St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

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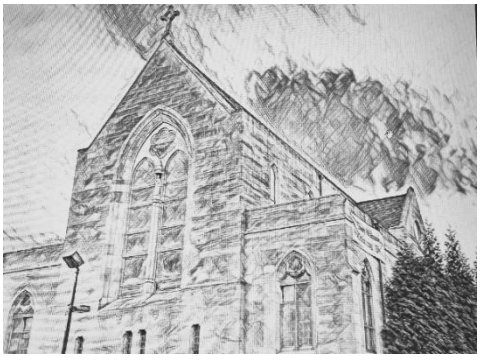
Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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.

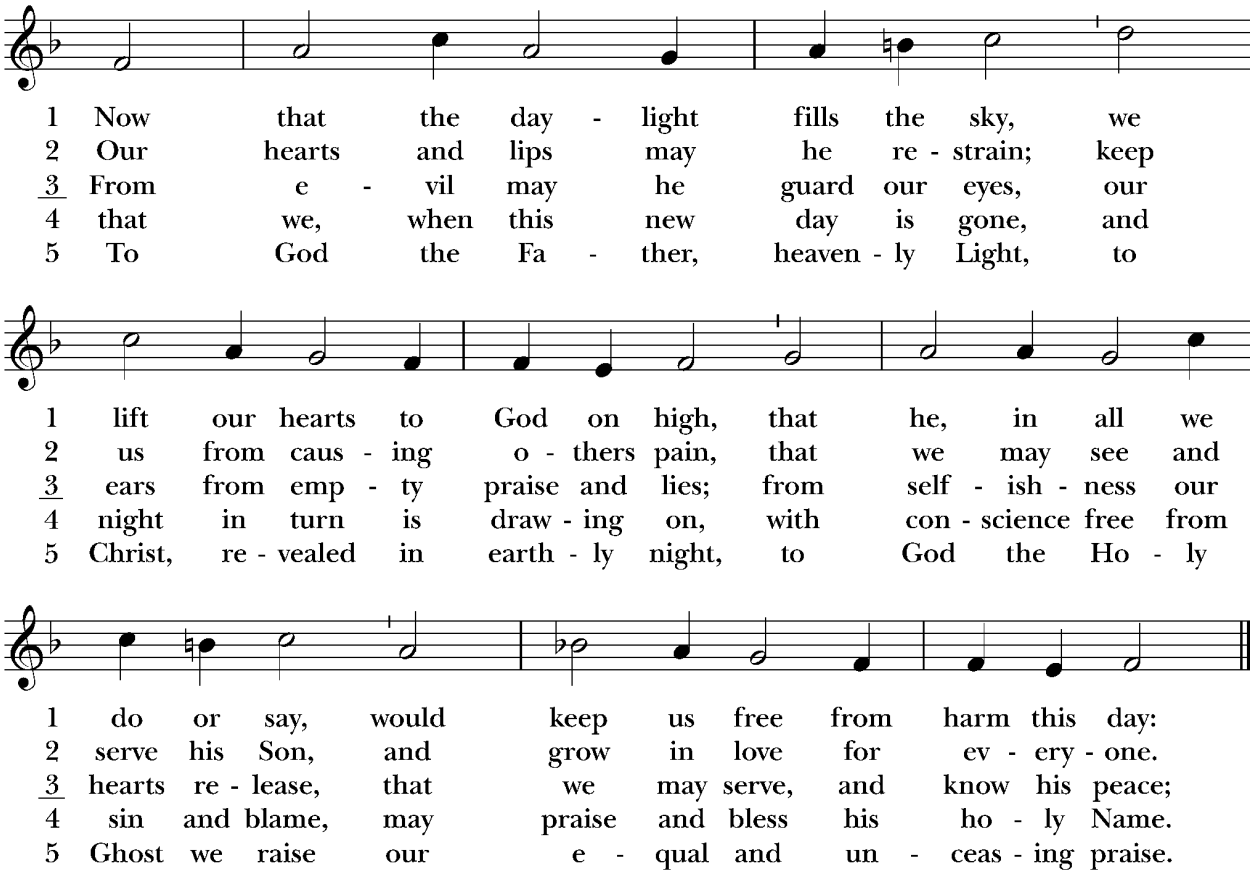
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Prelude: *Prelude* by Quentin Thomas

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky" (Herr Jesu Christ) (H 3)***



OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE: ***"I Will Kindle My Fire" (VF 27)***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;
23 who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

25 To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Remain seated.

[1]Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
[2]The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
[3]He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
[4]He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
[5]Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
[6]The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
[7]Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
[8]He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
[9]He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
[10]He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
[11]He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
[12]But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor. [21c] Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Remain seated.

