St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Ascension Sunday
May 29, 2022
Rite 2

Welcome to St. Paul's

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

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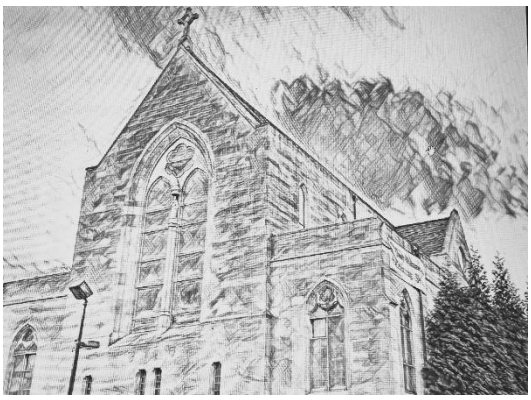


Our mission

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

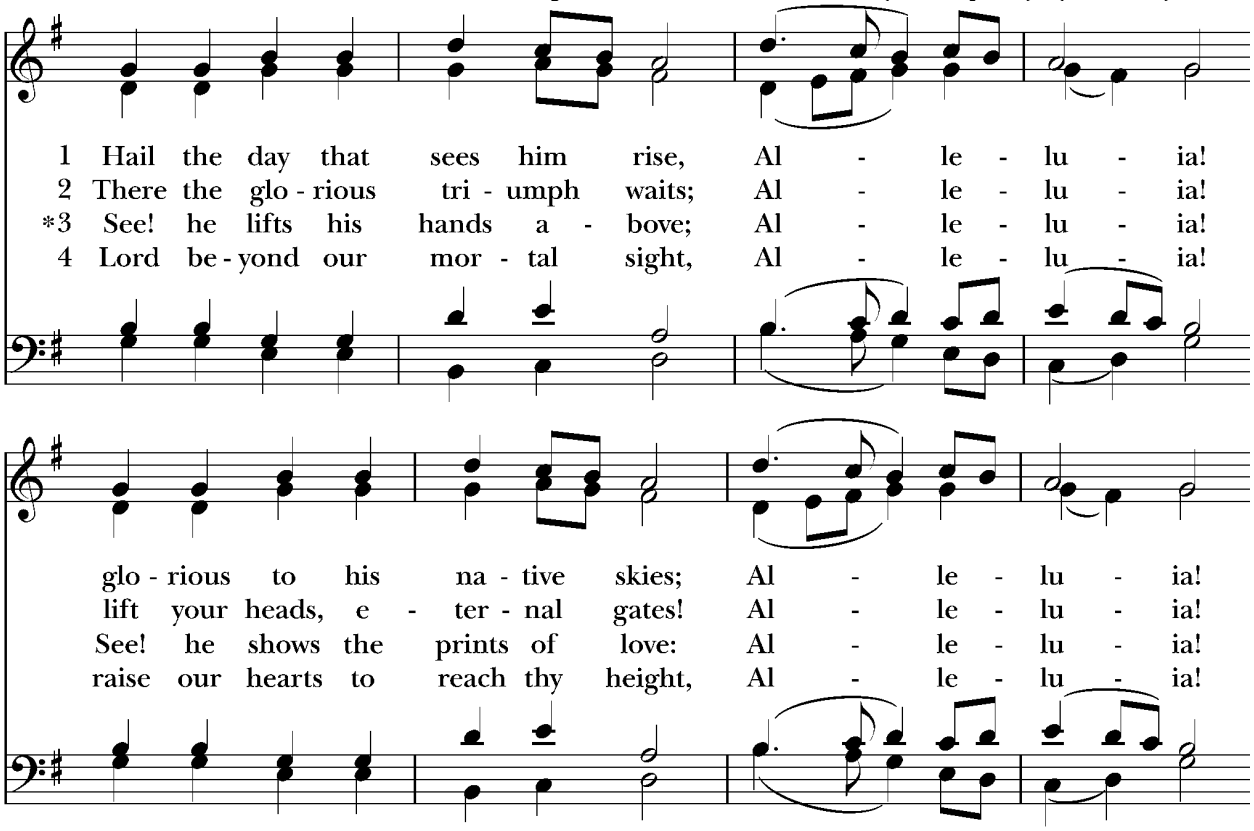
Ascension Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

