St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Canton, Ohio

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
And Celebration of Juneteenth and Father's Day
June 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's

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

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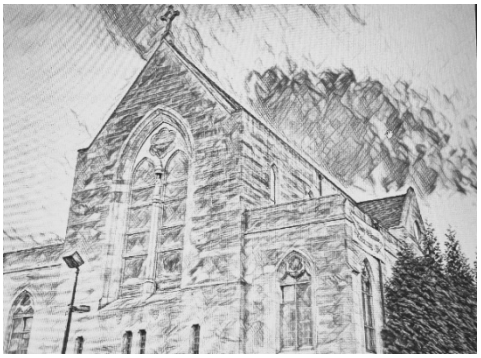

St. Paul's Mission

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 mission of The Episcopal Church is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." In step with that mission, we follow Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, with each other, and with the earth.

"Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World."

"God Loves You. No Exceptions."

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrant: The Rev. Joe Ashby
Guest Preacher: Bishop Emeritus Abraham Allende

Readings and Psalm

- **Jeremiah 20:7-13**
- **Psalm 69:8-11 [12-17] 18-20**
- **Romans 6:1b-11**
- **Matthew 10:24-39**

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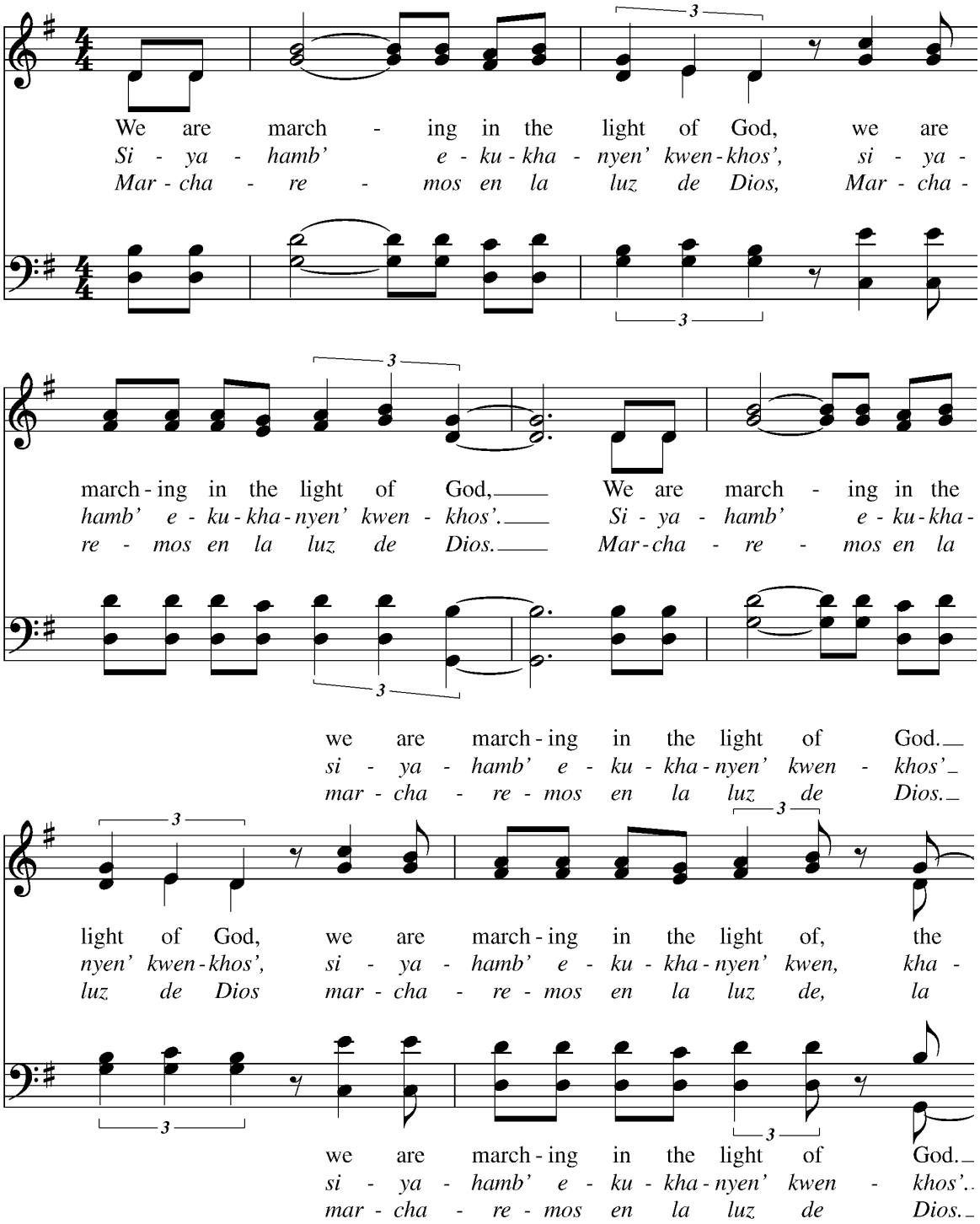
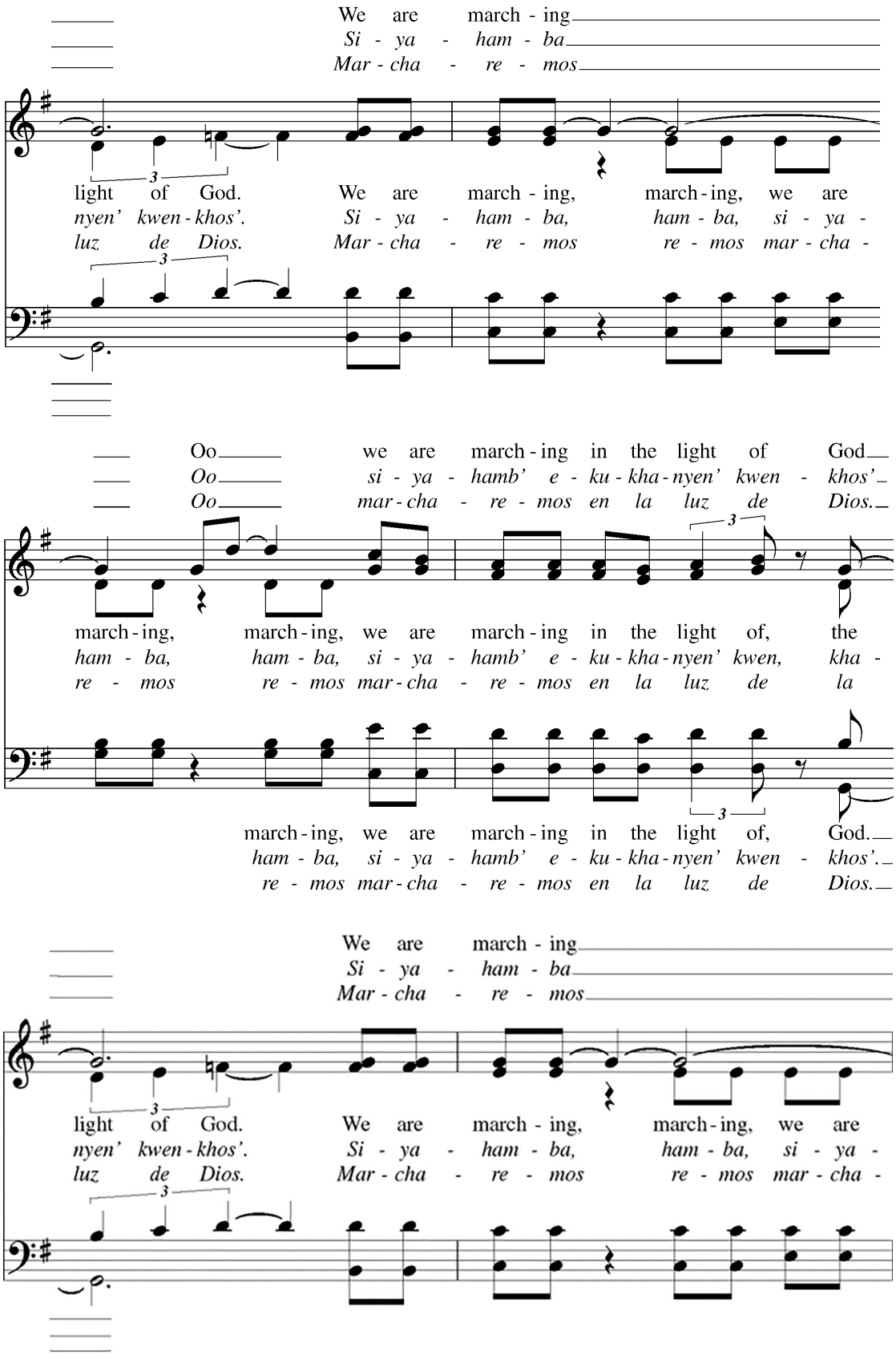
Prelude: *Face to Face* (Hugh Livingston Jr.)