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

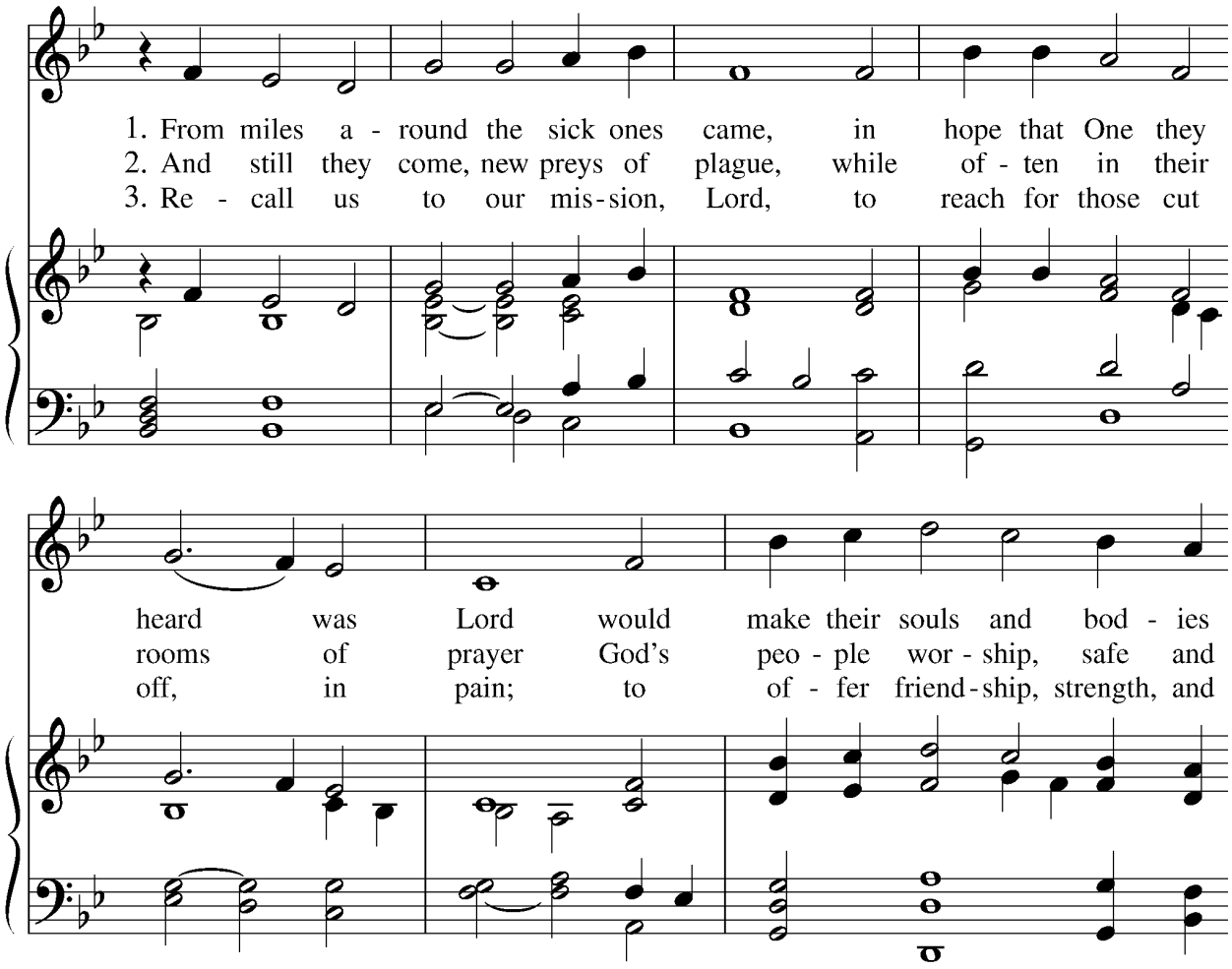
[16]If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! [17]For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. [18]What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

[19]For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. [20]To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

[21]To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. [22]To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. [23]I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"From Miles Around the Sick Ones Came" (WLP 774))***
All stand.



GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39
All stand.

