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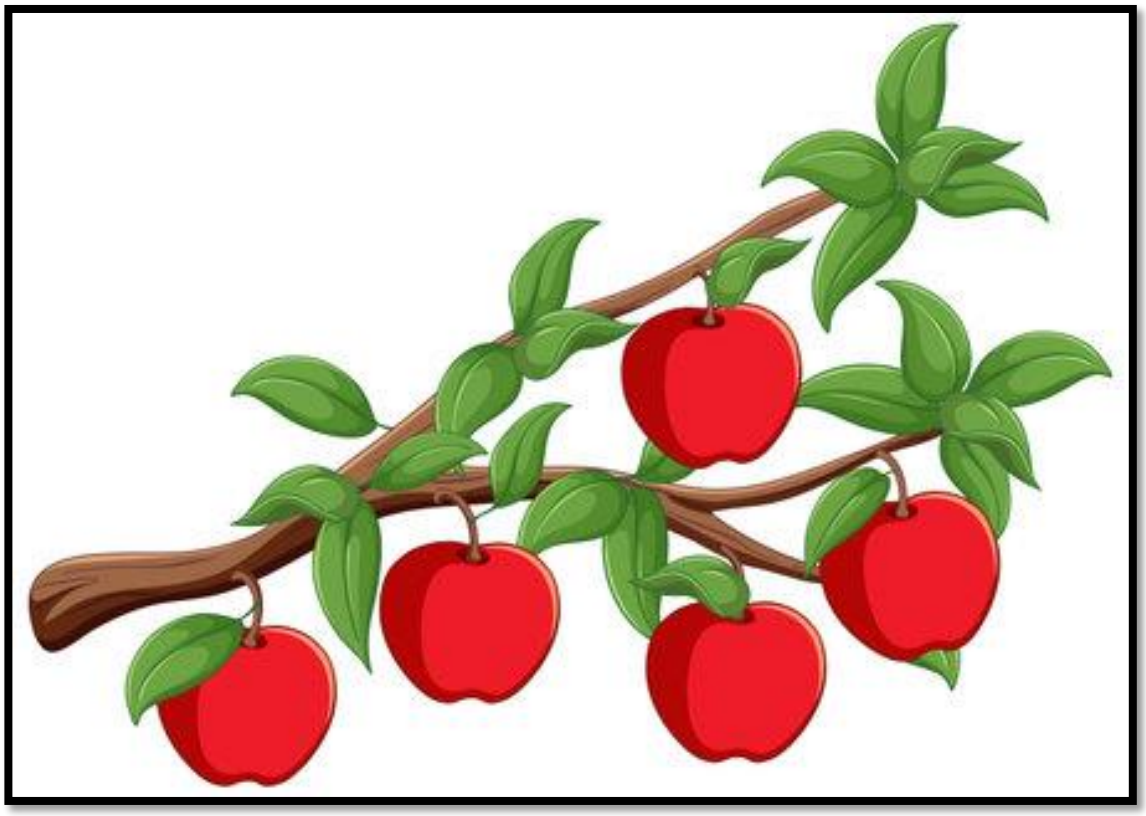
Canton, Ohio