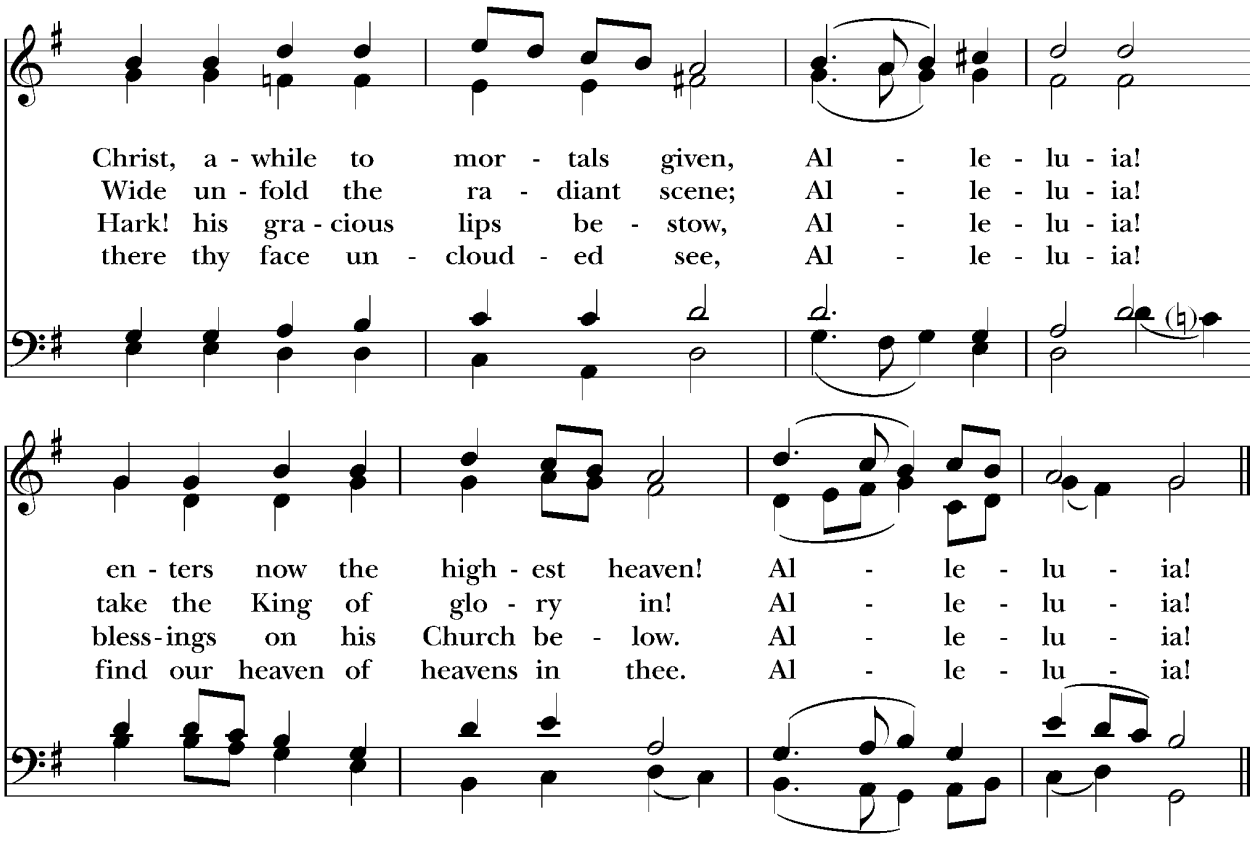
Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 47
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Prelude: *Hymn Reflection on Orlando Gibbons Song 22* by George Dyson

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: Hail the day that sees him rise (Llanfair) (H 214)





