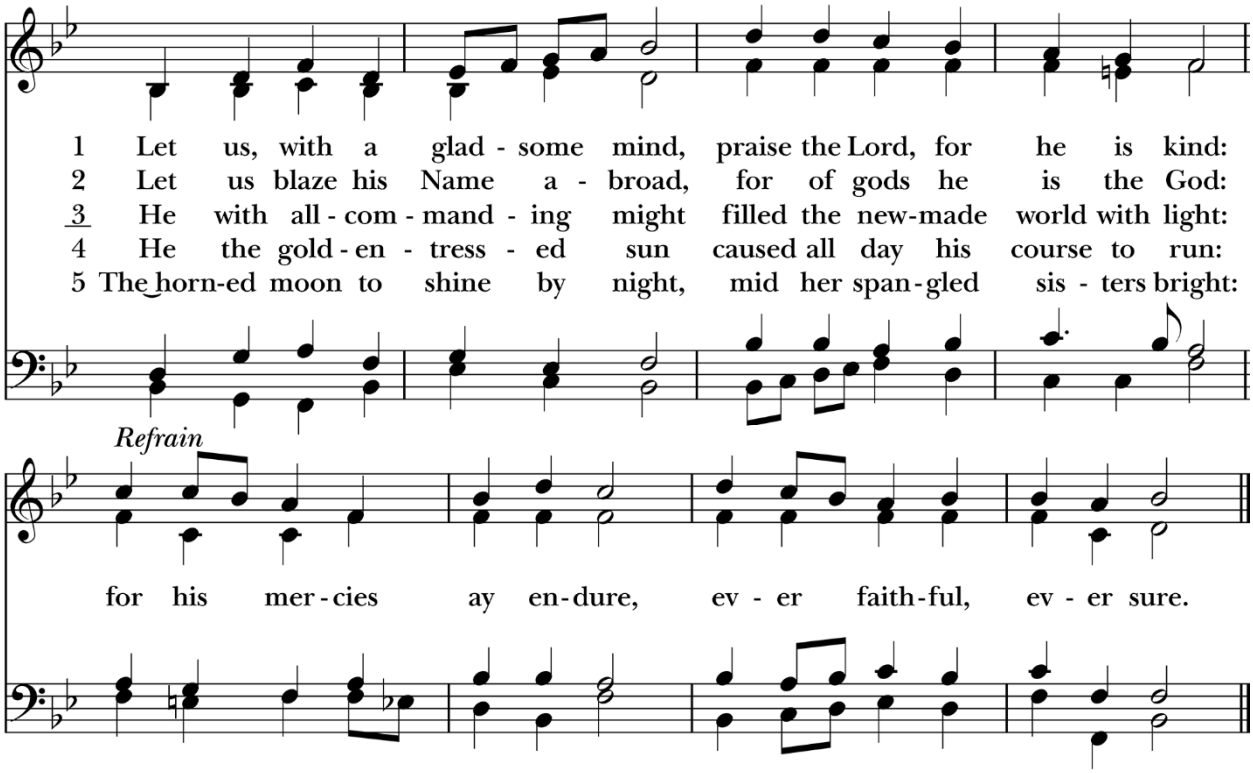
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm: Psalm 111
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Prelude: *Improvisation on Monkland* by Malcolm Archer

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind" (Monkland) (H 389)***



6 All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:
Refrain

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] 15"The LORD your God will raise up for
you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.
16This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly
when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this
great fire, I will die.' 17Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have
said. 18I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put
my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I
command. 19Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my
name, I myself will hold accountable. 20But any prophet who speaks in the name of other
gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the
prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.' "

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

PSALM: Psalm 111

Remain seated.

1Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
3His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures forever.

[4]He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
[5]He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
[6]He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
[7]The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
[8]They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
[9]He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant forever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
[10]The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Remain seated.

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

[1]Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. [2]Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; [3]but anyone who loves God is known by him.

[4]Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." [5]Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—[6]yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

[7]It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. [8]"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. [9]But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. [10]For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

[11]So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.

[12]But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. [13]Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"God of Freedom" (Libertad) (VF 90)***

All stand.

* Optional for last verse.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

All stand.