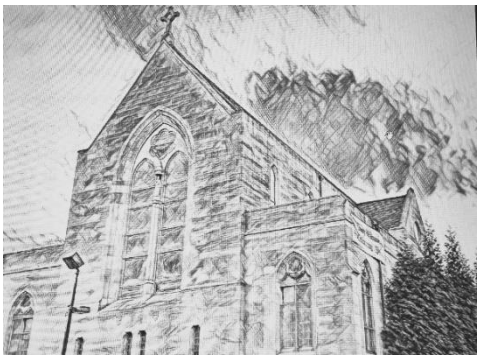
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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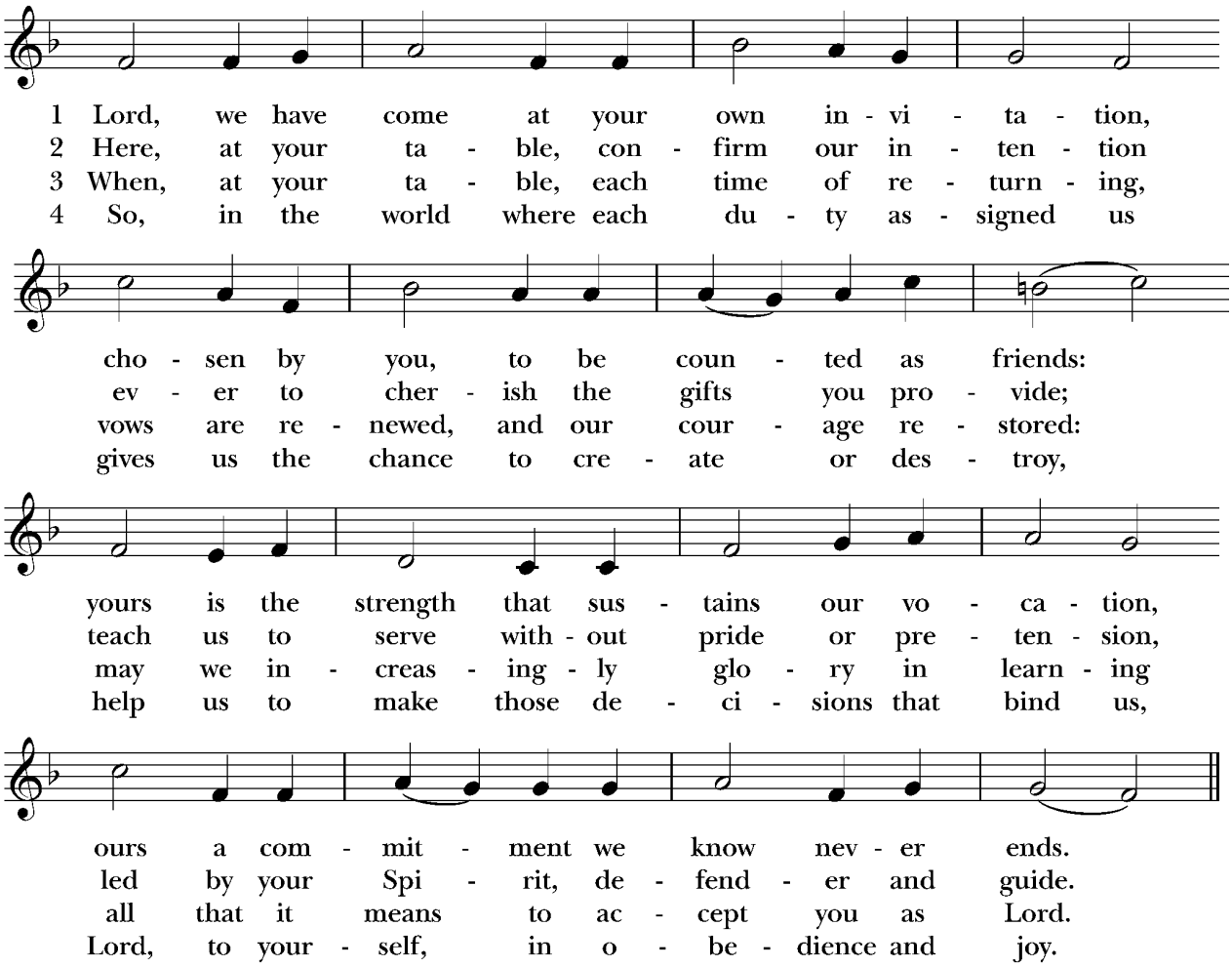
Our mission
St. Paul's is an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48
Psalm: Psalm 98
Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 15:9-17

Prelude: *The Joy of Spring* by Colin Mawby

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"Lord, We Have Come" (O quanta qualia) (H 384)***