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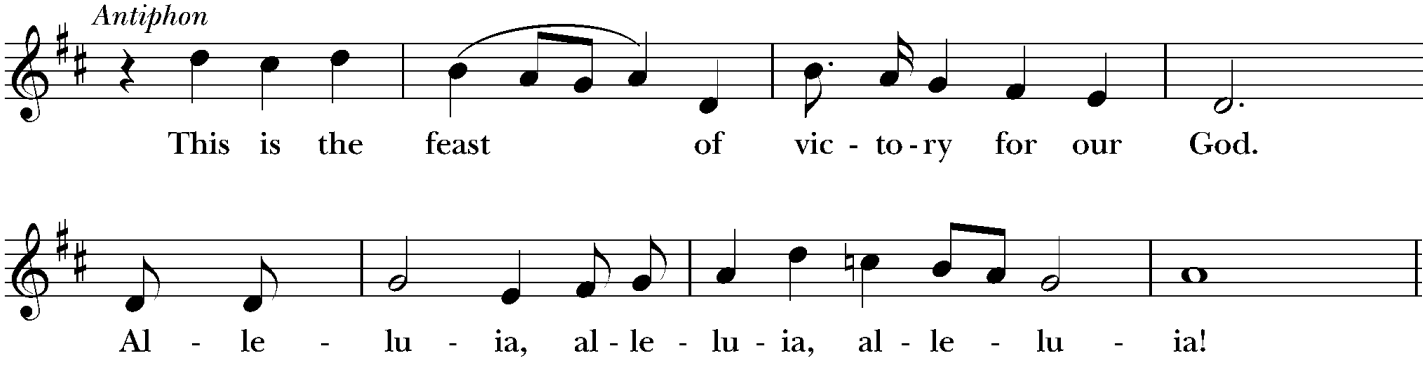
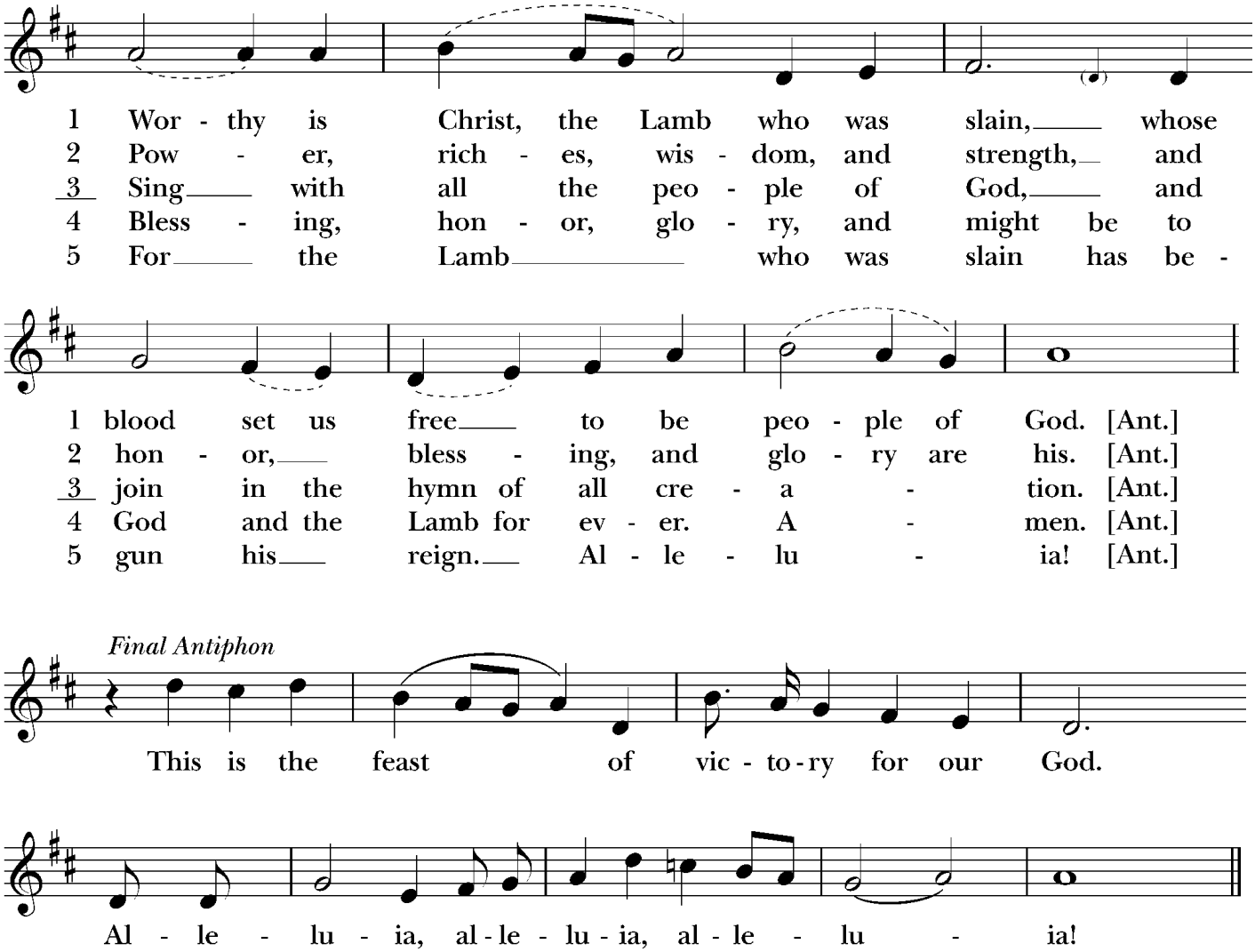
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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: H417 *Festival Canticle*





