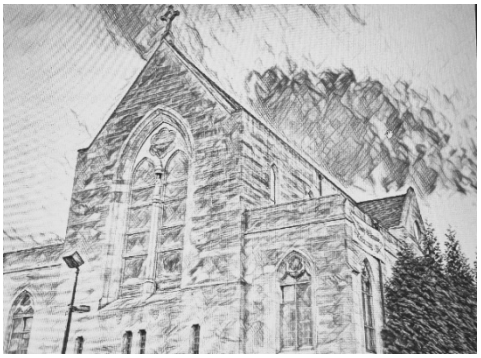
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Jan. 18, 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."

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Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby

Readings and Psalm

- **Isaiah 49:1-7**
- **Psalm 40:1-12**
- **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**
- **John 1:29-42**

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Prelude: ***Prelude in D Major,*** **Josef Seger**

The Word of God

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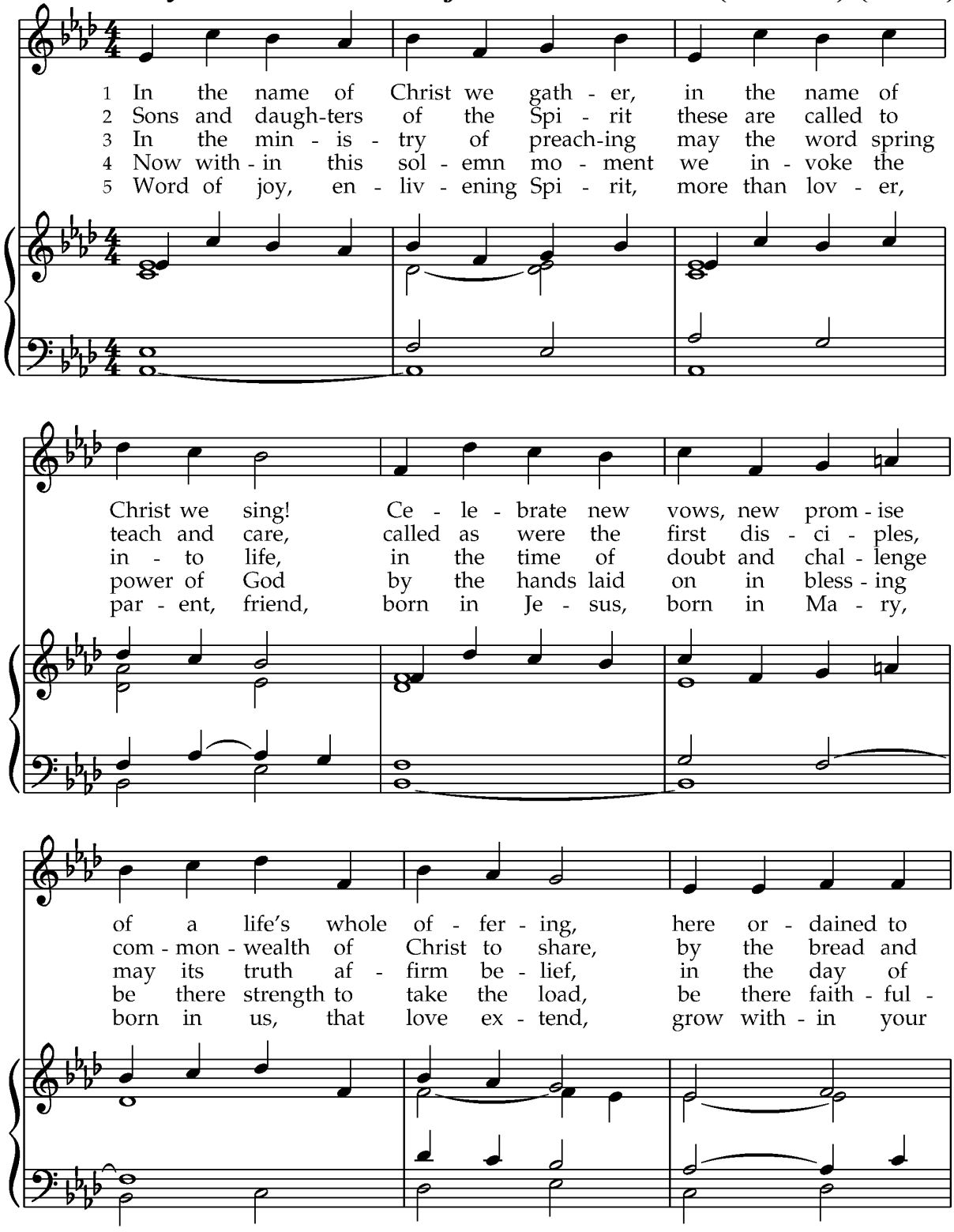
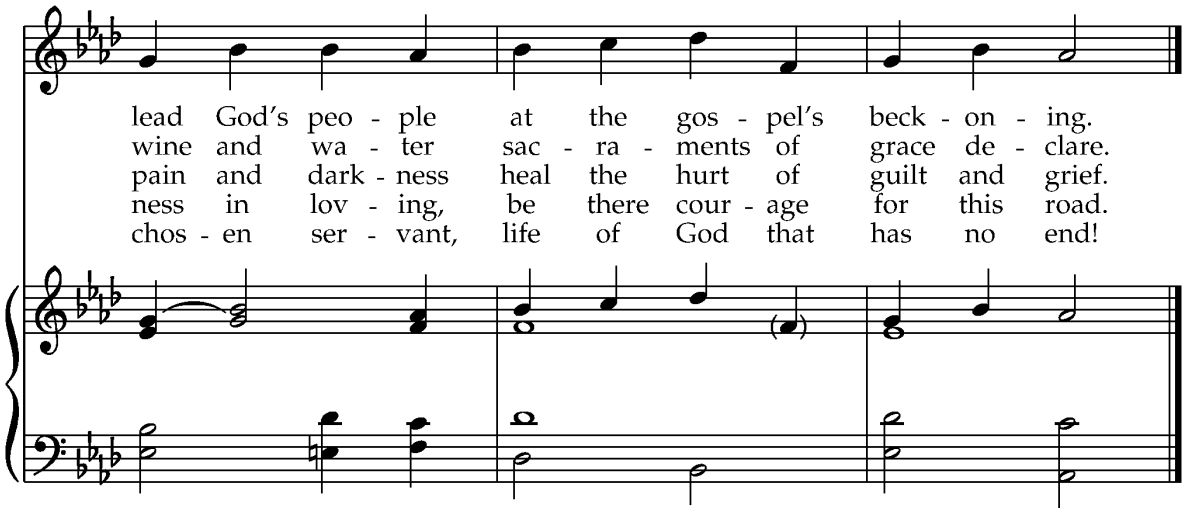
Entrance Hymn: In the Name of Christ we Gather **(Pine St.) (VF99)**