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

[29][When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.[30]Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. [31]He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

[32]That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. [33]And the whole city was gathered around the door. [34]And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

[35]In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted
place, and there he prayed. [36]And Simon and his companions hunted for him. [37]When
they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." [38]He answered, "Let
us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that
is what I came out to do." [39]And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in
their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

THE SERMON: ***Douglas Colmery***

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

THE CREED
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.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EPIPHANY
SCLM sub-committee on Racial Justice & Reconciliation

Leader: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

You who, by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, leads us to the light of revelation, so that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially June Geary, Margaret Fox, Beth and Mike Paynter, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Sr. Rosina, Alisha Rittenour, John Titmas, Jackson, David Lewis, Flo Myers, Ed Sutek, Kamau, Lee Arnold, and Jolonda. Please help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife. Shine the light of hope.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Christ, be our light
Shine in our heart.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

<u>YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED</u>

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week. Especially Kelli Green, and Rick Senften and M.L. Schultze. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King; ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Celebrant: May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People sit, stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***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 ANTHEM

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

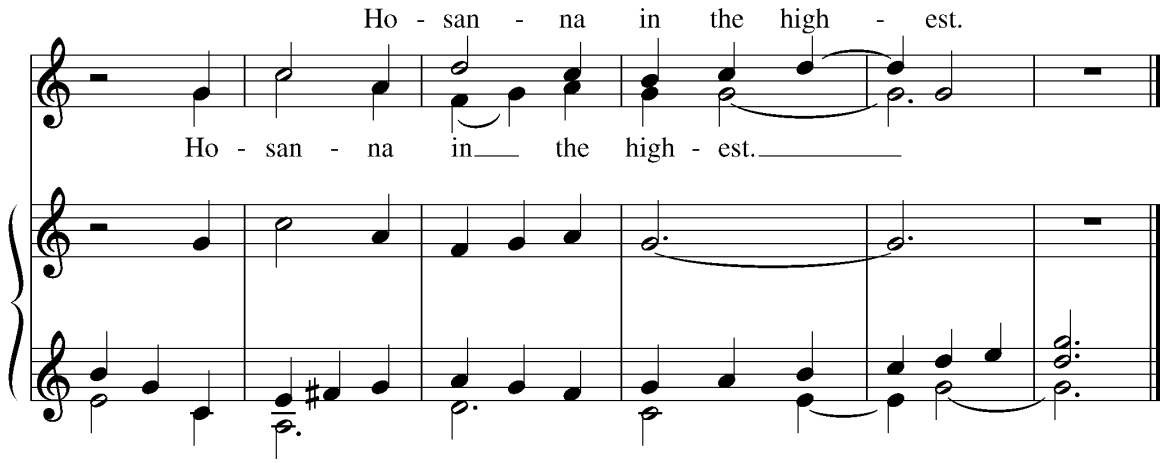
(Please remain standing)

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

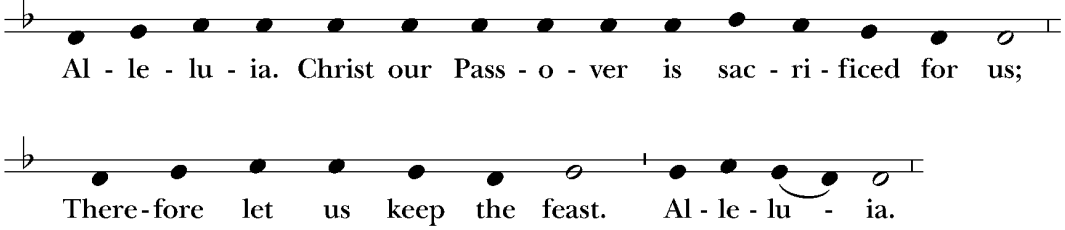
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

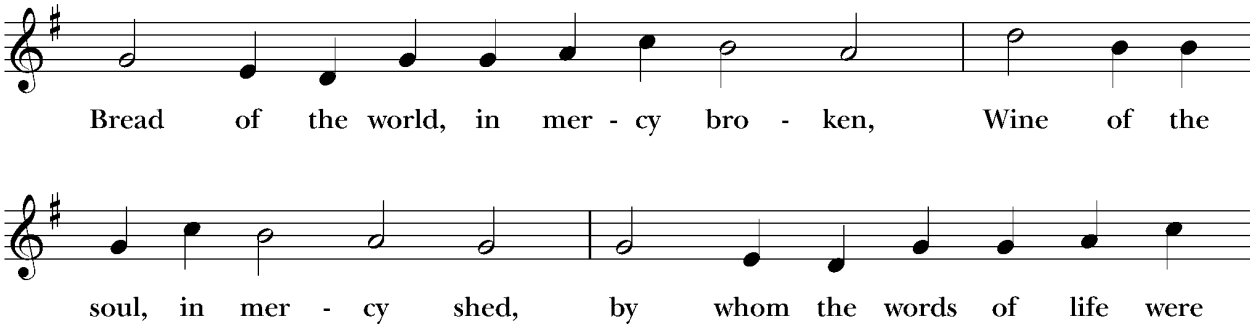
Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