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

(The people sit)

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[1]In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning
[2]until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3]After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by
many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom
of God. [4]While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for
the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; [5]for John baptized
with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will
restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7]He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that
the Father has set by his own authority. [8]But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
ends of the earth." [9]When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud
took him out of their sight. [10]While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11]They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you
stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will
come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM: Psalm 47 *(said responsively by verse)*

[1]Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
*[2]For the LORD Most High is to be feared; **
he is the great King over all the earth.
[3]He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
*[4]He chooses our inheritance for us, **
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
[5]God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
*[6]Sing praises to God, sing praises; **
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
[7]For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
*[8]God reigns over the nations; **
God sits upon his holy throne.
[9]The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
*[10]The rulers of the earth belong to God, **
and he is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

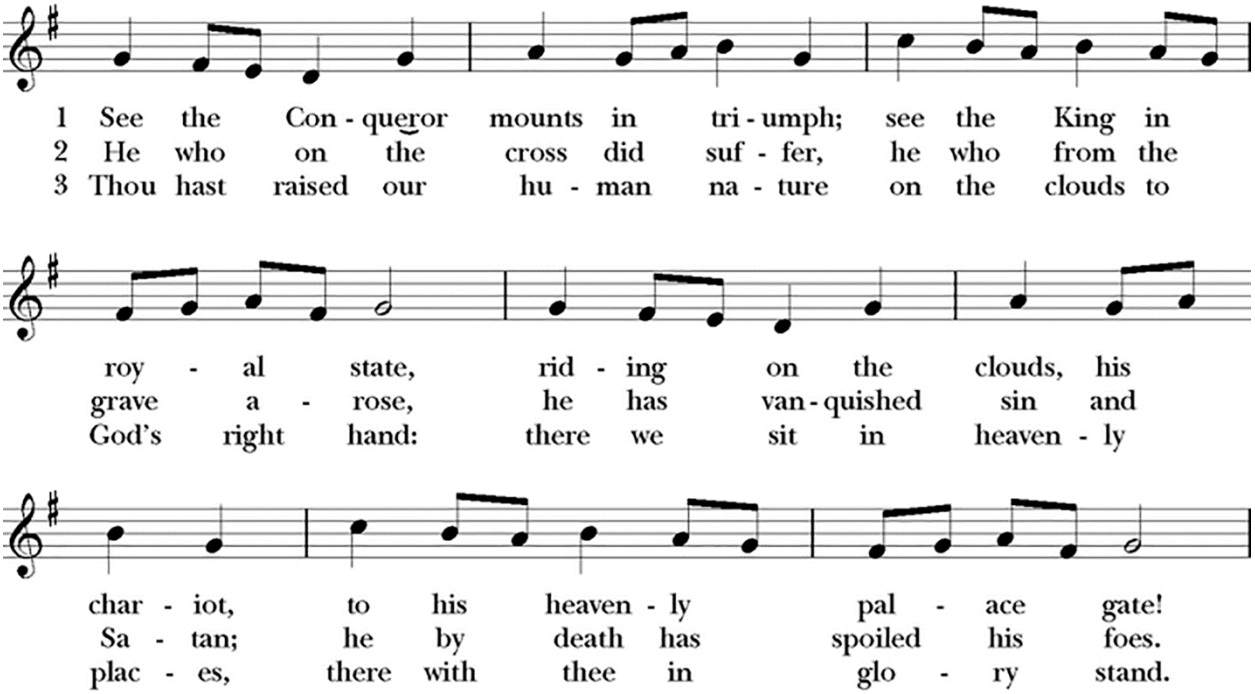
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