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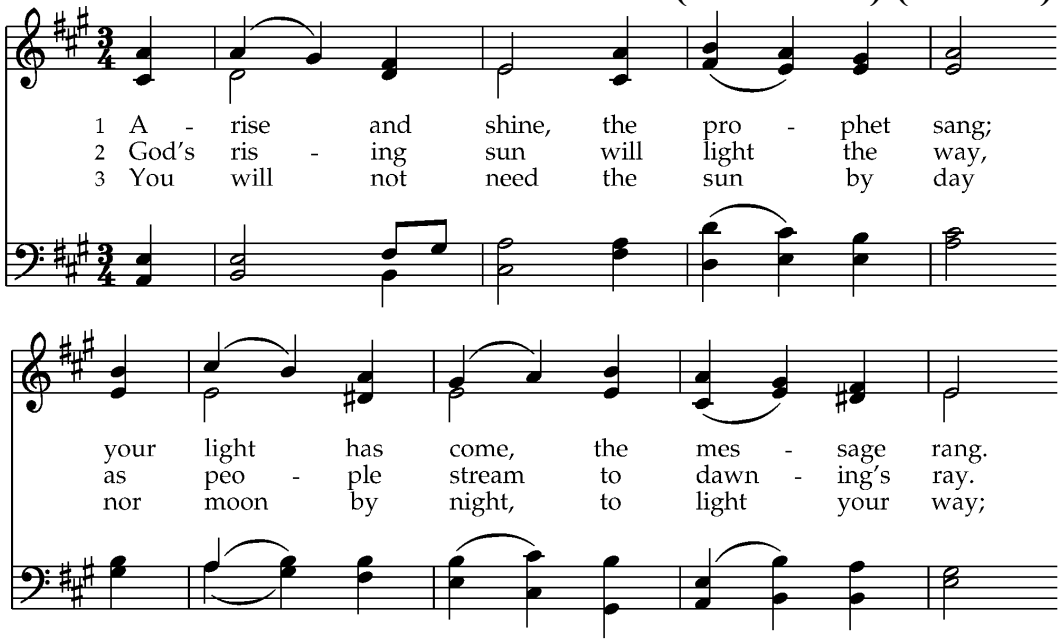
Opening Acclamation