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

[21][Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.[22]They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. [23]Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, [24]and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." [25]But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" [26]And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. [27]They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." [28]At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

THE SERMON: *Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES (BCP p. 301)

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Then candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents

I present *Sutton William Wade* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Sutton* in *his* life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with *Sutton* who *is* committing *himself* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (BCP p. 304)
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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES (BCP p. 305)
The Celebrant says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *Sutton* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant

Sutton William Wade, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *Sutton* the forgiveness of sin and have raised *him* to the new life of grace.

Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Sutton William Wade, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

A candle (which may be lit from the Paschal Candle) may be given to each of the newly baptized or to a godparent and the Celebrant may say

Receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as his light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED (BCP p. 308)

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

Sutton, we receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 ANTHEM

The Great Thanksgiving: **Eucharistic Prayer A**

(Please remain standing)

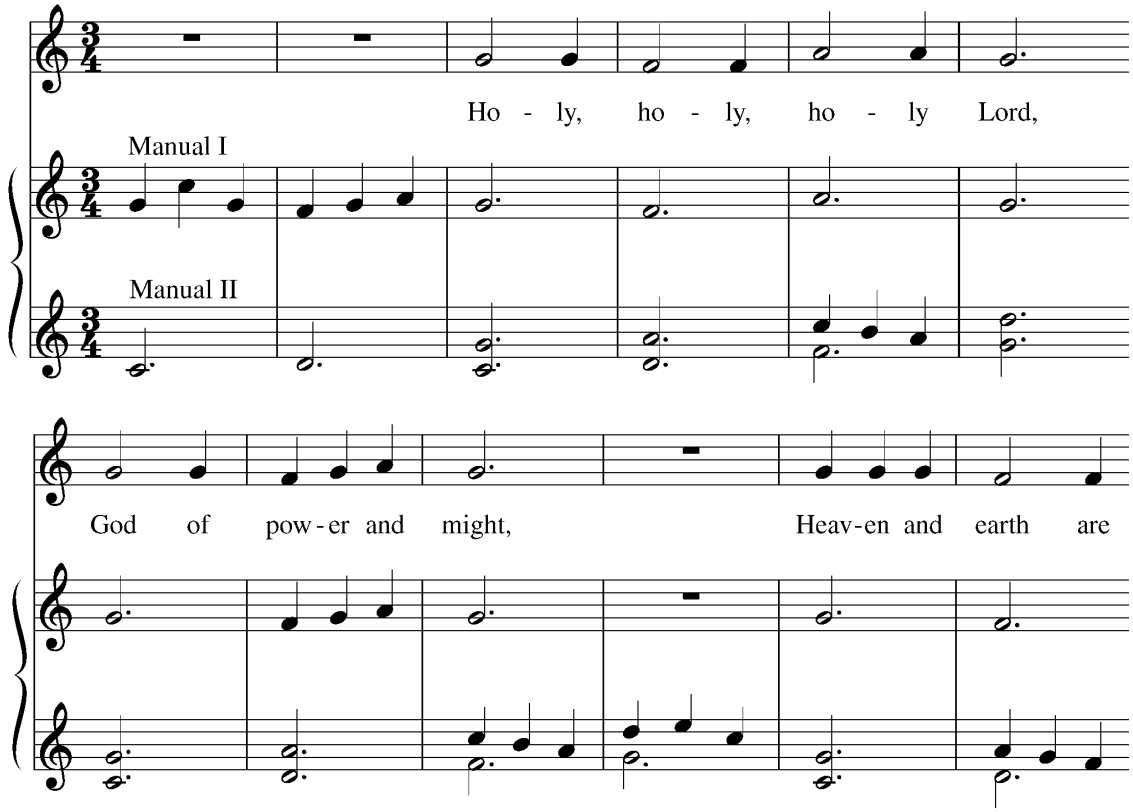
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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" (Hirten)* 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

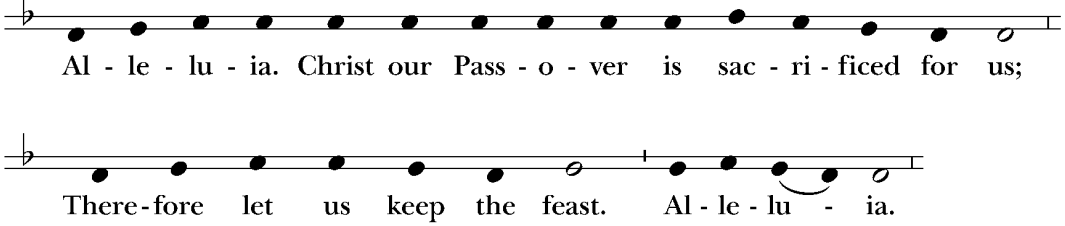
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