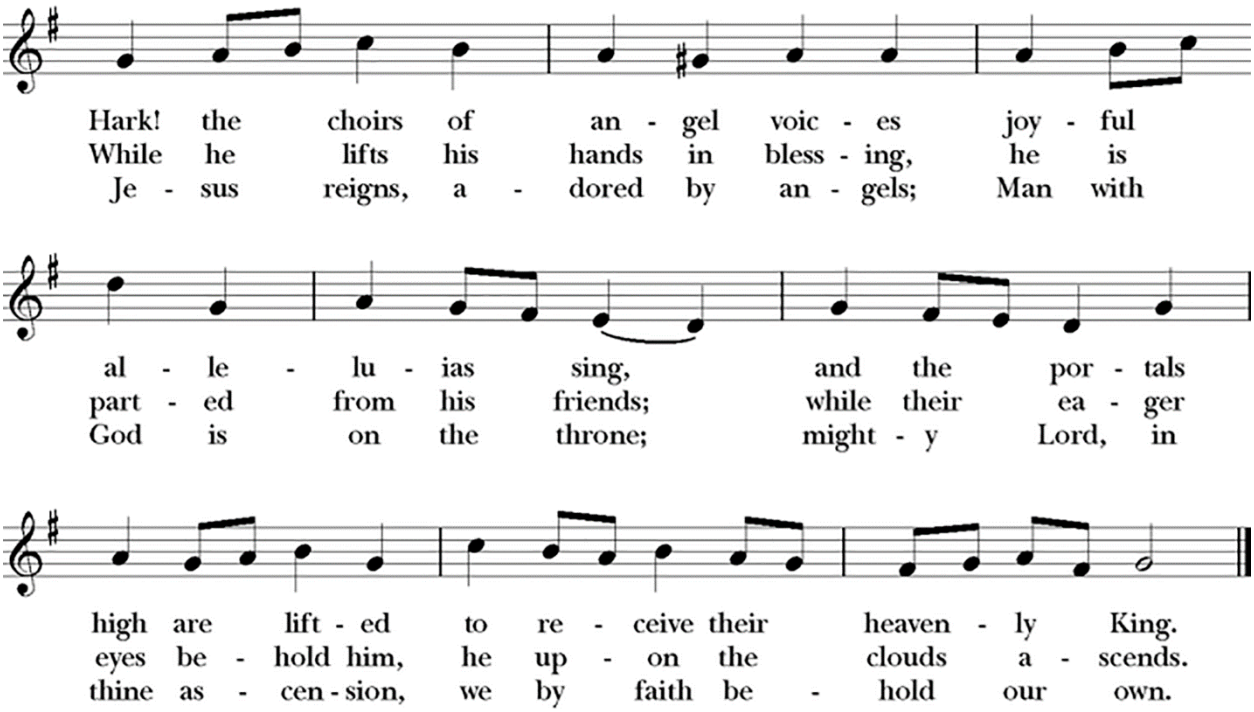
15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may
know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious
inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far
above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not
only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has
made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who
fills all in all.

