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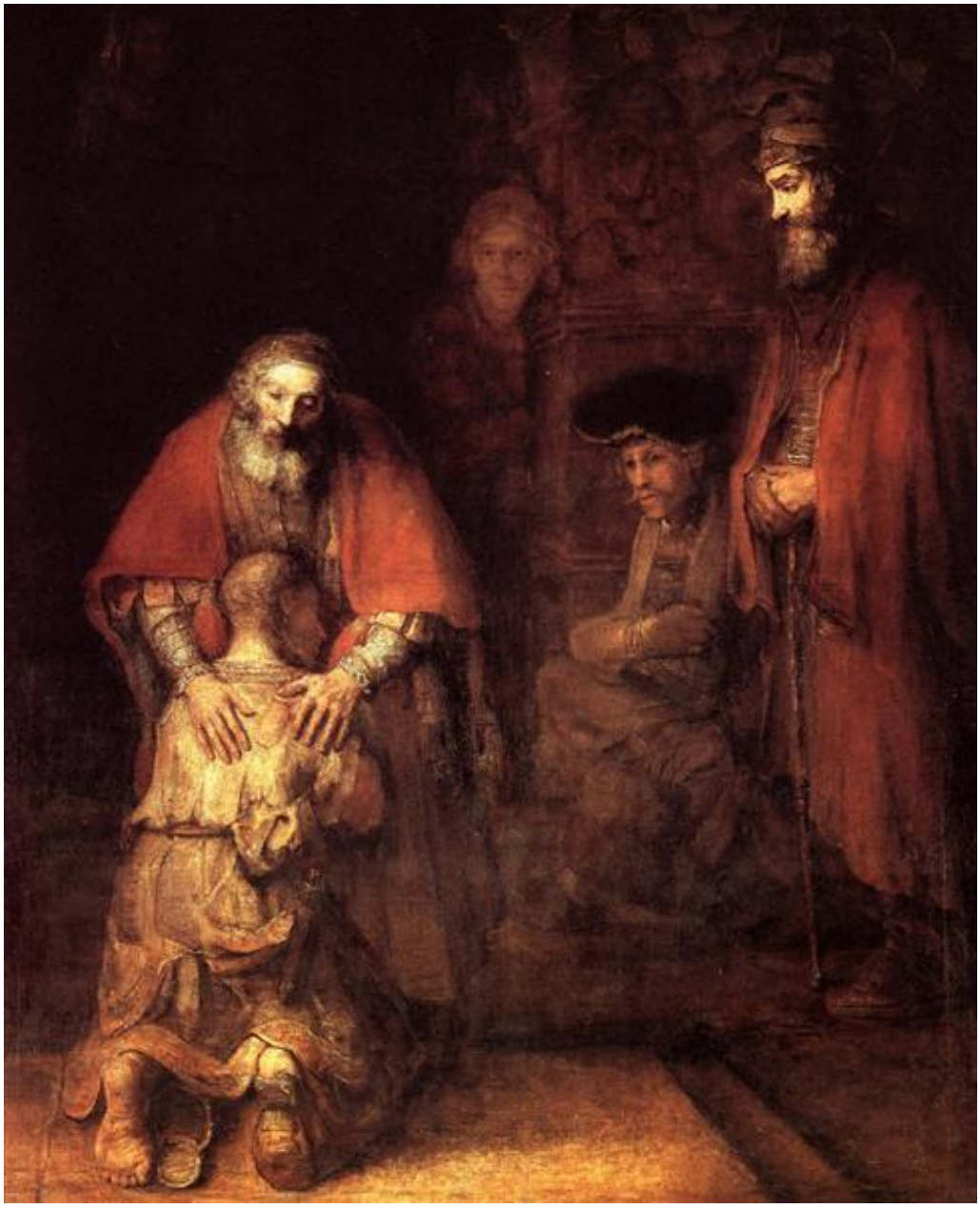

Rembrandt's Prodigal Son, 1669

The 4th Sunday in Lent
March 27th, 2022

Saint Pauls
Downtown Empowered to Serve

"Christian Discipleship should challenge us to wake up, climb out of our ruts, venture out of our church buildings and become better people who live the Good news of Jesus Christ in our daily lives."