The Word of God

Please stand in body or spirit

Entrance Hymn: *We are marching in the light of God (Siyahamba)* (WLP 787)

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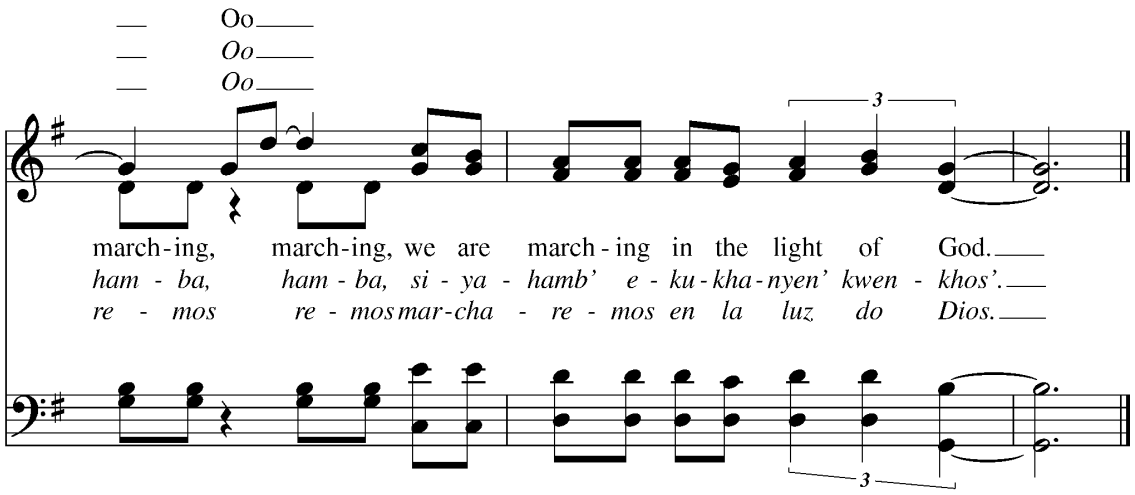