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

(All stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN *See the Conqueror mounts in triumph (In Babilone)* (H 215)





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GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

44[Jesus said to his disciples,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with
you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must
be fulfilled."45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them,
"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and
that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning
from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my
Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51While
he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52And they
worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53and they were continually in the
temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

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 *(Remain standing)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot
ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

(Silence may be kept)

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 *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

(Greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN *Come now, O Prince of Peace (O-so-so)* (WLP 795)

The Great Thanksgiving

(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 him 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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

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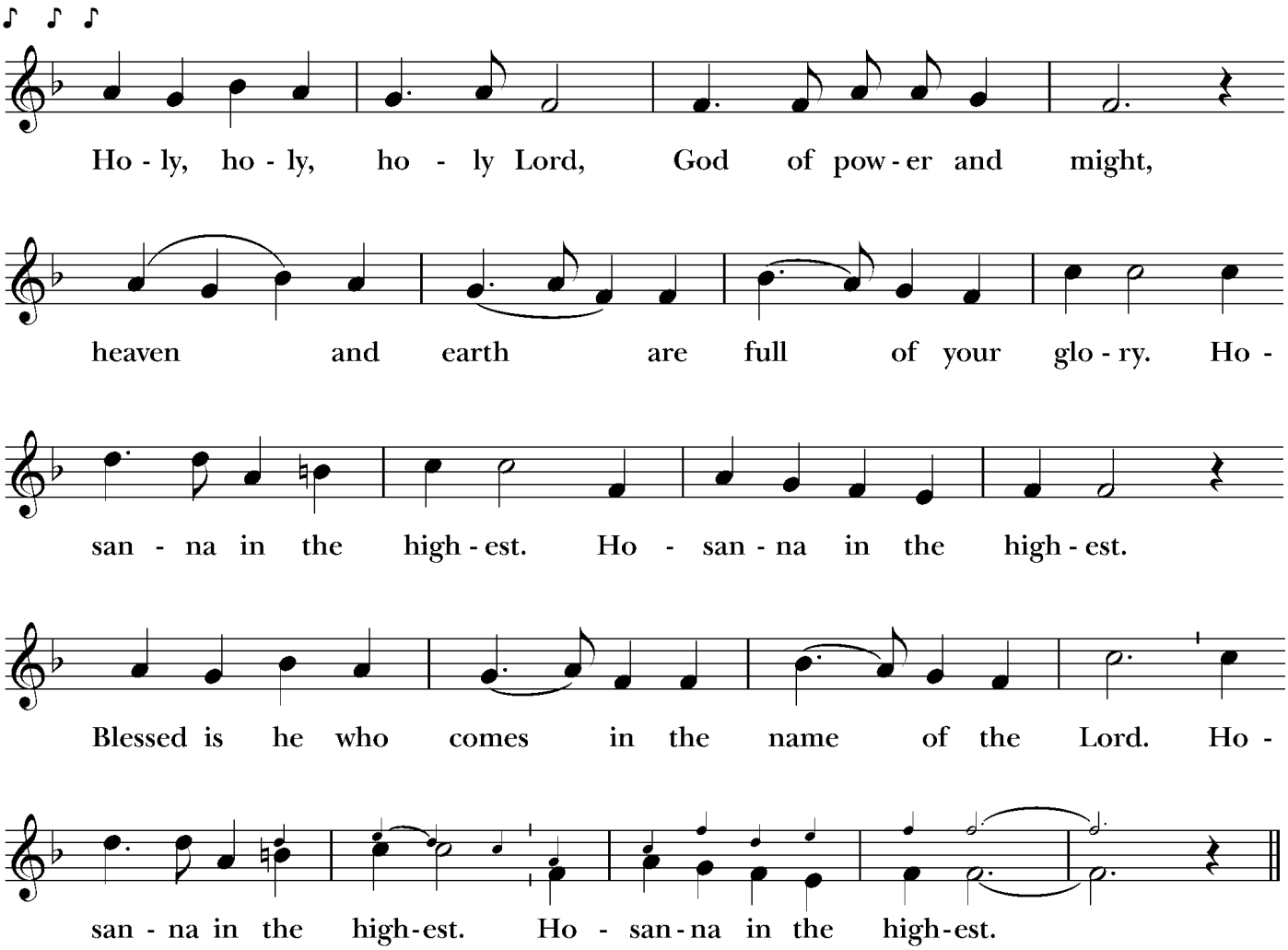