Brian McLaren, "Way of Life"

Our Mission

St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

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4th Sunday in Lent **EOW 1 Eucharist**

THEME: *Christians are fed for the journey both as a remembrance and as a promise*

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12
The first Passover kept by the Israelites after they had crossed over the Jordan River into the promised land.

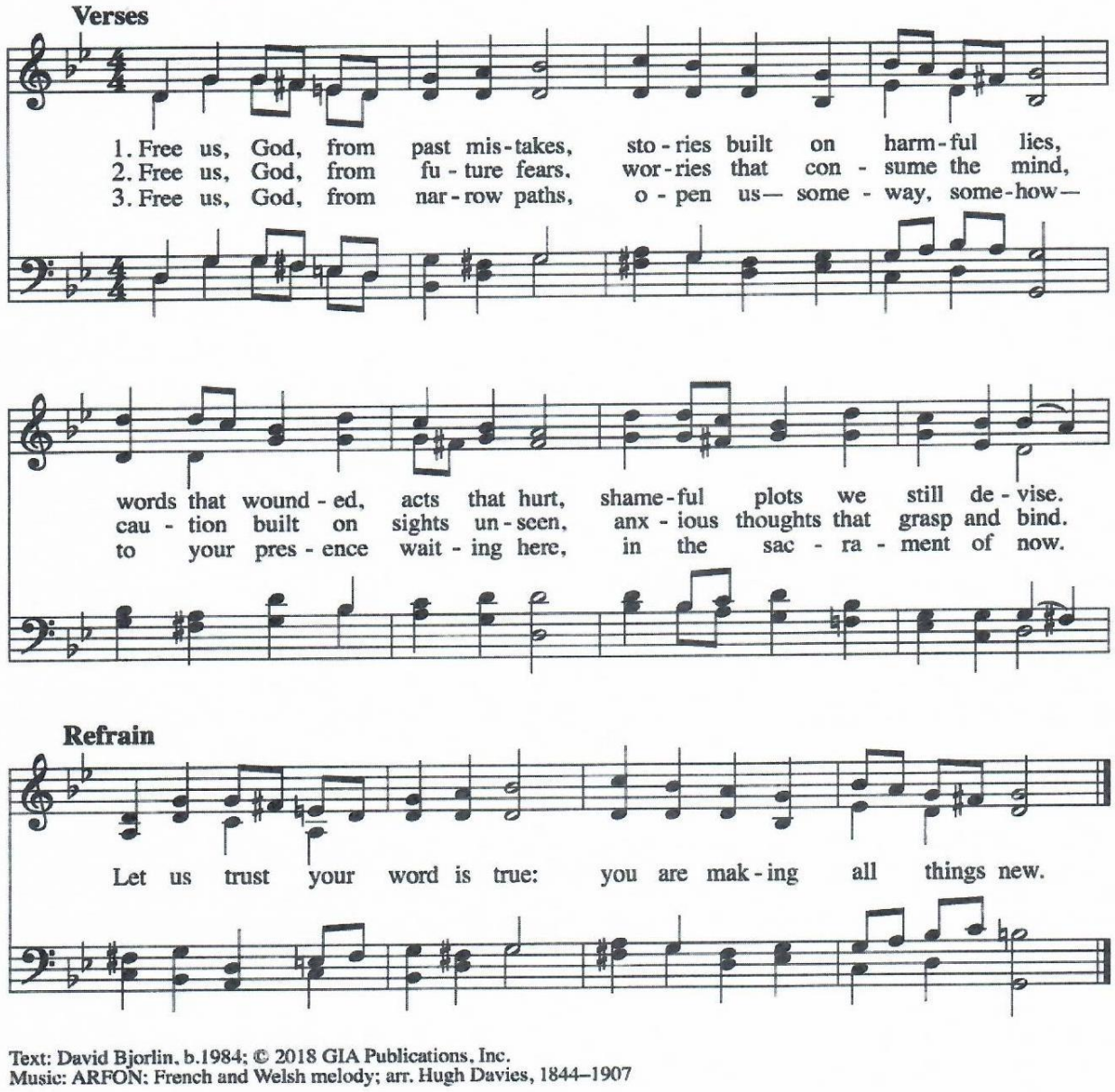
Psalm 32
A thanksgiving for the forgiveness of sin.