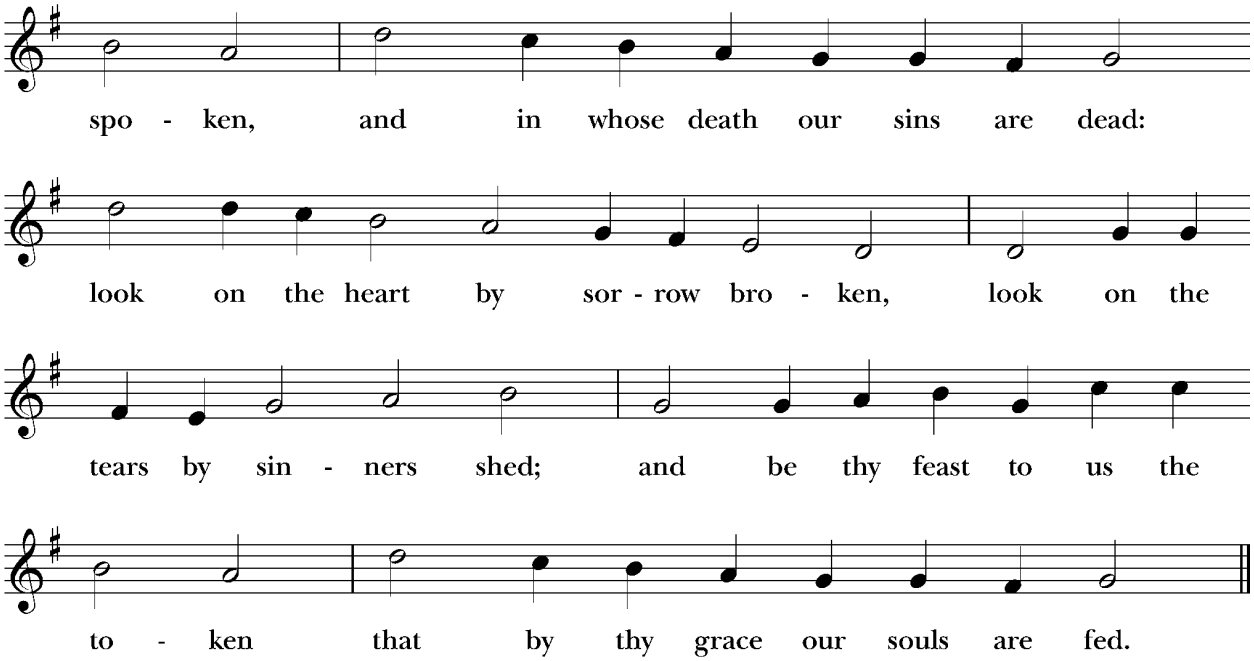
Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with 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: ***"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken" (H 301)***