(The People stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."♪

After supper 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 shed for you and

for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

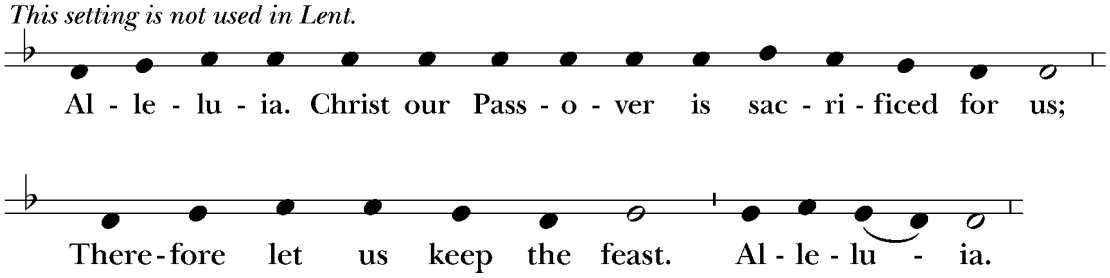
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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)*

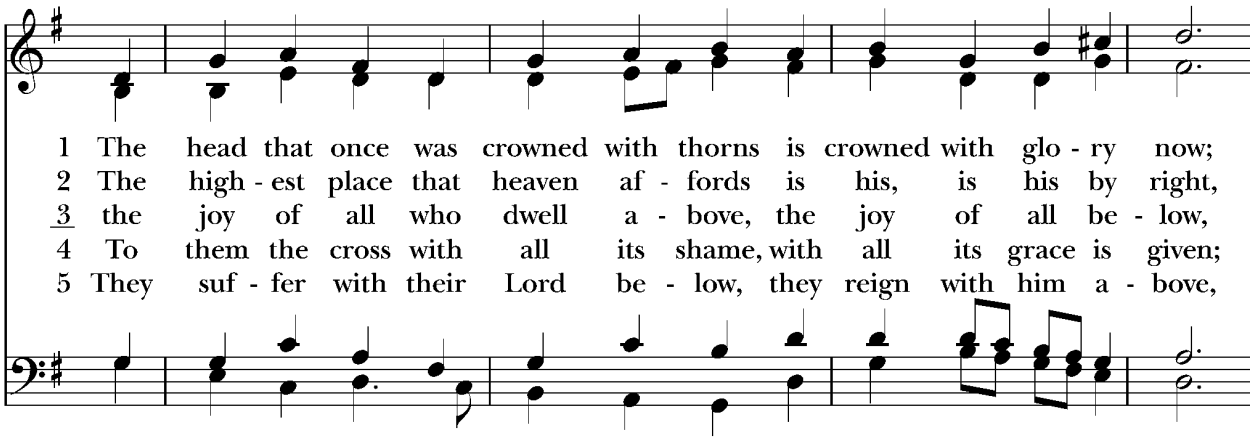
This setting is not used in Lent.