EPISTLE: **2 Corinthians 5:16-2**
St. Paul celebrates the new perspective that comes in Christ, and God's reconciling work in Christ that now makes its appeal to others through his disciples.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
The Parable of the Prodigal Son, his elder brother, and their loving father.

Prelude *Prelude* by Josef Reinberger
Welcome/Prayer before Worship
Silent Processional

Assembled for Song (AFS) - *Free us, God from Past Mistakes*



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Music: ARFON; French and Welsh melody; arr. Hugh Davies, 1844–1907

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you

People: And also with you

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

9 The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of
Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 While the Israelites were
camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the
month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they
ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased
on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna;
they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 32 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
*2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, **
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
*4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; **
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
*6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." **
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place;
*you preserve me from trouble; **
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
*10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; **
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

[11]Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
[12]*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; **
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A Reading from 2 Corinthians.

[16]From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. [17]So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! [18]All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; [19]that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. [20]So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people *Thanks be to God*

Sequence: Assembled for Song - Who would know the Mind of Jesus

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Music: RESTORATION; Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

All stand.

Holy Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

[1]Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. [2]And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." [3]So he told them this parable: [11b]"There was a man who had two sons. [12]The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. [13]A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. [14]When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. [15]So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. [16]He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. [17]But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! [18]I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; [19]I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' [20]So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. [21]Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22]But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23]And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; [24]for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.[5]"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. [26]He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. [27]He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' [28]Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. [29]But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

[30]But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ [31]Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [32]But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

Sermon ***By My Hand For My Sake***

What is <u>your</u> role in the suffering and death of Christ?

Monologue: Pilate

Silence for reflection

Nicene 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, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Be glad and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all you who are true of heart. Having been reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us pray, "Lord, let your mercy embrace us; *accept our prayer*."

Gracious God, you have entrusted to your Church the ministry of reconciliation. Reconcile our members to you and to each other, and then work through us to embrace the world.

Period of Silence

Lord, let your mercy embrace us;

Accept our prayer.

Open our hearts to welcome sinners as you welcome us. Give us eyes to see others, not from a human point of view, but as you see them.

Period of Silence

Lord, let your mercy embrace us;

Accept our prayer.

Jesus, you are the true bread which gives life to the world: evermore give us this bread that our souls may be satisfied. And satisfy our bodies with abundant produce from the land.

Period of Silence

Lord, let your mercy embrace us;

Accept our prayer.

We pray, O God, for families. Restore broken relationships. Heal those who have suffered betrayal and alienation. Comfort those for whom reconciliation in this life is not possible. Shield those with reason to celebrate.

Period of Silence

Lord, let your mercy embrace us;

Accept our prayer.

You, O God, are a hiding place for those in trouble: you deliver the oppressed; you forgive the guilty; you roll away the disgrace of your people. We make our prayers to you for those in trouble.

Period of Silence

Lord, let your mercy embrace us;
Accept our prayer.
Holy Jesus, it is our prayer that you may live in us, and we in you, both in this mortal life and for all eternity.

Period of Silence

Lord, let your mercy embrace us;
Accept our prayer.

Concluding Collect:

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, ***Safely.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory: *Assembled for Song - Lord, Hear Our Lenten Prayer*

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Music: SOUTHWELL; Damon's *Psalmes*, 1579

Great Thanksgiving *The people remain standing.*

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS **WLP #850**

The Celebrant continues
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

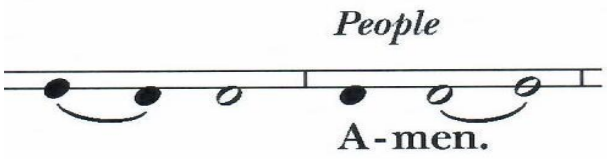
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. S-42