Opening Acclamation

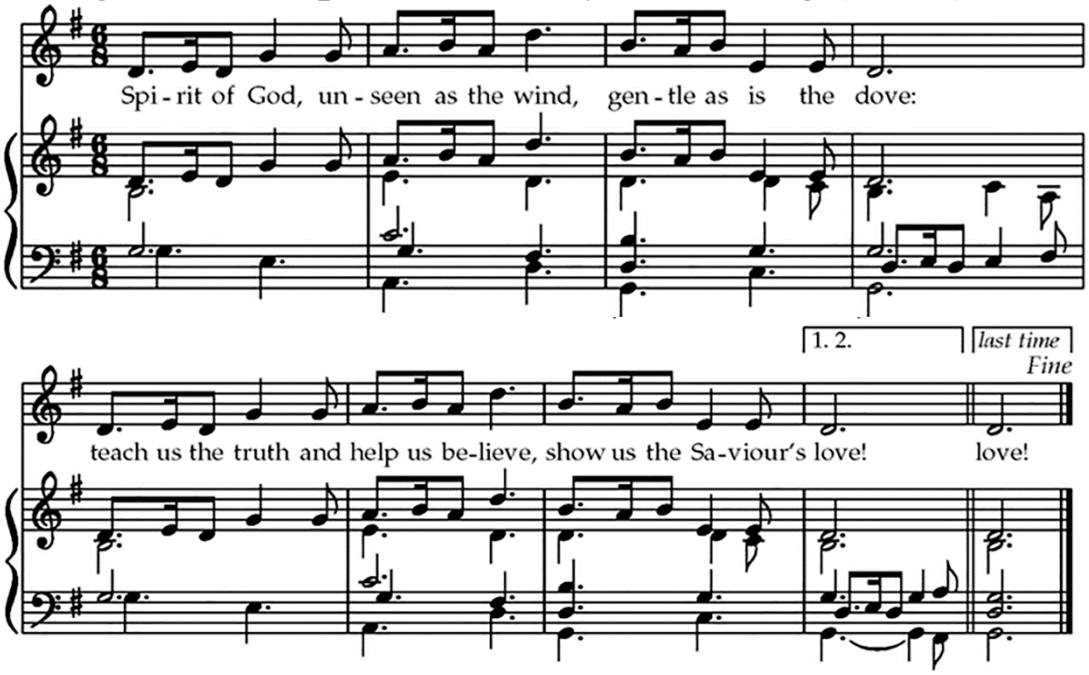
Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

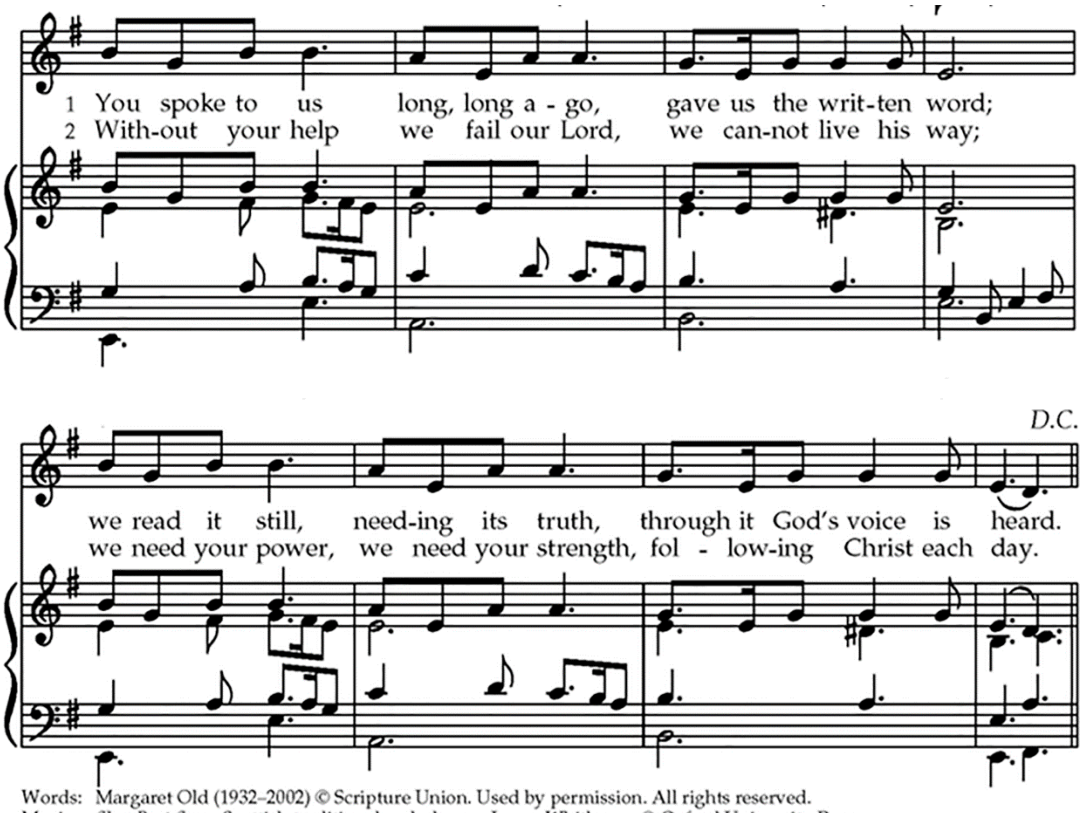
People You come to your people and set them free.