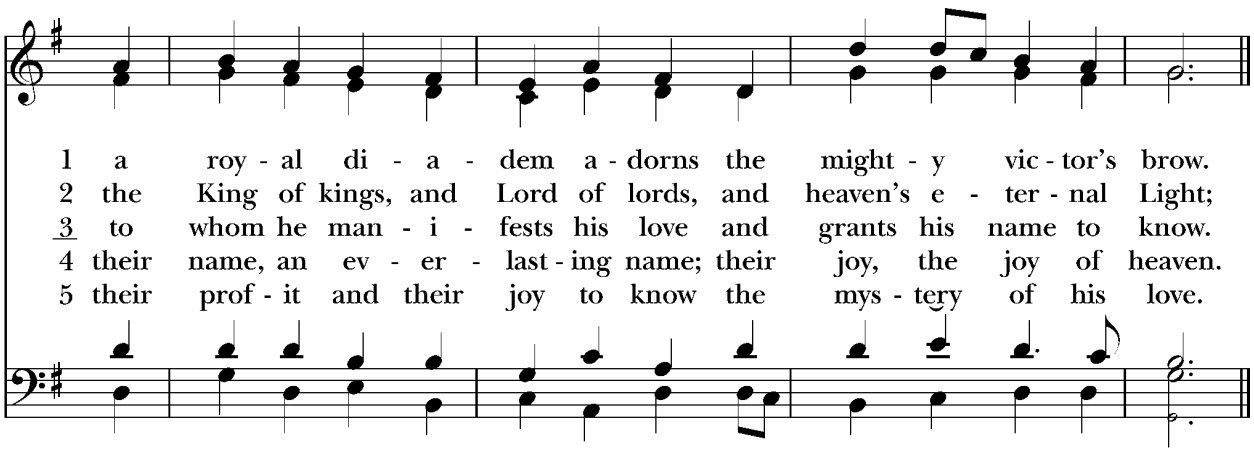


This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *The head that once was crowned with thorns (St. Magnus)* (H 483)





6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *A hymn of glory let us sing (Deo gracias)* (H 218)

The fanfare may be used as introduction, interlude or conclusion.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Recessional by Sir David Willcocks

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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.

Announcements

Welcome Dr. Robin Woodberry

Dr. Woodberry will join St. Paul's for our first service together with Fr. Christopher Hofer on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. This follows her ordination at Trinity Cathedral yesterday, and marks the beginning of her ministry as deacon-in-charge of St. Paul's. We hope you all can join us to celebrate this special service, the new ministry of Dr. Woodberry – and to enjoy the Strawberry Festival coffee hour to follow. The service begins with music at 10:25 a.m. In honor of the day, please wear red!

A farewell to Fr. Erv

The funeral service and inurnment for the Rev. Dr. Erwin M. Smuda will be at St. Paul's on June 18, and we'll be joined by Bishop Mark Hollingsworth Jr. in celebrating the life and long ministries of Fr. Erv. In 2016 and 2017, Fr. Erv was the interim pastor of St. Paul's before ALS forced him to step aside from 50 years of ministry. He was senior pastor of churches in his native Minnesota, Middleburg Heights and Canton and continued to serve as interim after retirement from full-time ministry at 10 Lutheran and Episcopal parishes in Ohio.

“Memphis”

The Social Justice Book Group has begun its newest book, “Memphis,” a novel built around three generations of a Southern Black family. The New York Times Book Review calls the debut novel by Tara Stringfellow “a rhapsodic hymn to Black women.” The book is free and available at StarkFresh, 325 Cherry Ave. NE, one of our Courageous Conversation partners. The book group meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month via Zoom.

Livestreaming

Please note that St. Paul's livestreams and posts videos of all our services on Facebook. If you would prefer to remain off camera, please ask an usher to seat you below the balcony.

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Hofer
Music Director: Edward T. Grimes
Greeter: Beth Paynter
Crucifer: Demetrius Carrothers
Video/audio: David Lewis
Altar Guild: Beth Paynter, Barb Anderson
Reader: Demetrius Carrothers
Counters: Cara Warren, M.L. Schultze

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29 7th Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Service	May 30 Memorial Day	May 31	June 1 10 am Book Study	June 2 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	June 3 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)	June 4 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)
June 5 Pentecost Sunday 10:30 am Service Cello recital 2 pm Sanctuary		June 7 Courageous Conversations Leadership Team	June 8 Finance Committee 6 pm (Zoom)	June 9 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	June 10 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)	June 11 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)
June 12 1st Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Service	June 13 Communica-tions comm. mtg 6 p.m.	June 14 Social Justice Book Group	June 15 10 a.m. Book Study	June 16 7pm AA (Blue Room)	June 17 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	June 18 H.O.T. 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)
June 19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am Service	June 20 Vestry 6pm	June 21	June 22 10am Book Study	June 23 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	June 24 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)	June 25 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)

May/June 2022 Calendar

1st Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversation Leadership Team
2nd Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
3rd Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversations
4th Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
Every Wednesday 10am – Book Study (Library)

Music Begins Sunday Services at 10:25 are also live streamed on Facebook.