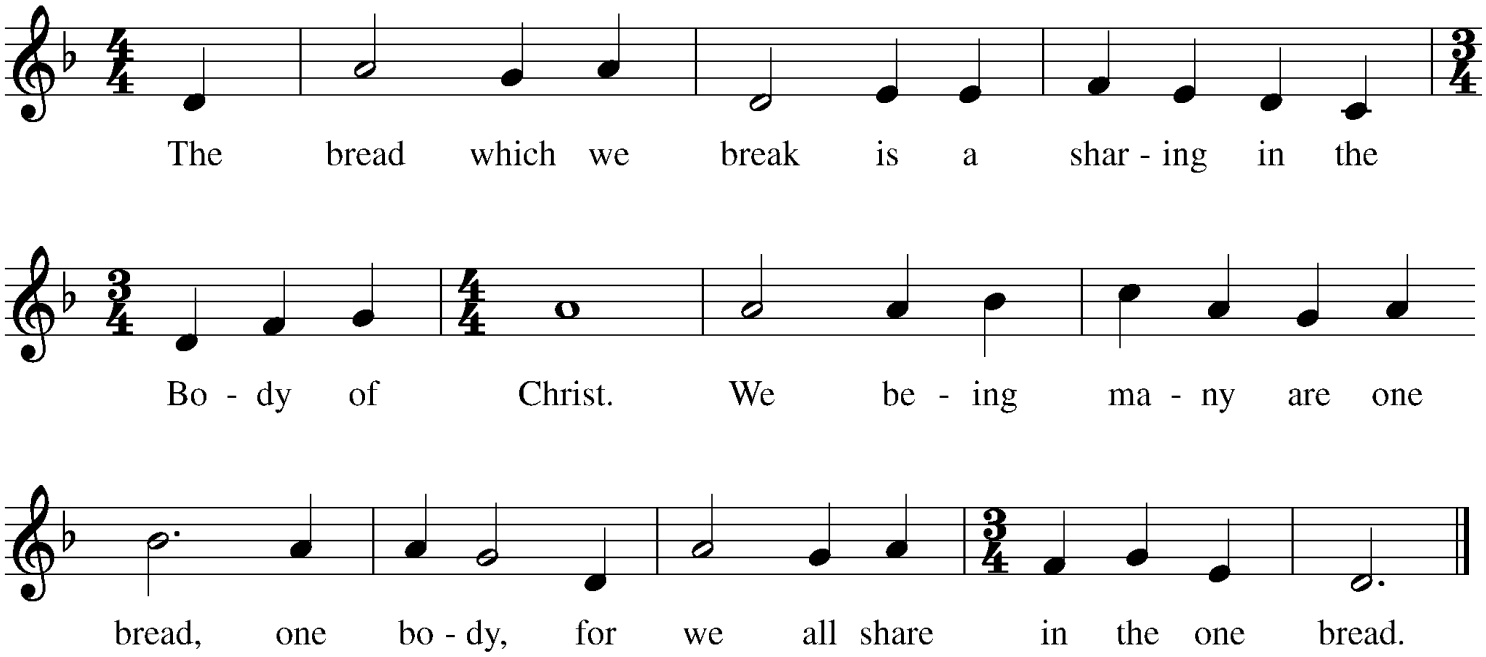
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: ***WLP* #867**



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.

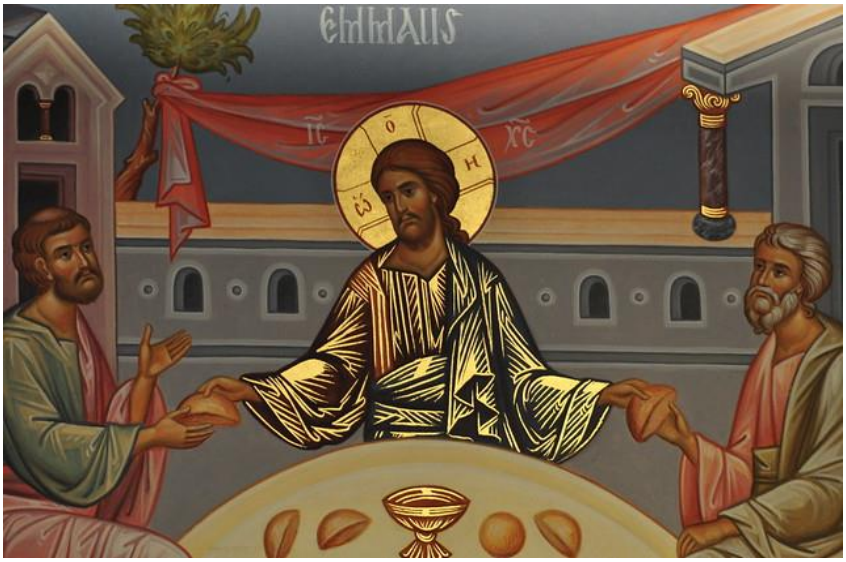
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(For those who are in person who are not planning to receive the Sacrament and those who are joining us online

PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER WHILE OTHERS ARE COMMUNING)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Communion VF #85 *Circle the Table*

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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

Celebrant:
The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: H1982 #140 *Donne*

Silent Recessional
Solemn Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE: *O Man, mourn for they many sins by Marcel Dupre*

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Upcoming Commemorations

Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929
Sunday, March 27, 2022

[James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935]
Monday, March 28, 2022

John Keble, Priest and Poet, 1866
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Innocent of Alaska: Bishop, 1879
Wednesday, March 30, 2022

John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631
Thursday, March 31, 2022

Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872
Friday, April 1, 2022

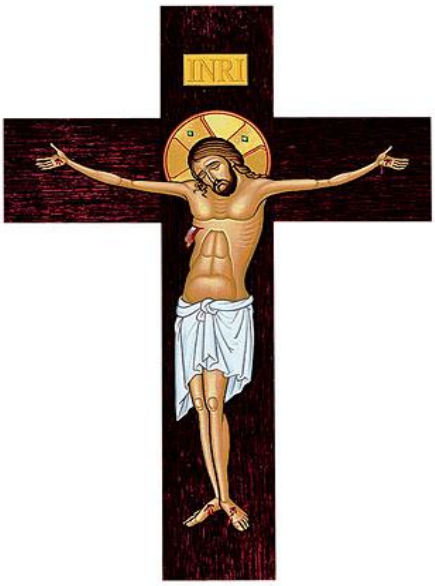
James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876
Saturday, April 2, 2022

God is calling all of us back… to a faithful spiritual journey in 2022

Lenten Sermon Series

By My Hand For My Sake

This Lent worship series asks, **"What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ?"** Week by week, this question is addressed— by biblical characters who actually did have a hand in the crucifixion of Christ. Characters include Adam, Nicodemus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, the father of the Thief on the Right, Peter.



Sundays in Lent

3.6.22 Nicodemus
3.13.22 Judas
3.20.22 Barabbas
3.27.22 Pilate
4.3.22 The Thief's father
4.14.22 Maundy Thursday: Peter

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COPY OF THE DISCIPLINE OF LENT HANDBOOK. PLEASE RETURN DIRECTLY TO FR. PHIL SO IT CAN BE SHREDDED. IN TURN I CAN GIVE YOU THE CORRECT COPY OF THE HANDBOOK. THANKS.

So far only one person has asked for the 'correct" copy of the Discipline Handbook. Next Sunday will be the last Sunday for the "exchange"-Thanks

Fr. Phil+

The Parish Prayer for Spiritual Renewal During Lent

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Parish Announcements

Please Note: St. Paul's livestreams and posts all services to its Facebook page. If you would prefer not to be recorded, please ask our ushers to show you an area that will remain off camera.

St. Paul's Choir: It is with enthusiasm and joy that we announce the restarting of choir at St. Paul's! I have been able to reach out to most previous choir members. If I have not reached out to you yet, please expect an outreach from me soon. This is also an opportunity for those who have not previously sung in choir at St. Paul's to prayerfully consider taking part in this important (and extremely fun) ministry at St. Paul's. There is no audition process and participation in this ministry requires no formal training or experience. It does require a love of singing and a willingness to learn. Everyone is welcome, without exception. If you are interested, please contact me with any questions or concerns by phone: 330-968-7487 or email: etgrimes71@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross, the prayerful devotion focused on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, will be Fridays in Lent beginning at 6 p.m.

REMINDER: Weekly Bulletin announcements are **due by Tuesday at 10 a.m. Email to the church office. (This has been the historical due day/time.)**

EASTER LILY ORDERS: If you have not ordered yours, it is not too late to do so. Please fill in the attached form and put in offering plate!

Thanks, from the Altar Guild!