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 Spirit of God *Skye Boat Song* (VF 53)





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please sit.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

7 O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;

everyone mocks me.
[8]For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
[9]If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
[10]For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:8-11, 18-20

[8]Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.
[9]I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.
[10]Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
[11]I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.
[18]Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me."
[19]Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
[20]Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me."

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to Romans

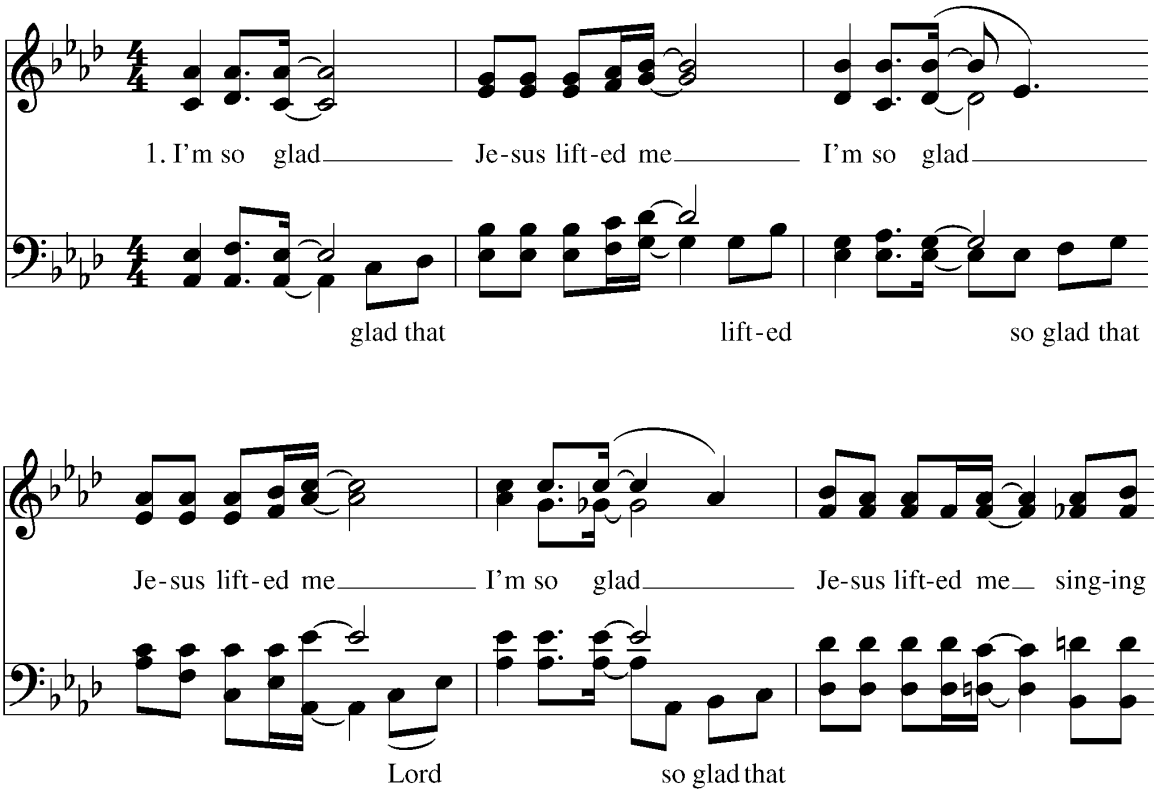
[1b]Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? [2]By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? [3]Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4]Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

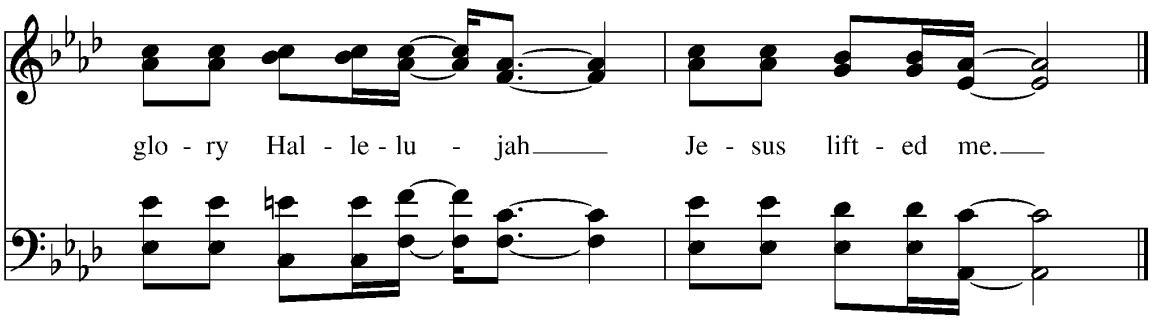
[5]For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6]We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. [7]For whoever has died is freed from sin. [8]But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9]We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10]The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. [11]So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: *I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me* (LEVAS 105)





2. Satan had me bound (Jesus lifted me).

3. When I was in sin (Jesus lifted me).

Matthew 10:24-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve apostles,] [24]"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave
above the master; [25]it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like
the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will
they malign those of his household!