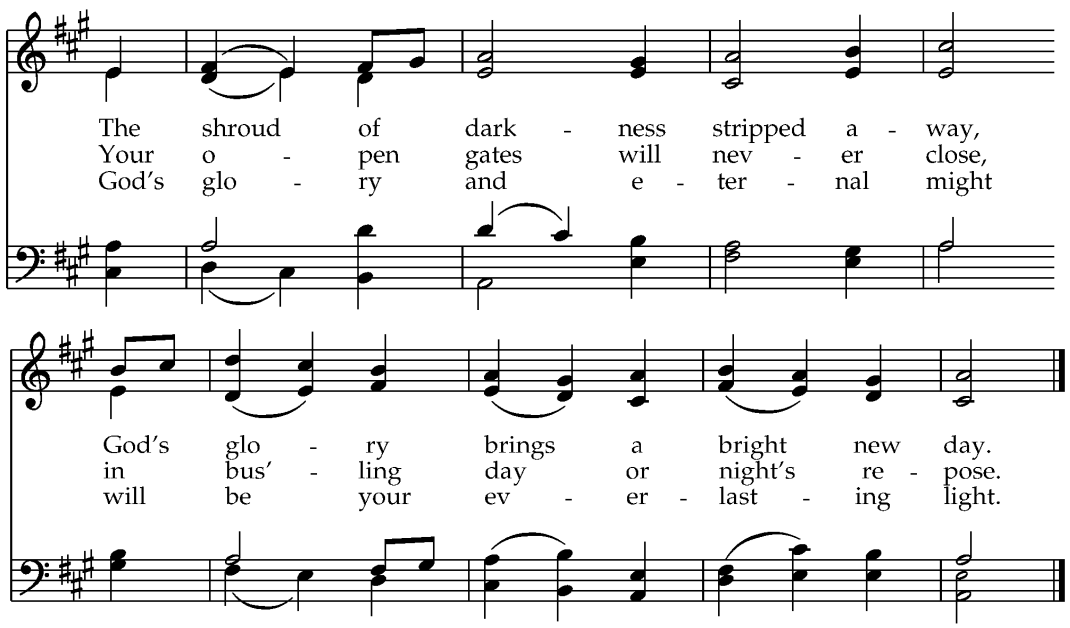
Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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: *Arise and Shine* (Wareham) (VF 156)





The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Please sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
[2]He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
[3]And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
[4]But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God."
[5]And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
[6]he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
[7]Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1-12

[1]I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
[2]He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
[3]He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.
[4]Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
[5]Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.
[6]Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
[7]In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
[8]Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
[9]In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.' "
[10]I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
[11]Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
[12]You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

[1]Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

[2]To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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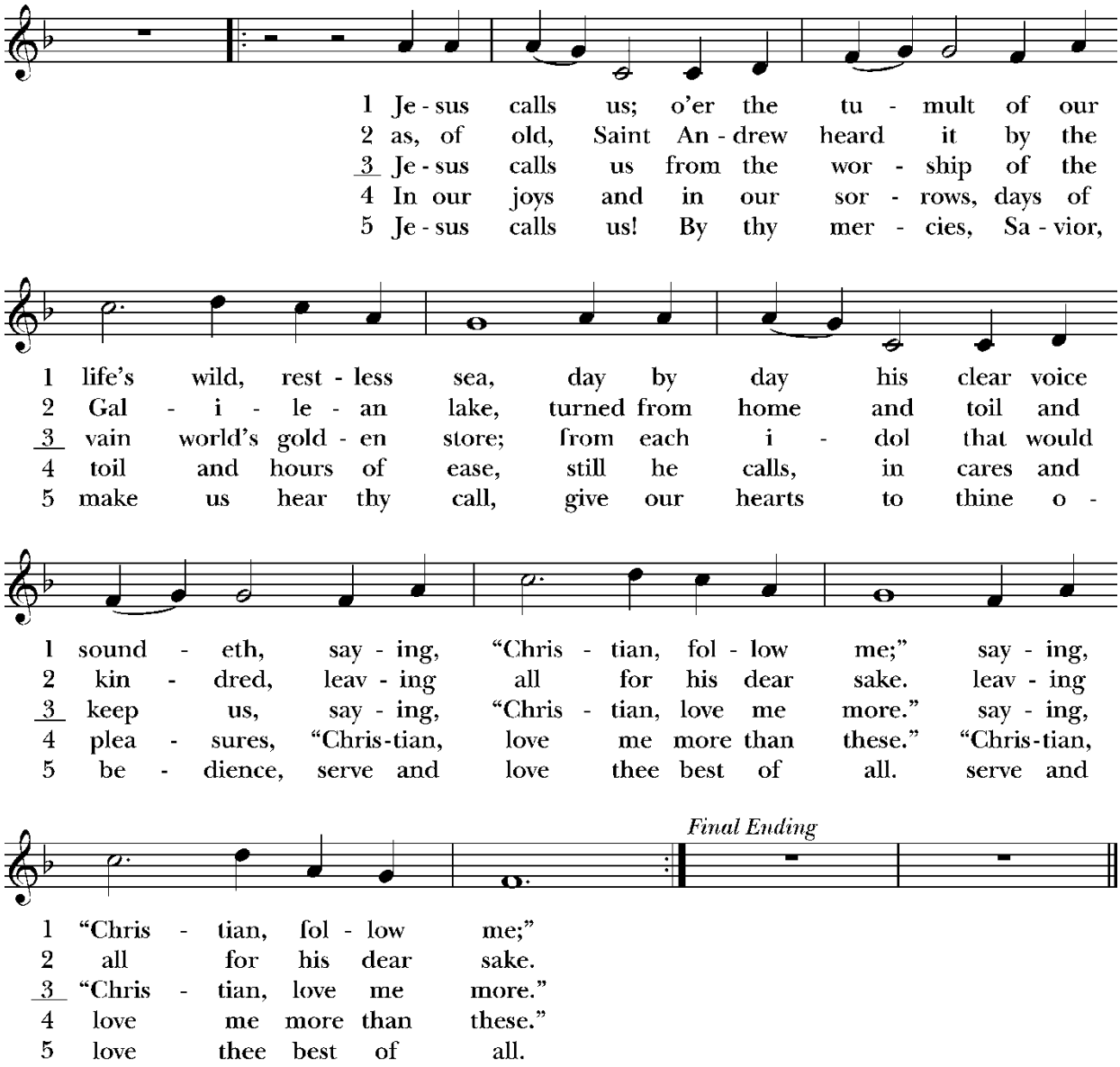
Sequence Hymn: *Jesus Call us O'er the Tumult* (St. Andrew) (H 549)