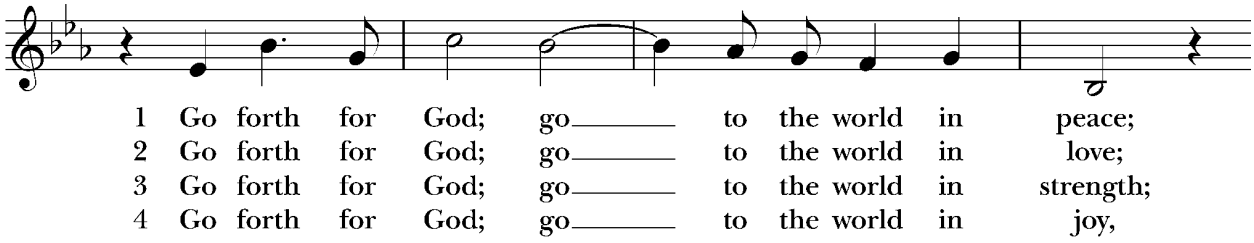


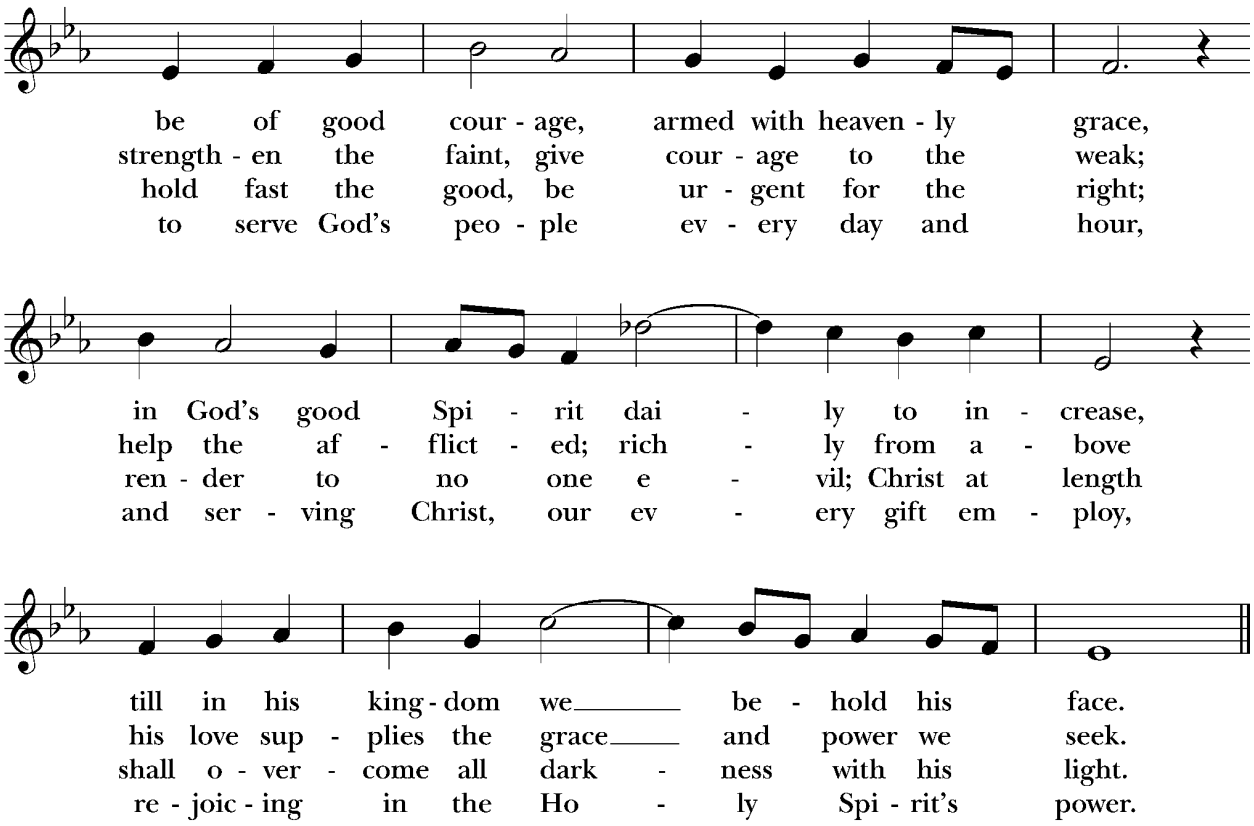
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray together

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: ***"Go Forth for God; Go to the World in Peace" (H 347)***





DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in G minor* by Johann Pachelbel

Participants in Today's Liturgy:

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

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

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

Finance Committee Meeting
The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Meeting materials and Zoom info will be emailed before the meeting.

Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones. This Eucharist will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Church of Our Savior Episcopal, 471 Crosby St, Akron, OH 44302. ***Rev. Robin will be participating in the service.***

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has returned! The gathering will be held in the Guild Hall on Tuesday, February 13th, at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget to wear your beads!!!

Ash Wednesday Service
Service will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00p.

February Birthdays

5th – Kelli Green
14th- Nancy Suba
18th-Deborah Findlay 19th-Olivia DiMaria

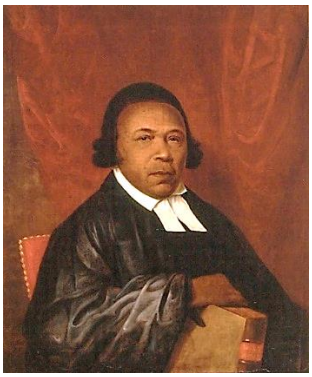
Happy Anniversary

Rick Senften & M.L. Schultze: 5th
William & Linda Kendrick: 22nd
Mike & Beth Paynter: 29th

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) 2 pm Emancipation Proclamation Service @ Shiloh	**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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