[26]"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and
nothing secret that will not become known. [27]What I say to you in the dark, tell in the
light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. [28]Do not fear those
who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and
body in hell. [29]Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the
ground apart from your Father. [30]And even the hairs of your head are all counted. [31]So do
not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

[32]"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge
before my Father in heaven; [33]but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny
before my Father in heaven.

[34]"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring
peace, but a sword.

[35]For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
[36]and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
[37]Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves
son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; [38]and whoever does not take up the
cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39]Those who find their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ
People Glory to you, O Christ

The Sermon: The Rev. Abraham Allende

Please stand in body or spirit

The Creed

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.

Please remain standing

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In this Juneteenth holiday celebration, we offer prayers for ourselves and the world.

Leader: That those entrusted with authority in our nation may serve the common good and lead in a way that promotes healing in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, we pray,
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Leader: That the fullness of justice and compassion may be extended to the victims and families who have been subjected to violence, abuse, discrimination, murder, or the threat of the same, we pray,
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Leader: That our communities and our schools may find ways to actively participate in efforts to eliminate violence, especially violence against Black and brown people, so that this country may take the lead in fostering conditions for healing racial division, we pray,
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Leader: That all who gather to mark Juneteenth be able to freely and peaceably, remember, reflect, and celebrate together, we pray,
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Leader: We ask God's Blessing on all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and especially Tom Lilly, Johanna Middleton, Viola Sullins, Linda Fogle, Peter Dench, Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Molly and Nathan Weisel, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Ed Denning, Doug Geissinger, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins, Brinley Wyczalek, Ronnie Long, Aiden Ortiz and those we now name silently or aloud, we pray,
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Leader: That we might remember all who have died in the service of freedom and equality and all near to our hearts who have gone before us that they may be gathered into the fullness of your kingdom, we pray
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace

We pray together now the Discernment Prayer for St. Paul's
O Lord our God, May we, the parish of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, embrace your commandment of loving our neighbors as you have loved us while we discern who we are and how best to serve you. We ask that you quiet our souls, so we may listen to you. We ask that you grant us wisdom as we seek new leadership. And lastly, we ask for the courage to follow wherever you lead us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: That we might offer God the deepest prayers, needs and thanksgivings of those who gathered for Courageous Conversations this past week and that this work

might continue to bring healing and new life to our community, we pray,
People: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

We pray together for fathers throughout our world.
Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we (and especially, this day, we fathers) may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Confession of Sin

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*.

Please stand in body or spirit

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.
The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Church Announcements