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GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

[29][John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world![30]This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' [31]I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." [32]And John

testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on
him. [33]I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to
me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the
Holy Spirit.’ [34]And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”
[35]The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, [36]and as he watched
Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” [37]The two disciples heard
him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38]When Jesus turned and saw them following, he
said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated
means Teacher), “where are you staying?” [39]He said to them, “Come and see.” They
came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about
four o’clock in the afternoon. [40]One of the two who heard John speak and followed him
was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. [41]He first found his brother Simon and said to him,
“We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). [42]He brought Simon to
Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called
Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Joe Ashby

The Creed

Please stand in body or spirit

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

Please 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.
Silence
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.
Silence
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.
Silence
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.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Valerie Frear, Molly Weisel, Gene, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Ed Denning, Doug Geissinger, Joanne, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, Steve Hamilton, Deborah Starkey, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins and Brinley Wyczalek. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence
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.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

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

Priest and People
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.

The Priest 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.
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 ANTHEM: *The Upper Room,* Charles Wood

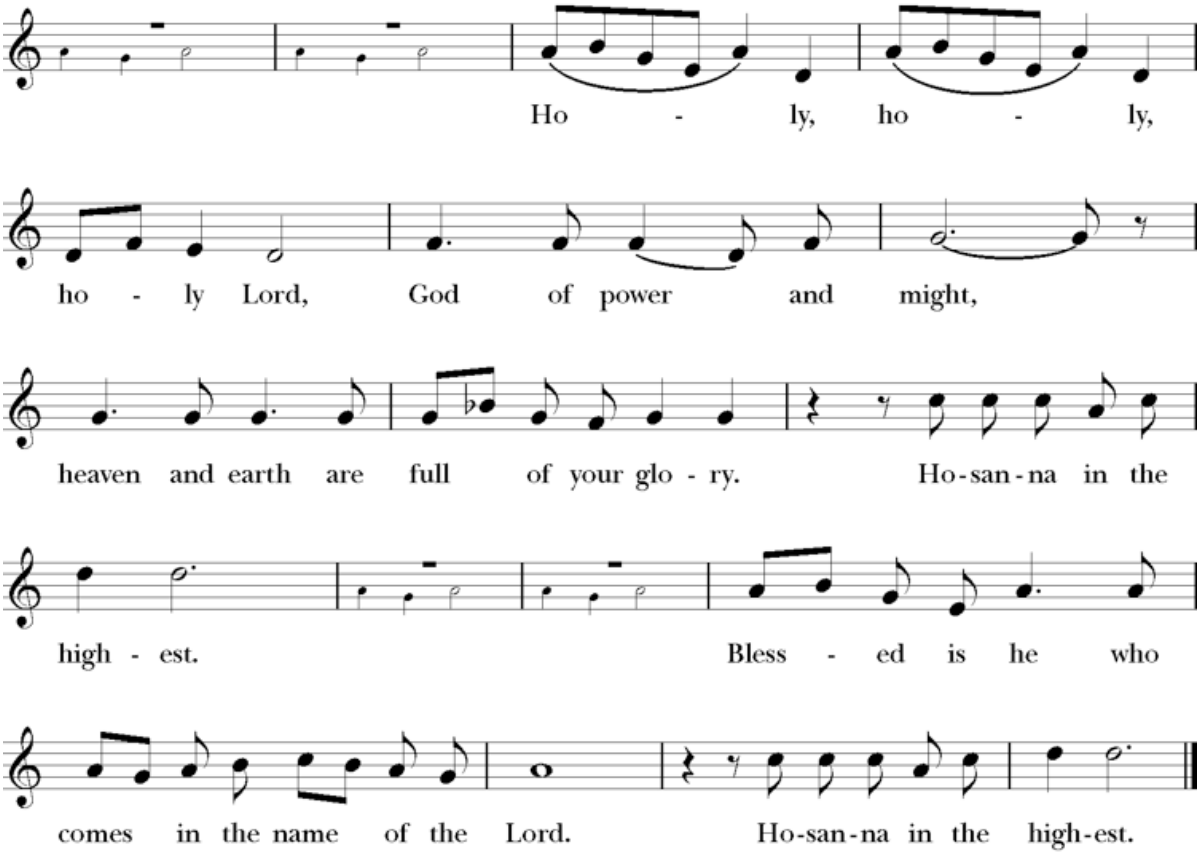
The Great Thanksgiving

The People 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: ♪♪♪

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Mathias) (H S128)

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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

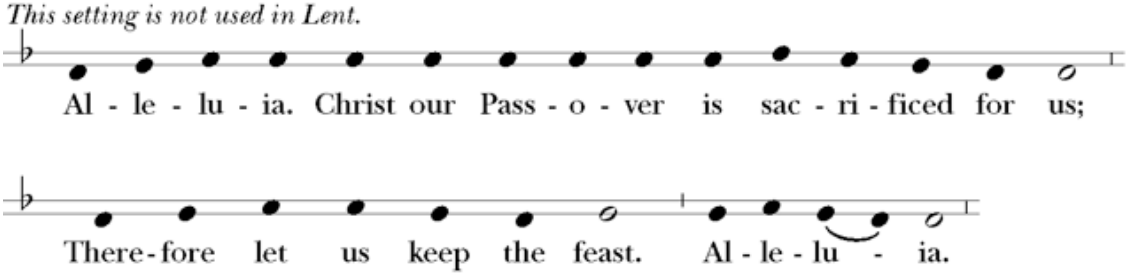
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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 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

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.

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.

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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 Priest of St. Paul's.

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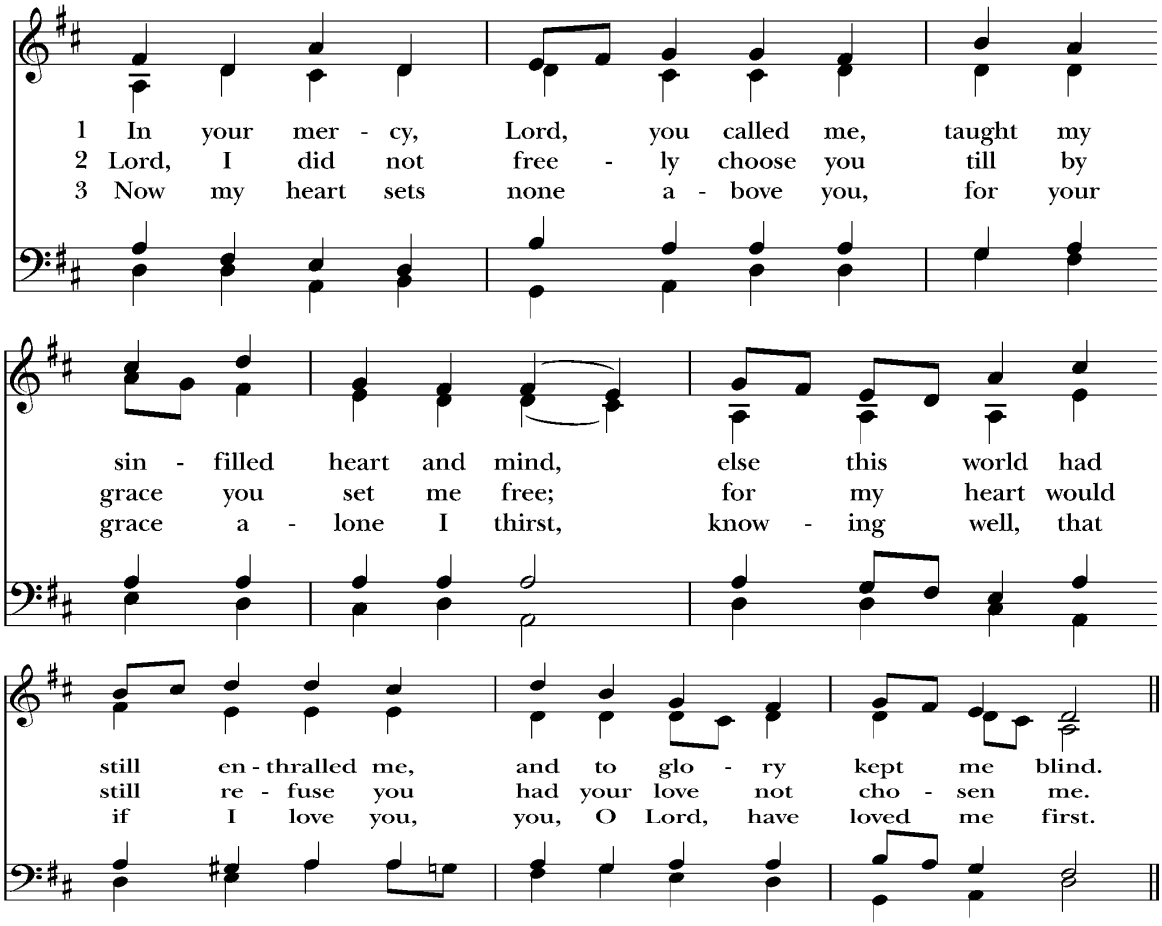
POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *In Your Mercy, Lord you called me* (Halton Holgate) (H 706)