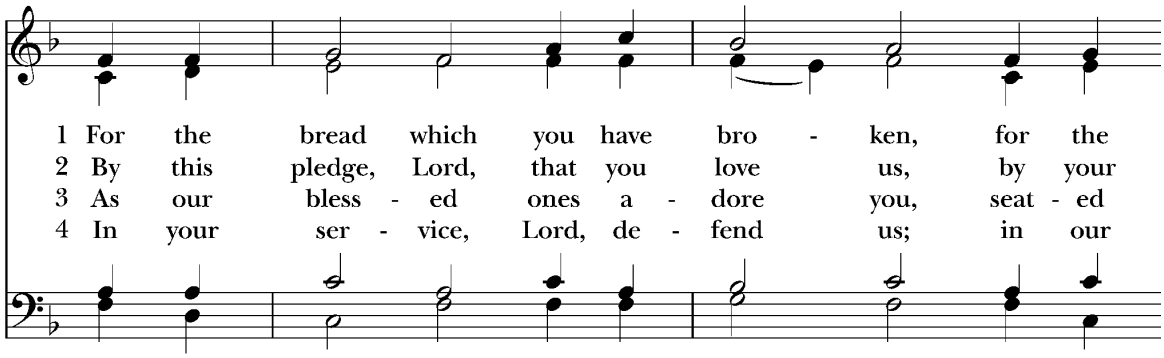
Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

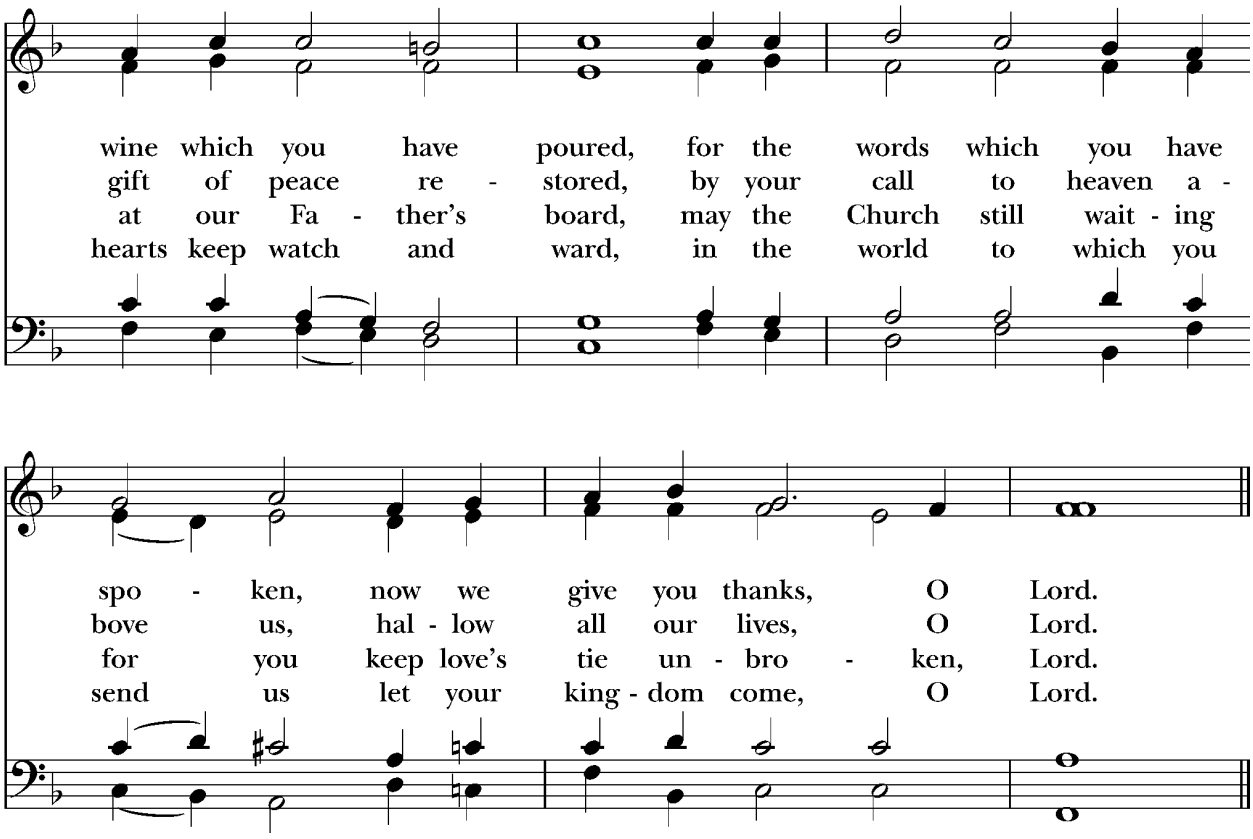
Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with 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: ***"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (H 341)***