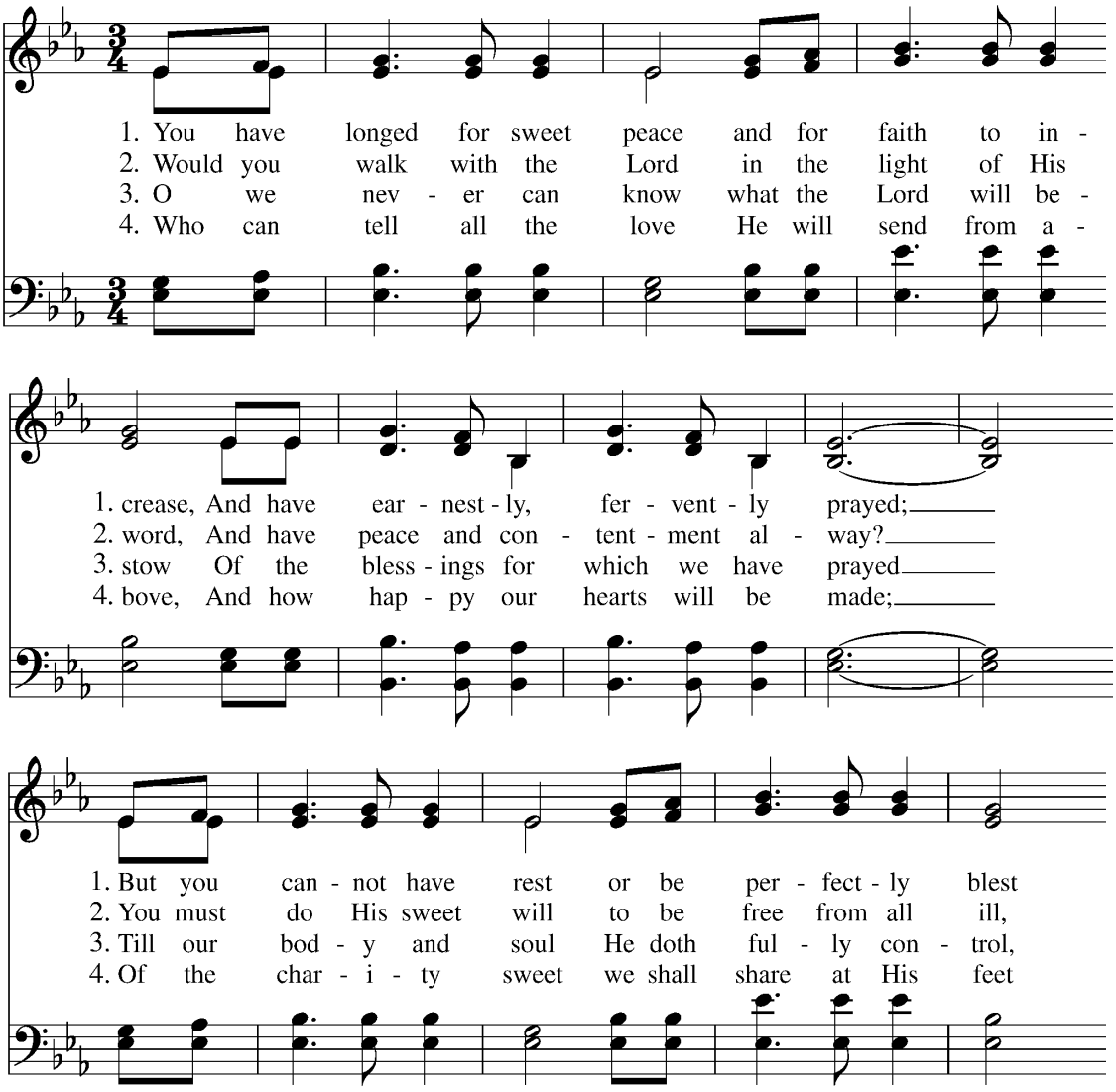
Holy Communion

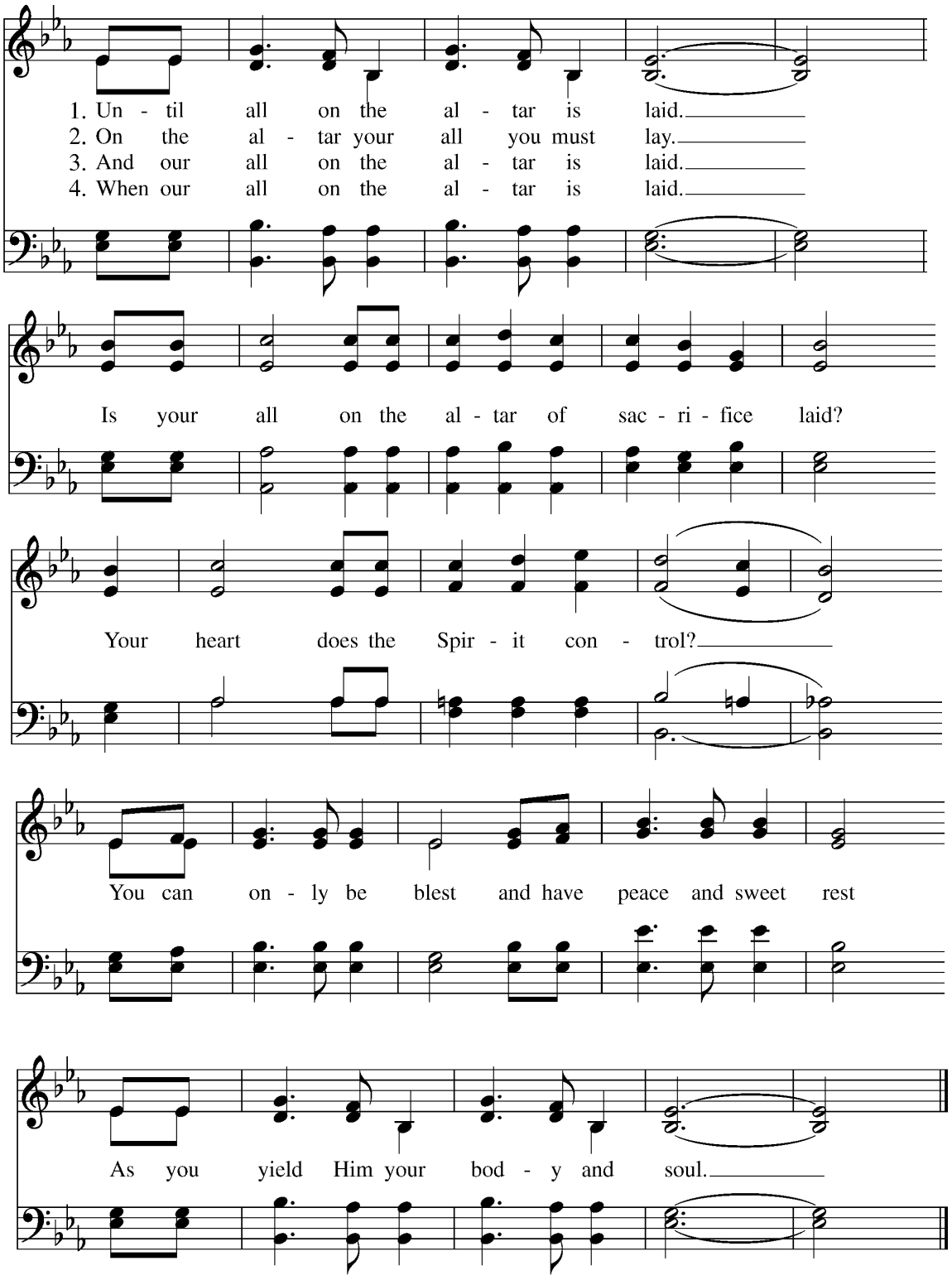
Offertory Sentence (Psalm 50:14)

The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: ***Is your All on the Altar*** **(LEVAS 135)**