Post-Communion Prayer

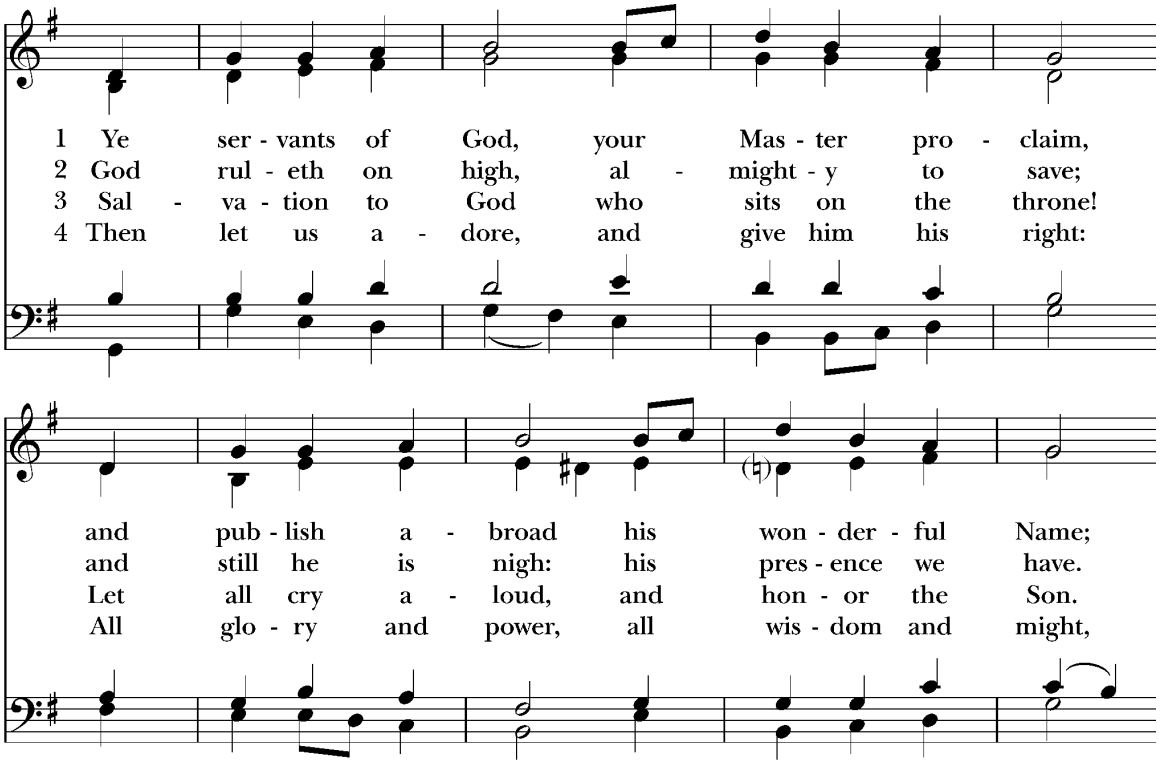
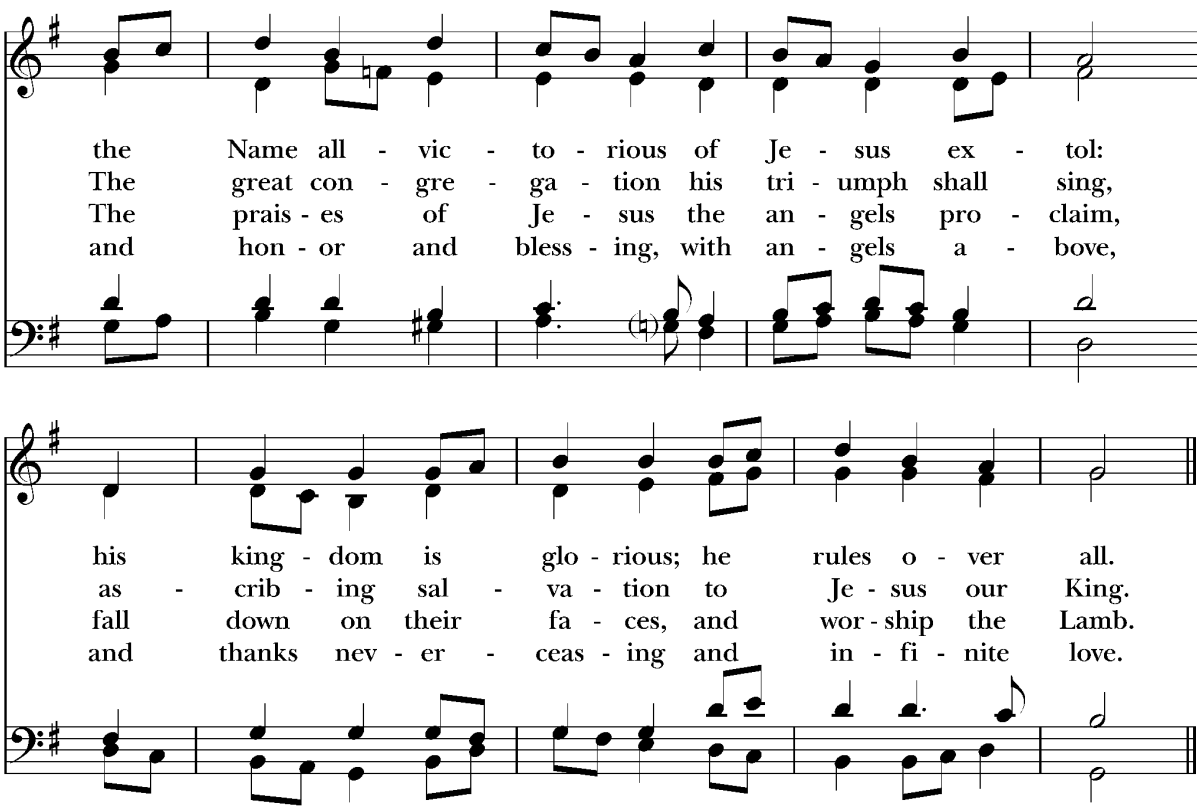
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.*