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

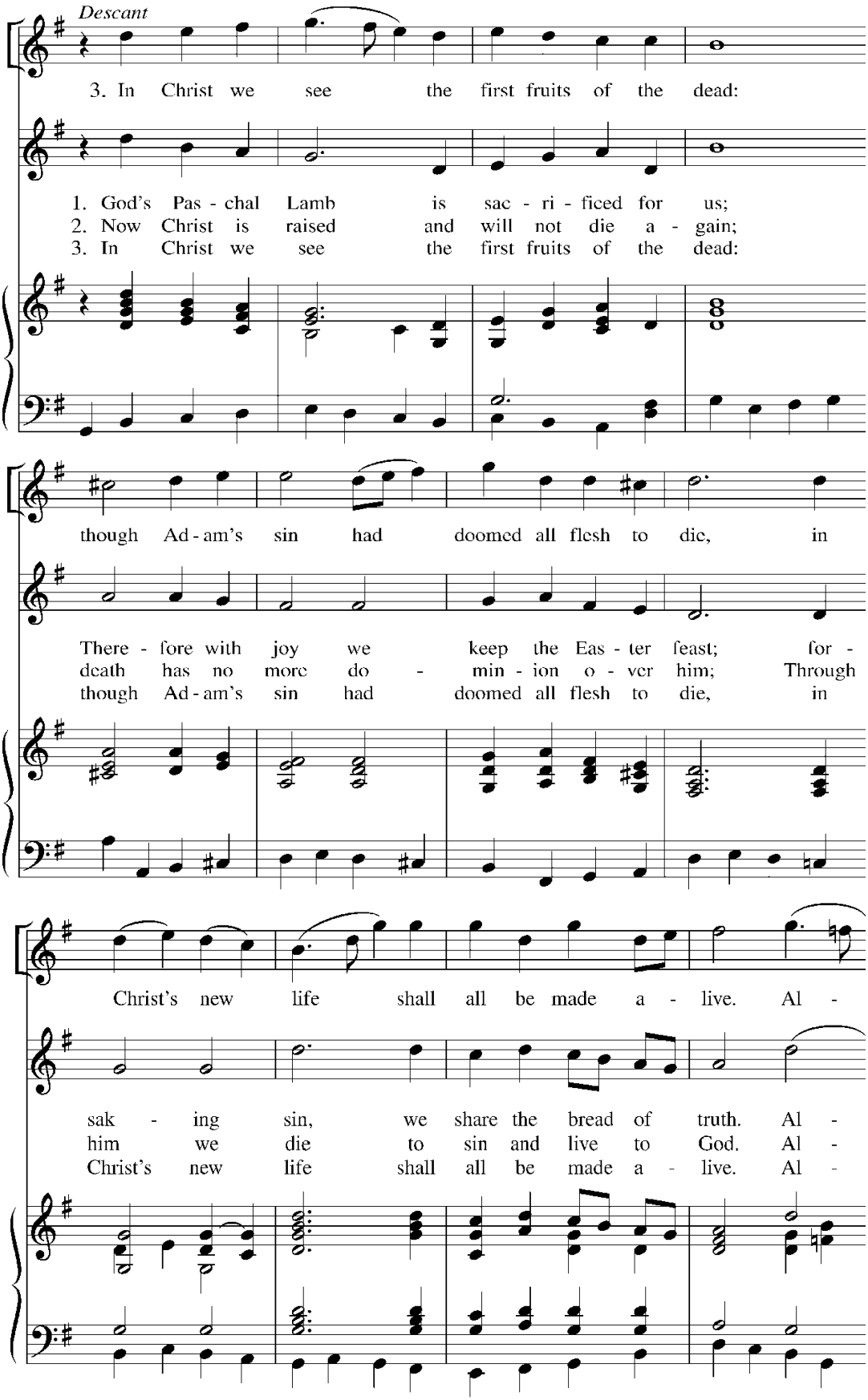
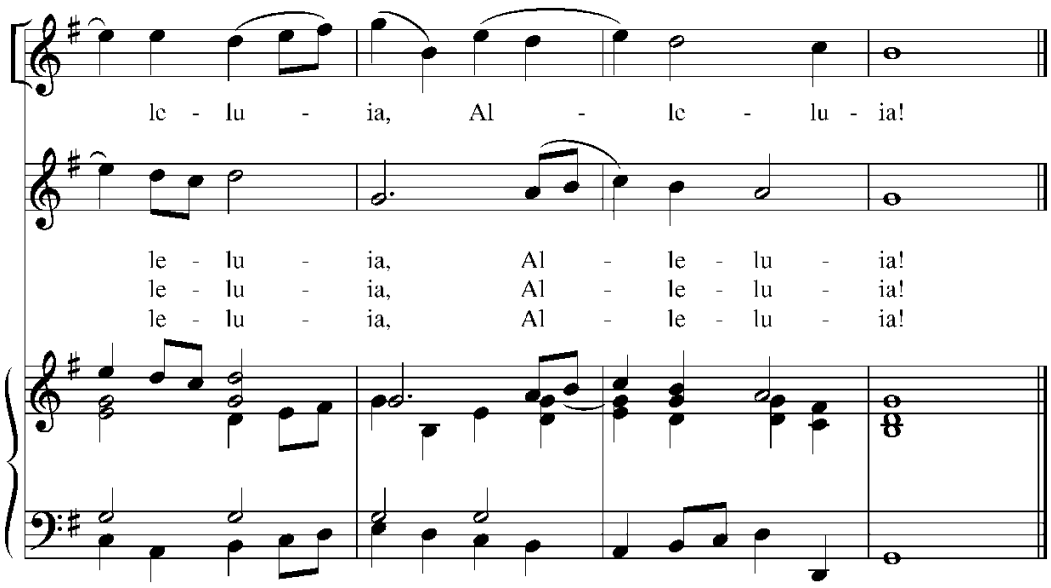
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 10:44-48

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[44]While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. [45]The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, [46]for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, [47]"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" [48]So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98

Remain seated.