1. Un - til all on the al - tar is laid.
2. On the al - tar your all you must lay.
3. And our all on the al - tar is laid.
4. When our all on the al - tar is laid.
Is your all on the al - tar of sac - ri - fice laid?
Your heart does the Spir - it con - trol?
You can on - ly be blest and have peace and sweet rest
As you yield Him your bod - y and soul.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing.
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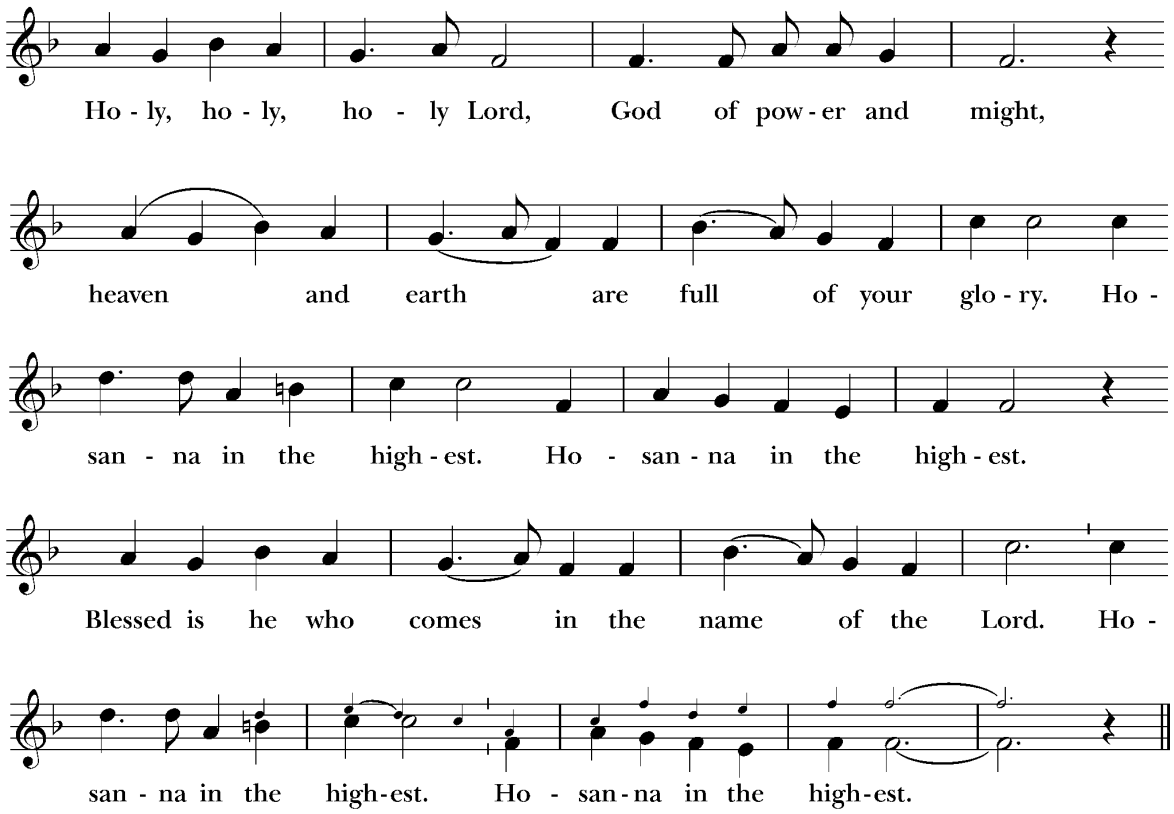
Sanctus S125



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, and 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:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

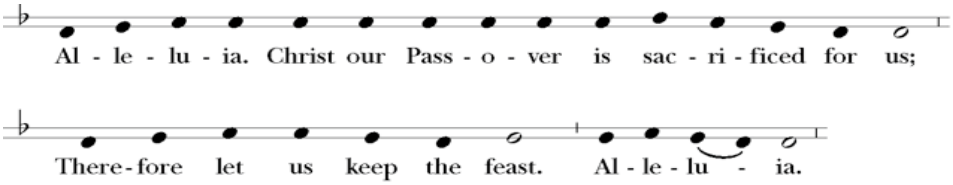
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and 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. ***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 (S 152)