Post-communion blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Ye servants of God* (Paderhorn) (H535)

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Fugue in D Major,* Josef Seger

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Crucifer: Demetrius Carrothers
Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery
Video: David Lewis and David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Karen Swope and Shirley Brown
Lector: Demetrius Carrothers
Counters: Demetrius Carrothers and Tammy Patterson

Announcements

Happy January Birthdays!

Richard Senften, 1/3
Natalie Sutek, 1/11
Sabrina Patterson, 1/12
Owen Valentine, 1/15
Bethany Sutek, 1/17
Maureen Wood-Major 1/18
Nancy Reinbold, 1/19
David Rotthoff 1/21
Megan Demastus, 1/24
Wyatt Marcum, 1/26
Mary Lou Stauffer, 1/27
Ed Denning, 1/28
Cathi Johanning, 1/29
Joseph Patterson, 1/29
Cayson Schmidt, 1/30
Barbara Anderson, 1/31

And Happy Anniversaries!

James & Deborah Husted, 1/23
Richard & Nancy Reinbold, 1/25

Wednesday mornings and the Old Testament

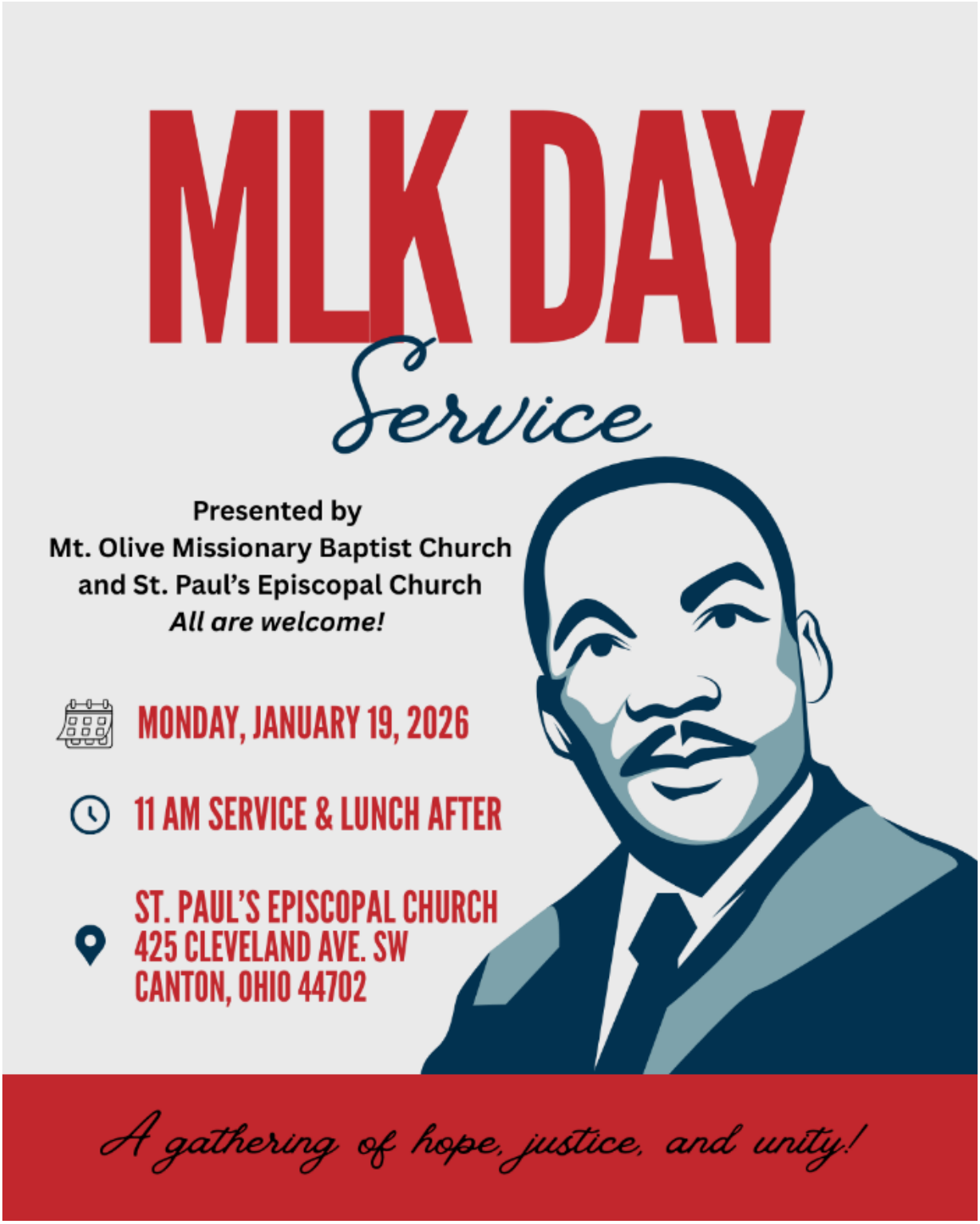
Bible study has resumed in the library every Wednesday morning beginning at 10 a.m. We're currently tackling the sometimes-challenging Stories of the Old Testament, with the help of Fr. Joe and Mother Kay and one of the Great Courses by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

The power of stillness

Christ Presbyterian Church is inviting us to join in a new kind of prayer service that will eventually rotate among the downtown churches. Every Wednesday through Lent, our neighbor at 530 W. Tuscarawas St. will host Taizé prayer services each Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m. The simple services include silence, chants, prayer and contemplation.

Our Annual Meeting: Where we've been, where we're going and (of course!) good food

The St. Paul's family will gather for our annual meeting following service TODAY. This is a chance for us to review the paths we've traveled over the past year, to share all the details of what makes us a church and a family, to pass a budget, to elect new members of the Vestry and to break bread together. We'll share information from clergy, discernment and more and this is an excellent chance for us to hear your thoughts, concerns and hopes as we work our way through 2026. Please plan to stay and – dare we say it – to enjoy.