[1]Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
[2]With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
[3]The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
[4]He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
[5]Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
[6]Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
[7]With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
[8]Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
[9]Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
[10]In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Remain seated.

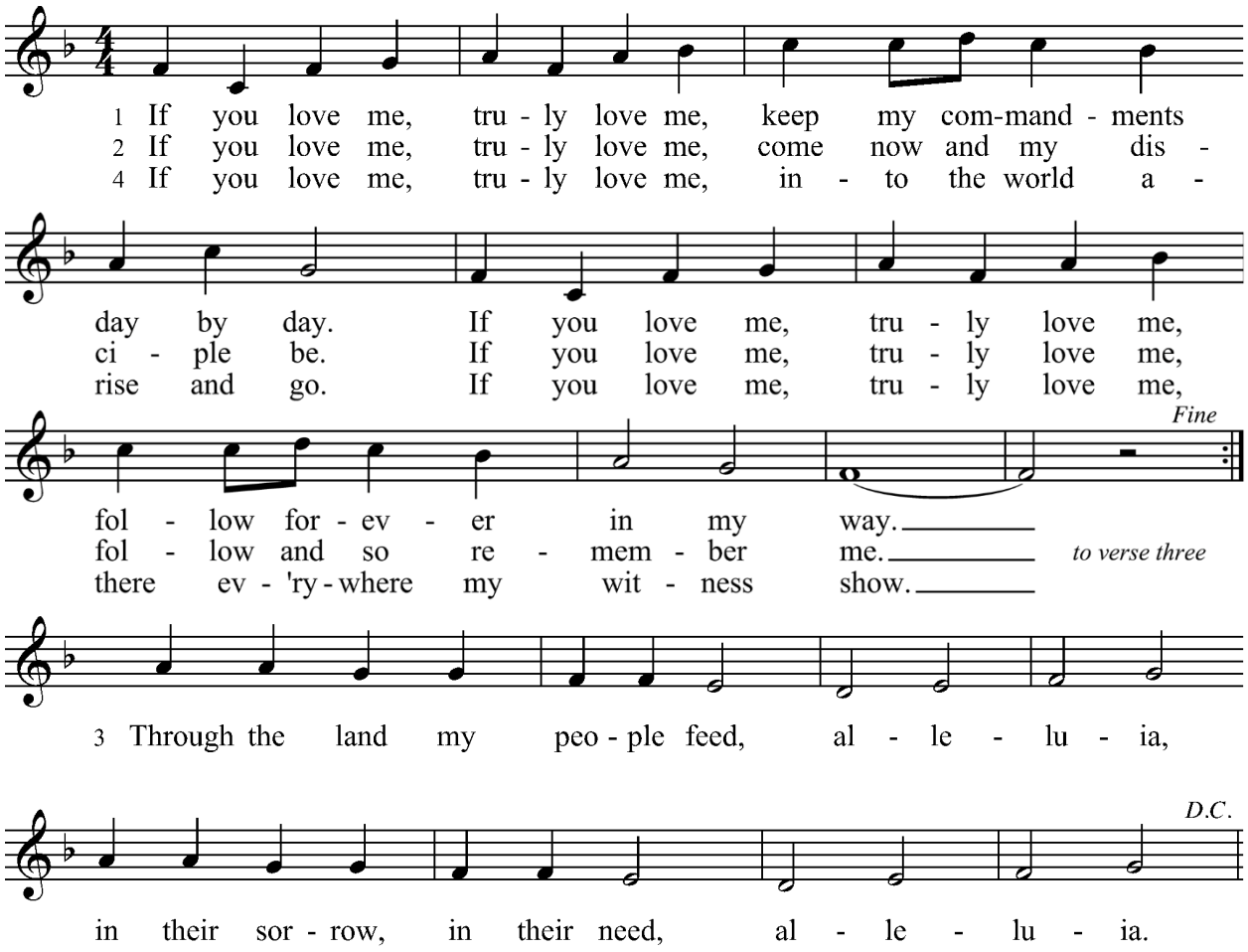
A Reading from the First letter of John.