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

****Note to the congregation: Everyone is 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 priests of St. Paul's.*

Post-Communion Prayer

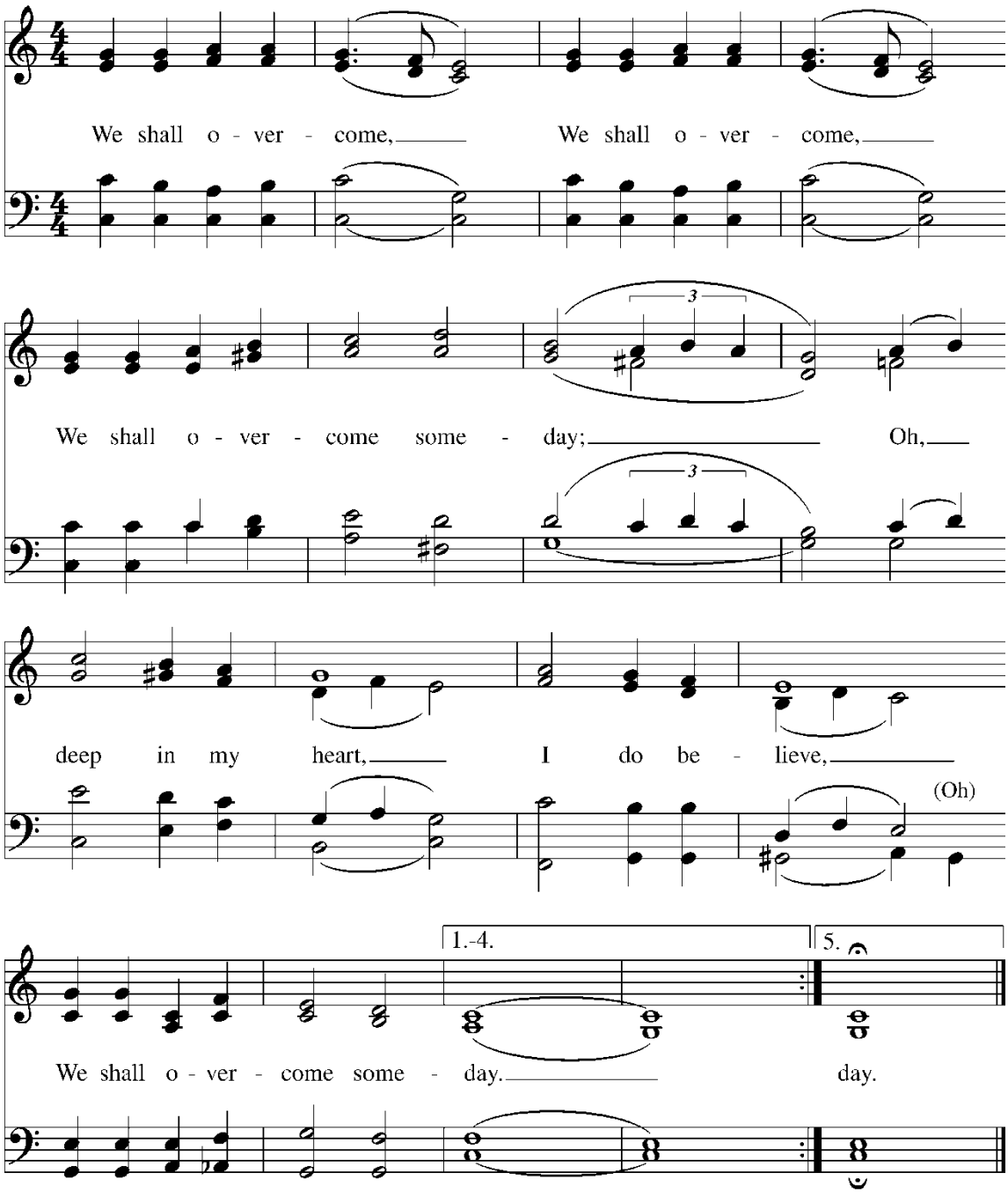
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and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

The Blessing

Celebrant
God's Blessing be with you,

Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: We Shall Overcome (LEVAS 227)



2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.
4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Hymn Improvisation on Give Me Jesus* (Marques L. A. Garrett)

A prayer for peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Celebrant: The Rev. Joe Ashby
Guest preacher: Bishop Emeritus Abraham Allende
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis and Paula Hampton
Crucifer: Rick Enslen and Douglas Colmery
Eucharistic Minister: Demetrius Carrothers
Video: David Lewis and David Rotthoff
Lector: M.L. Schultze
Altar Guild: Barb Anderson and Cara Warren
Counters: M.L. Schultze and Marcia Enslen

Parish News

Happy June Birthdays

Bonnie Landers, 06/03
Amarii DiMaria, 06/04
Robert Vail, 06/06
Marilyn Dickinson, 06/09
Jordan Jurina, 06/15
Serena Thurin, 06/17
M.L. Schultze, 06/23

Happy June Anniversaries

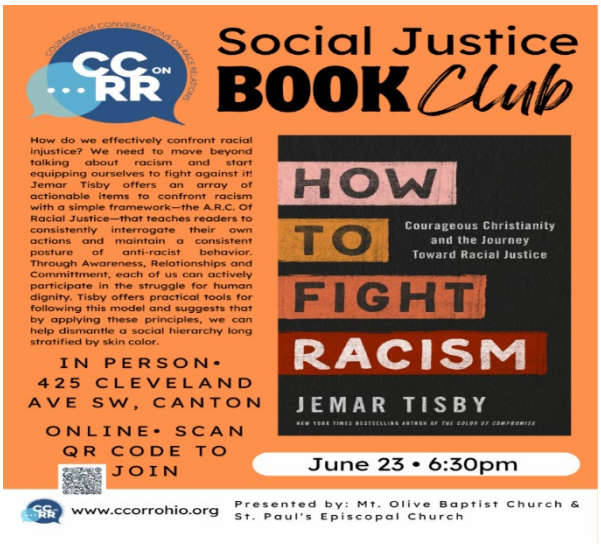
Larry and Victoria Simpkins, 06/06
Karl K. and Kim Roshong Sr., 06/11
David and Karen Swope, 06/28

Reminder: Vestry will be meeting at 6 p.m. Monday night in the library and via Zoom. We welcome your input!

What is Juneteenth?

It's the official holiday celebrating June 19, 1865. That's the day Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and enslaved people there learned they had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation more than two years earlier. Since then, it has been celebrated as the day everyone in the United States was officially free.

A practical guide to fighting racism



Join us Tuesday night in the Courageous Conversations on Race Relations room to talk about how we can apply Jemar Tisby's book, "How to Fight Racism," in our community. The get-together begins at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Bishop Allende

St. Paul's welcomes Bishop Abraham Allende as our guest preacher today. The bishop emeritus of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America began his ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuscarawas Street W. A native of Puerto Rico, he began studying for the ministry after more than a dozen years as sportscaster – including announcing Cleveland Indians games as Allen Davis. Since his retirement, he has served a number of Episcopal parishes as well as Lutheran churches in Northeast Ohio.