Please join us this Monday, Jan. 19, for the annual service honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It's a time for us to share and honor the joy of serving justice, God and humankind.

Our service begins at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon. The Rev. Eric G. Howard, pastor of our partner in Courageous Conversations -- Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church -- will be our guest preacher. A Cleveland native, Pastor Howard began his professional career as a jobs training counselor, then graduated from Emory University's Candler School of Theology with a master's of divinity. He also holds a master's of public administration from Cleveland State University and a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Mount Union. His preaching has taken him as far away as Asuncion, Paraguay, as well as to Yale University and St. Paul's. He has pastored Mt. Olive since November 2016. Please invite everyone to what promises to be an inspired and inspiring service.

Social Justice Book Group: Church and Hate, Unbroken, librarians and more

The Social Justice Book Group will resume our get-togethers at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, and the first book we'll be sharing is "Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds."

The author of the New York Times bestseller, John Fugelsang, notes that "Jesus's movement was about humility, it was about service to others, it was about uplifting the marginalized, not about total right-wing domination." He traces the history of non-violent Christian activism and urges people on the left, including atheists, to engage with Christianity to strengthen the movement.

Throughout the year, the Book Club will be reading five non-fiction books and three works of fiction. And in July and August, we'll watch some of the movies that have documented the ongoing fight against racism in our lives and communities.