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

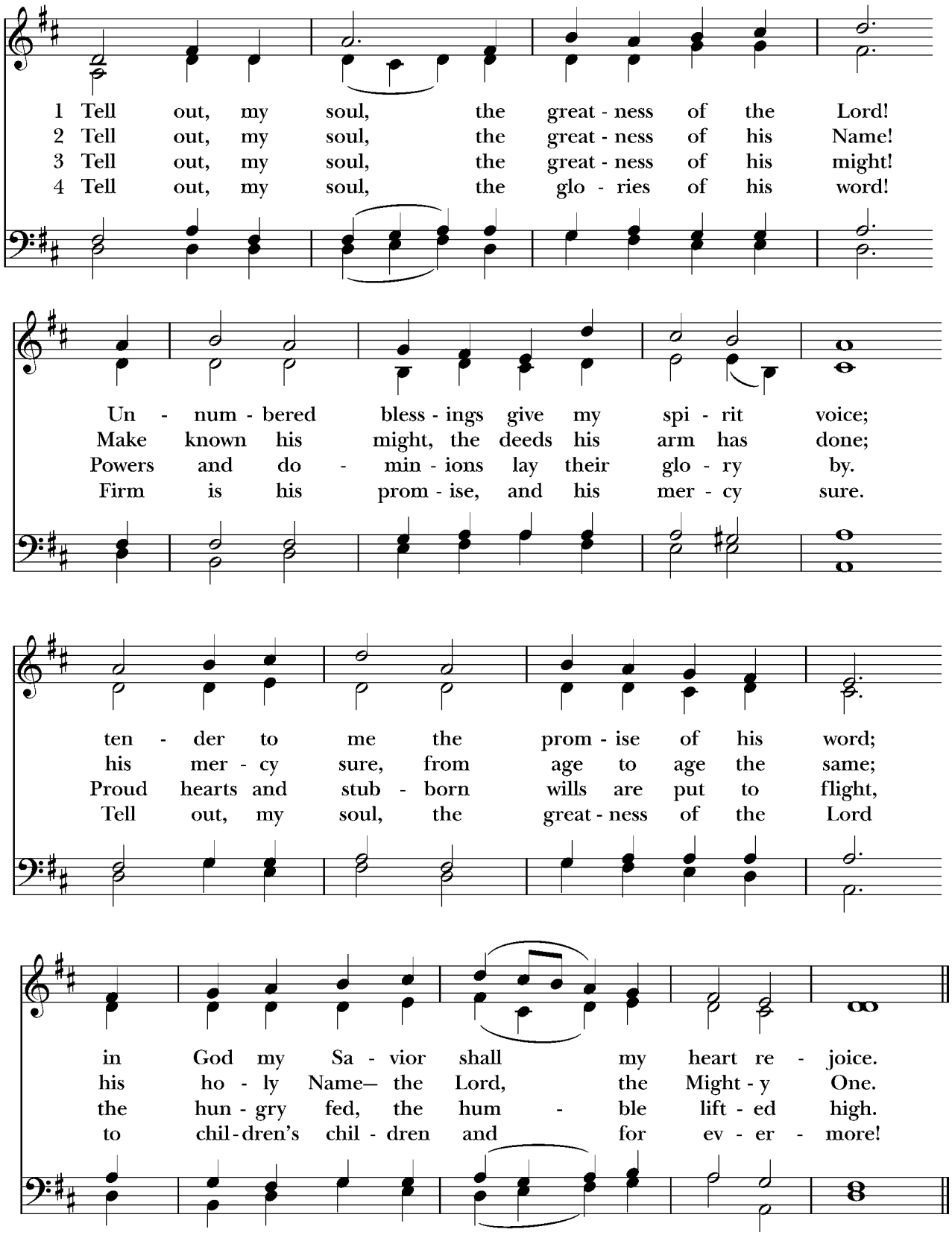
Let us pray together

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

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: ***"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"***
(Birmingham) (H 437)



DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in D Major* by 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
Crucifer:	Demetrius Carrothers
Camera/Audio:	David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Shirley Brown, Susan Phillips
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, Valerie Frear

Wednesday Small Group Study
The group meets at 10:00 a.m. in the library. We are currently exploring the readings for each Sunday during Epiphany.

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!

January Birthdays

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

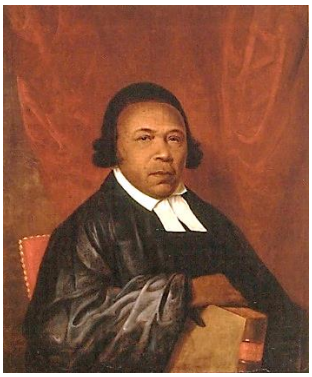
Happy Anniversary

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

January / February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 am Service	**29**	**30**	**31** 10 am Bible Study	**1** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**2** Winter Convocation →	**3** 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
4 10:30 am Service	**5**	**6**	**7** 10 am Bible Study	**8** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**9**	**10** 1 pm Bishop B. Harris Service Akron 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
11 10:30 am Service	**12** 6 pm Communications Mtg.	**13** 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	**14** 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	**15** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**16** Vestry Retreat →	**17** 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
18 10:30 am Service (Great Litany)	**19**	**20** 6 pm CCORR	**21** 10 am Bible Study	**22** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	**23**	**24** 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
25 10:30 am Service	**26**	**27** 7 pm Social Justice Book Club	**28** 10 am Bible Study	**29** 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)		

The Feast of Blessed Absalom Jones and Commemoration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris
Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m.



On **Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m.**, Church of Our Saviour, together with the people of the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, will host the diocese's annual festival Eucharist celebrating Absalom Jones, the first Black priest ordained in the Episcopal Church, whose feast day is February 13. At this service, we will also commemorate the life of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris, the first female bishop in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, whose life and ministry are commemorated on February 11, the anniversary of her ordination as bishop.

This service will be a joyful celebration of these saints whose lives and ministries inspire us as we continue our work of reconciliation and dismantling racism to move closer to becoming Beloved Community. Please join us!
Bishop Anne Jolly will preside at the service, and the Rev. Edwin Daniel Johnson, director of organizing at the Episcopal City Mission in Boston, Massachusetts, will preach.
Choir members from across the diocese are invited to participate in a combined choir for the service. Please get in touch with Michael McGroarty at mickey.d.mcg@gmail.com for more information.
Clergy are invited to process. Cassock surplice. White Stoles.

About the Rev. Edwin Johnson

The Rev. Edwin Daniel Johnson is an enthusiastic and lifelong lover of Jesus and Episcopalian. Walter and Vilma, his loving parents from Montserrat and Costa Rica respectively, sought out diverse and loving communities in which to raise him which included St. John's and St. James's Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Edwin experienced the call to ministry at age five during baptism and got his first taste of community organizing and collective power at age 11 with the Roxbury Church Collaborative. It was then he gained clarity around the nature of his call to Gospel Joy and Justice.

Read more on the **website of the Episcopal City Mission**.

Tuesday, February 13th @ 6:00 p.m.

Service will be held on Wednesday, February 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

Let's welcome our new Vestry members who were elected at the 154th Annual Meeting. Congratulations Rob Vail, Tammy Patterson, David Swope, and M.L. Schultze. We are grateful for your willingness to serve as a leader of St. Paul's!

We also extend our gratitude to those going off Vestry; Stephen Johnson and Valerie Frear. Your service and leadership have been invaluable and very much appreciated. THANK YOU!!

Lenten and Easter Worship Service Schedule

Wednesday, February 14th, Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00p

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

Thursday, March 28th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00p

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

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

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

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