[1]Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. [2]By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. [3]For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, [4]for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. [5]Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

[6]This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"If You Love Me" (MHSO #83)***



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GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] [1]"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. [2]He
[Jesus said to his disciples,] [9]"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10]If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11]I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

[12]"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13]No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command you.

[15]I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16]You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17]I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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. We pray especially for those in Israel, Palestine, Haiti, Ukraine, and our beloved city of Canton.
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, Ethel, Vickie Simpkins, Jolonda, Flo Myers, Jackson, Mark Bodo, Ryan and Brenden, Rob Reiner, Anthony Wilson, Rev. Elizabeth Kelly, Roger, 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 Andrea Miller, and Frieda Marrow. Receive them 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!

Celebrant: Holy One, you have made us witnesses
to the good news of the gospel —that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone,
is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things,
and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may
share the bread of life with a hungry world;
through Jesus Christ, our peace. ***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: ***Glory to the Lamb*** by David Blackwell

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

(Please remain standing)

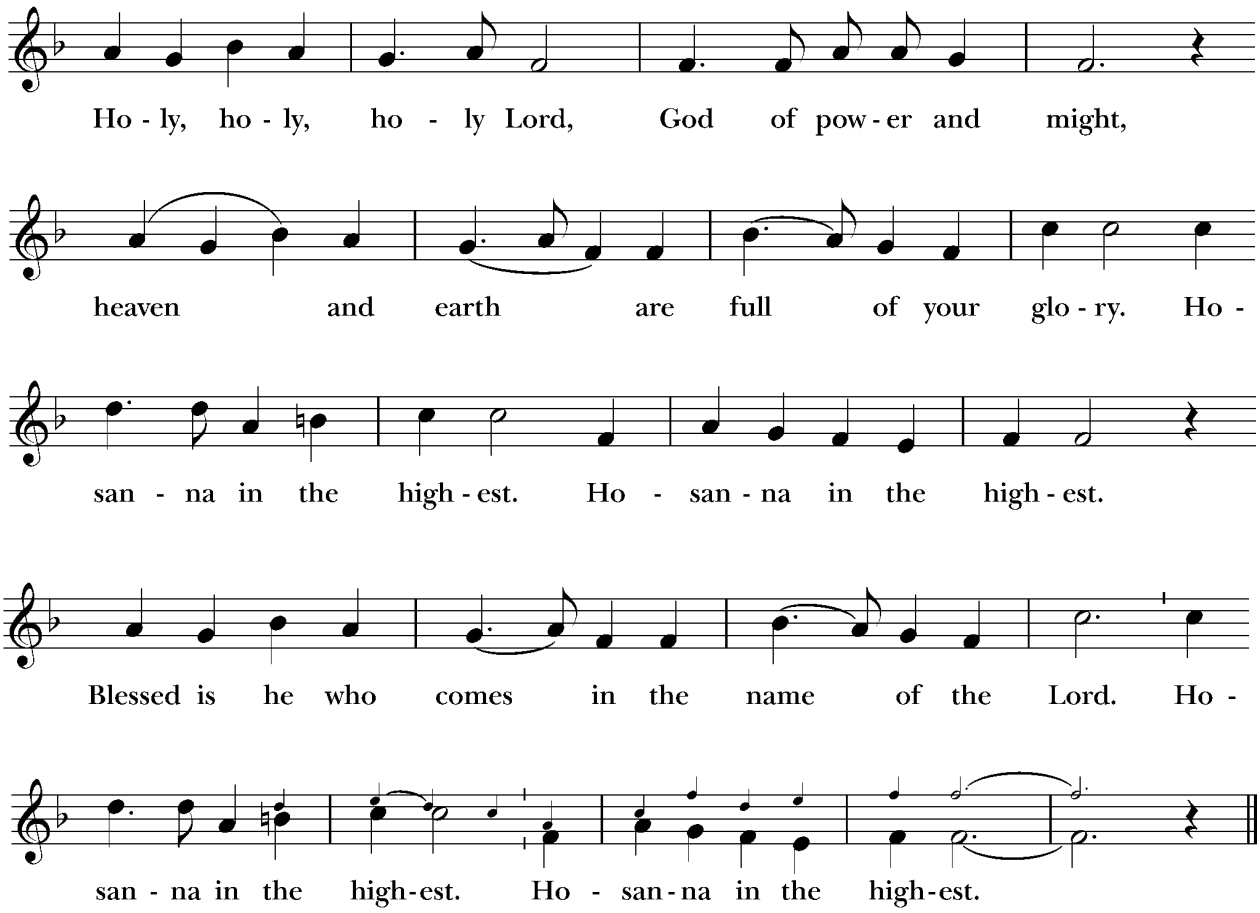
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