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

"Enriching Our Worship is offered by the Standing Liturgical Commission to the Church through the General Convention as an enrichment of our liturgical prayer. This collection is part of an ongoing process of listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church through the diverse experience of those who gather to worship and to celebrate the sacramental rites which fashion and identify us as the People of god. Enriching Our Worship is not intended to supplant the Book of Common Prayer, but rather to provide additional resources to assist worshiping communities wishing to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship. In some cases, the canticles and prayers represent the recovery of ancient biblical and patristic images, such as the identification of Christ with Wisdom, and in other cases images which speak of God in other than the familiar masculine terms which have been so much a part of our liturgical prayer. Expanding our vocabulary of prayer and the ways in which we name the Holy One bear witness to the fact that the mystery of God transcends all categories of knowing, including those of masculine and feminine. One of the considerations in choosing or developing the texts included in this collection has been the prayer experience of women, and the desire to honor that experience while remaining faithful to the constituent elements and norms of liturgical prayer as this Church has received and understood them. At all points along the way in the process of selection and development of texts the question has been asked: Is this text consistent with the Trinitarian and Christological formulations which we, as Anglicans, regard as normative and the ground of our common prayer? The local use of Enriching Our Worship is subject to authorization by the Bishop, who serves as the Chief Liturgical Minister of the Diocese. In this way a pastoral bond can be maintained which relates the local use of these texts to the worship life of the larger Church. It is our hope that praying and singing the prayers and canticles in this collection will deepen and strengthen our encounter with Christ and make it possible, with ever increasing conviction, to cry out with St. Ambrose, "You have shown yourself to me, O Christ, face to face. I have met you in your sacraments."

Preface: by The Most Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold

MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27 4th Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Mar 28	Mar 29	March 30 10am Book Study	March 31 7pm AA (Library)	April 1 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	April 2 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
Apr 3 5th Sunday of Lent 10:30am Service	Apr 4	Apr 5 Courageous Conversations Leadership Team 4pm Search Committee 6pm	Apr 6 10am Book Study	Apr 7 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 8 Stations of the Cross 6pm Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 9 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
Apr 10 Palm/Passion Sunday 10:30am Service	Apr 11 Communication Comm. 6pm via zoom	Apr 12 Social Justice Book Club 7pm via Zoom	Apr 13 10am Book Study 6pm Finance Committee	Apr 14 THE HOLY TRIDUUM Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7pm 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 15 THE HOLY TRIDUUM Good Friday Liturgy 7pm Stations of the Cross noon Sanctuary 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 16 THE HOLY TRIDUUM THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8pm 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA
		*****Holy Week*****				
Apr 17 The Feast of Resurrection the Lord Easter Sunday 10:30am	Apr 18 Vestry 6pm	Apr 19	Apr 20 10am Book Study	Apr 21 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 22 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 23 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA

Revised Covid protocols for St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Given the welcome and steady drop in Covid numbers in Stark County, the St. Paul's Vestry has revised protocols for the church effective March 21, 2022. As we have since March 2020, the Vestry will continue to monitor Covid numbers and adjust accordingly. To quote Dr. Ashish K Jha, the dean of Brown University's School of Public Health and new White House Covid-19 response coordinator: "I think of this like the weather. When it is bucketing rain -- umbrella, raincoat, boots, are all essential. When the storm turns into a drizzle, those become less critical."

Overall guidance: Any person who is feeling ill, i.e., sneezing, coughing, body aches, fever, or other symptoms of Covid, please do not attend services or other activities in St. Paul's. We care about your health and that of the entire congregation.

Masks: Per CDC guidelines, masks are optional inside all parts of St. Paul's. Vestry will continue to monitor the weekly community positivity rate and will revisit the masking policy if the level reaches 5 percent.
Choir-specific masking policies: Choir members will have the option to be unmasked per CDC recommendations, but the music director will monitor weekly Covid statistics; if the positivity rate jumps above 5%, he will re-institute a masking policy. Outbreaks of other illnesses will also be considered grounds to reinstitute masking; cold and flu numbers are expected to soar as people begin to unmask.

Congregational social distancing: Seating in pews will remain staggered to ensure distancing during service. Please maintain social distancing unless sitting in a family group.

Pew materials: The Book of Common Prayer, Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing and pew cards will be returned to the pews.

Sanitizing: The sexton will continue all sanitizing protocols, including those of the communal spaces of the church before each service. The use of Microban will be discontinued.

Contact tracing will continue for each activity within St. Paul's. Temperature taking will be discontinued.

Communion: We will continue to offer a single kind (body) in a manner that's acceptable to Fr. Phil. Based on the community positivity numbers, we will revisit this issue at the April Vestry meeting.

Coffee hour will continue in the Guild Hall with appropriate social distancing. Masks are optional. Windows will be open whenever weather permits.