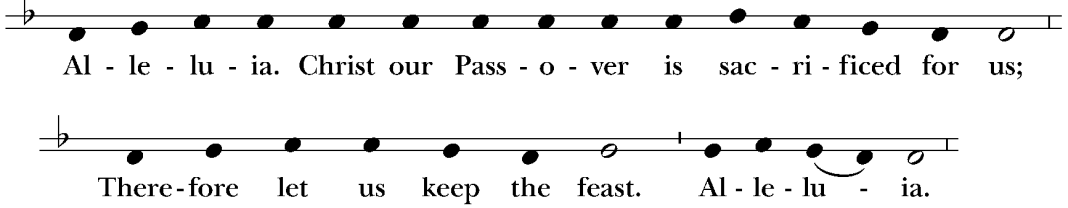
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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.

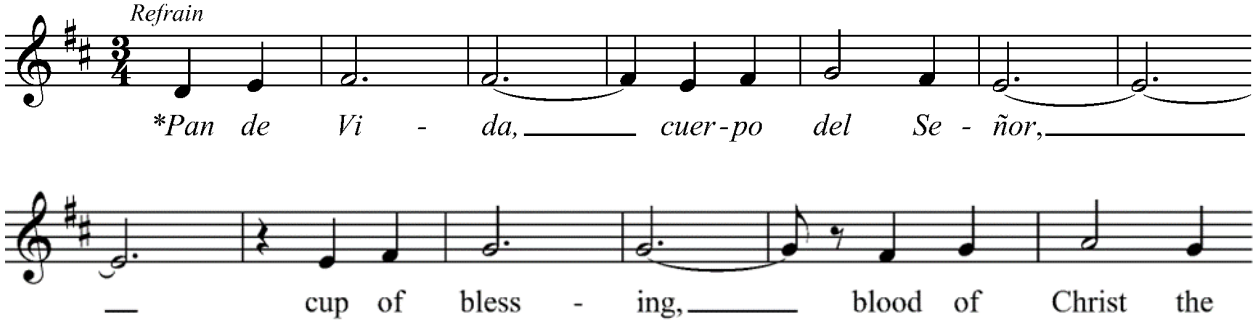
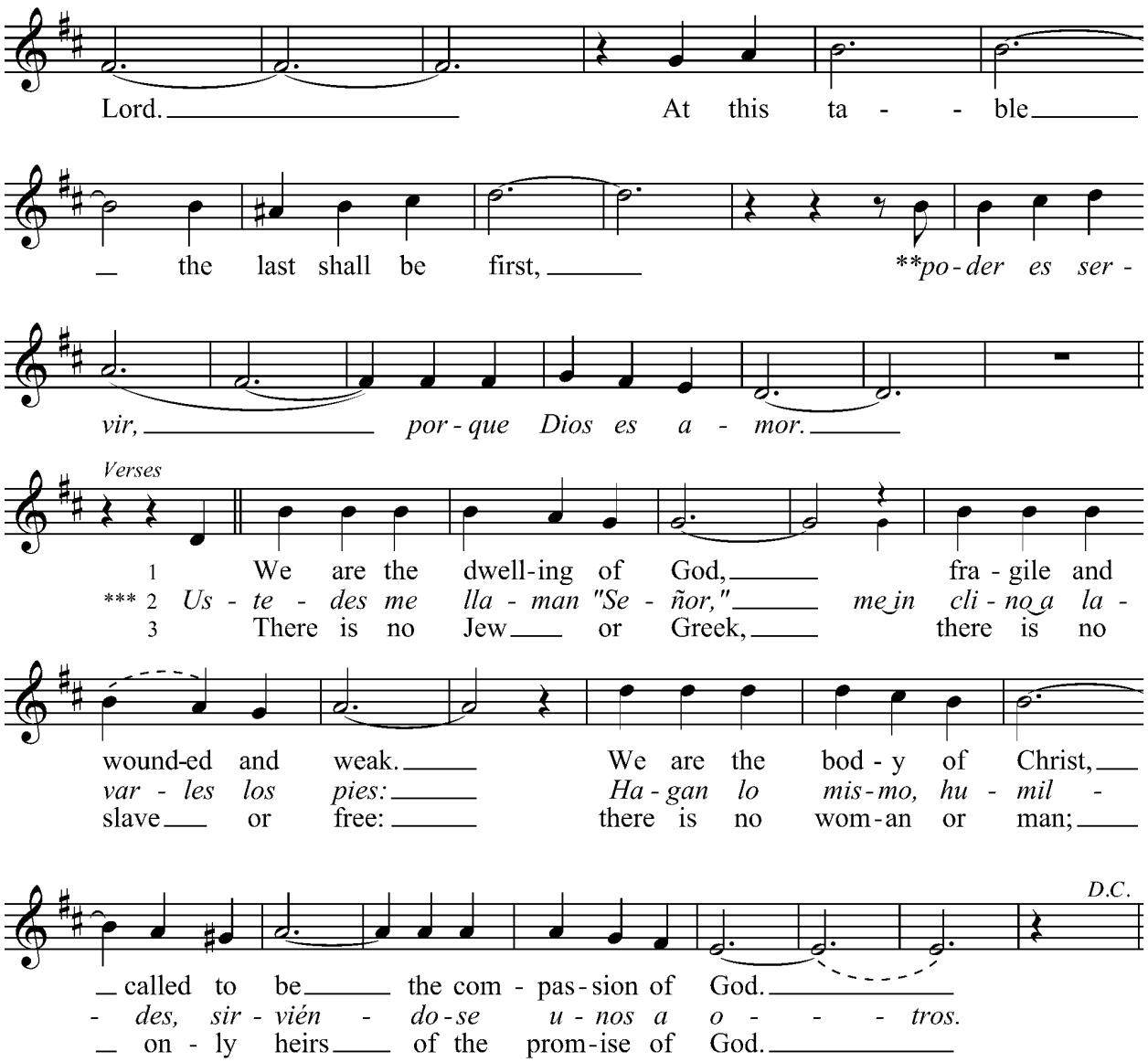
O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament, have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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: *"Pan de Vida" (MHSO 93)*

All Stand



** Bread of Life, body of the Lord,*
*** power is for service because God is love.*
**** You are the Lord, and I bow to wash your feet: you must do the same, humbly serving each other.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

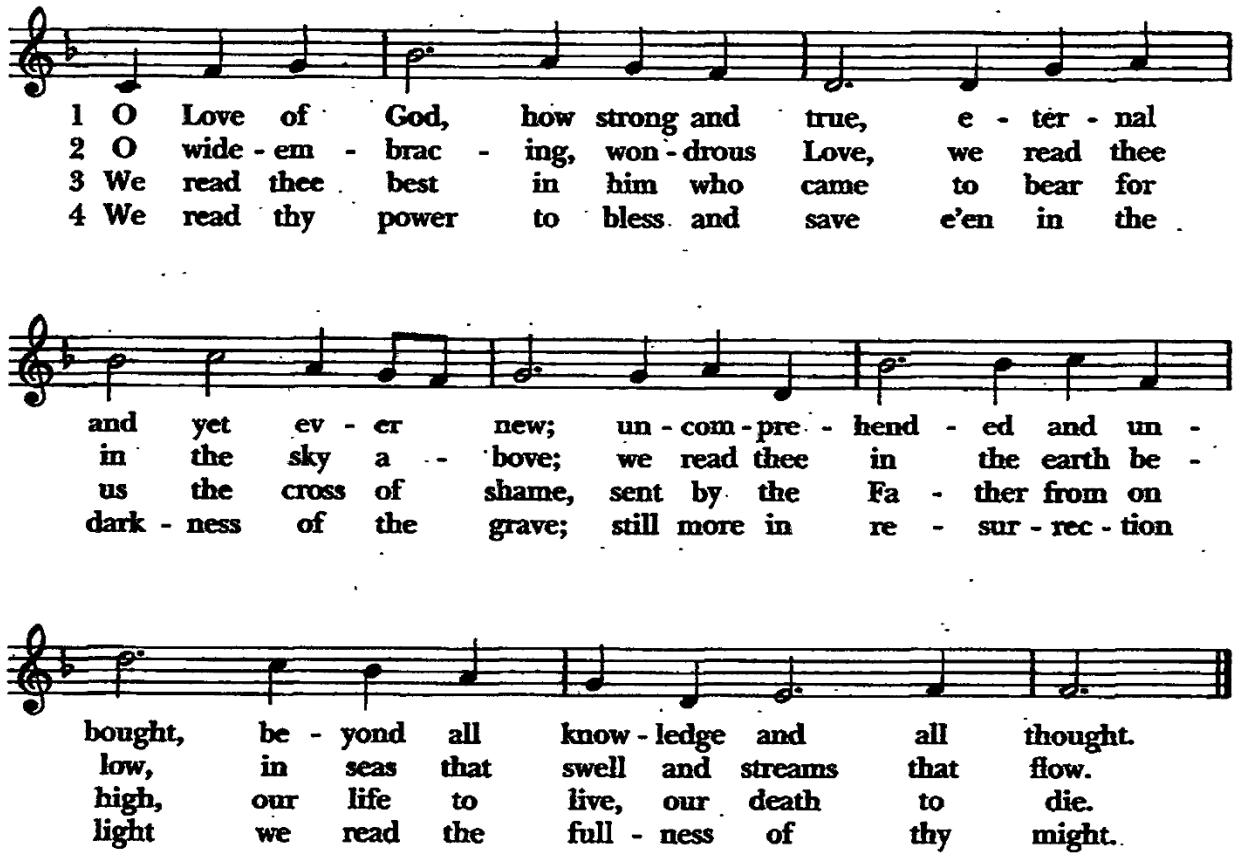
God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; 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: ***"O Love of God, How Strong and True" (Dunedin) (H 455)***

All Stand

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894) **LM**

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: ***All Glory and Power*** by June Nixon

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Greeters:	David Lewis
Lector:	Valerie Frear
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Demetrius Carrothers
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Linda Kendrick, Cara Warren
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, Carol Sutek

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CINCO DE MAYO TODAY!!
Join us today after service in the Guild Hall for the Cinco de Mayo Coffee Hour. There will be games, good food and beverages, fun, and fellowship for all!

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 weekly videos can be watched online at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/global-partnerships/easter-video-series/ This link is also provided in the church email blast. The class will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library and will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

Thursday Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Daughters of the King
DOK will meet on Sunday, May 12th @ 9a.

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

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	

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

Harriet Starr Cannon: Religious, 1896
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Julian of Norwich, Mystic and Theologian, c.1417
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop and Theologian, 389
Thursday, May 9, 2024

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760
Friday, May 10, 2024

What is Cinco de Mayo?

Cinco de Mayo Origin in Mexico and the U.S.

Americans often incorrectly think that Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence Day. That day is actually September 16, and it recognizes Mexico's War of Independence from Spain on September 16, 1810. Cinco de Mayo, translated as "Fifth of May" in English, celebrates the Mexican Army's victory over the French Army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The defeat near Puebla City, Mexico, raised the spirits of the Mexican Army since they were able to defeat a much larger and better-equipped French Army while slowing their march to Mexico City. In Mexico, this victory is now mainly celebrated in the state of Puebla although other areas of Mexico do celebrate as well. Celebrations typically include parades and festivals.

Cinco de Mayo and Mexico Flag information referenced from: https://en.wikipedia.org

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

Lay Preaching College
May 10, 4:00pm - May 11, 4:00pm
Bellwether Farm
4655 State Route 60, Wakeman, OH 44889

CCORR Gathering

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Dinner, Curriculum & Conversation

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COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE RELATIONS

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Dinner at 6:00pm
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

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

SAVE THESE DATES!

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE RELATIONS

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APRIL	
09	CCORR GATHERING#1: REDLINING
23	SJBC: WHITE TOO LONG
MAY	
14	CCORR GATHERING#2: WHITE PRIVILEGE
28	SJBC: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANNAH CRAFTS
JUNE	
11	CCORR GATHERING#3: WHITE FRAGILITY/IMPLICIT BIAS
25	SJBC: TBD
JULY	
09	CCORR GATHERING#4: MICROAGGRESSIONS/ CODE-SWITCHING
23	SJBC: TBD
AUG	
13	CCORR GATHERING#5: URBAN RENEWAL
27	SJBC: TBD
SEPT	
10	CCORR GATHERING#6: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
24	SJBC: TBD
OCT	
08	CCORR GATHERING#7: TIME TO TAKE ACTION
15	SJBC: TBD

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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

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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