St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

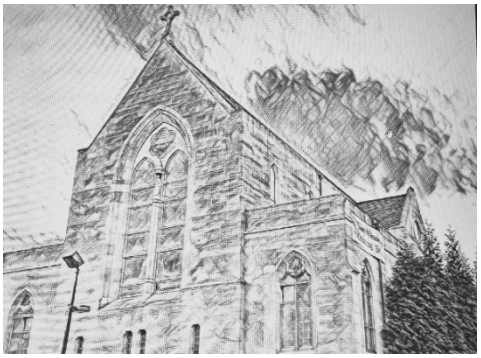
First Sunday after Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Jan. 11, 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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Our mission

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

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist
Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby

Readings and Psalm
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

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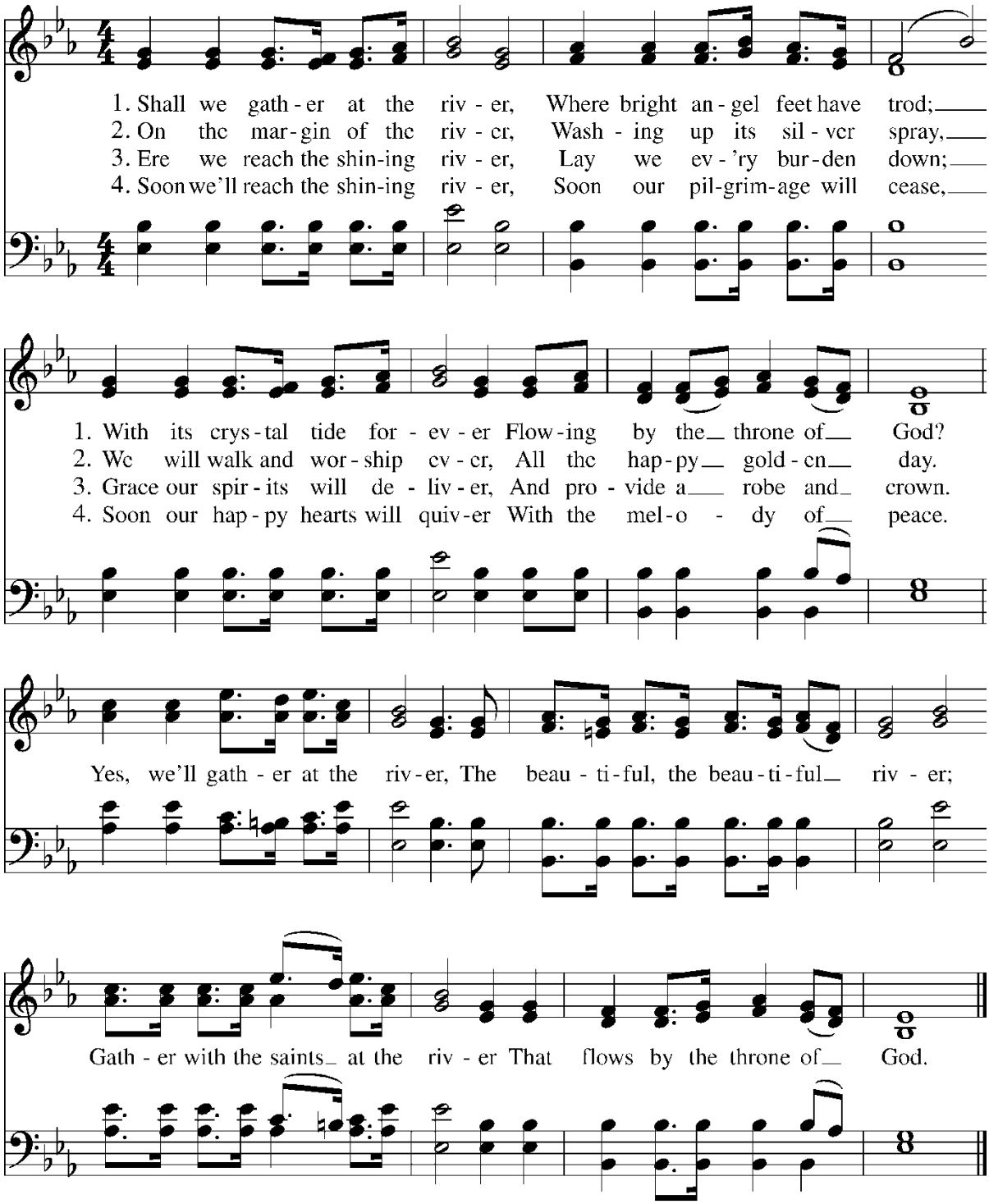
Prelude: *Shall We Gather at the River,* Hugh S. Livingston

The Word of God

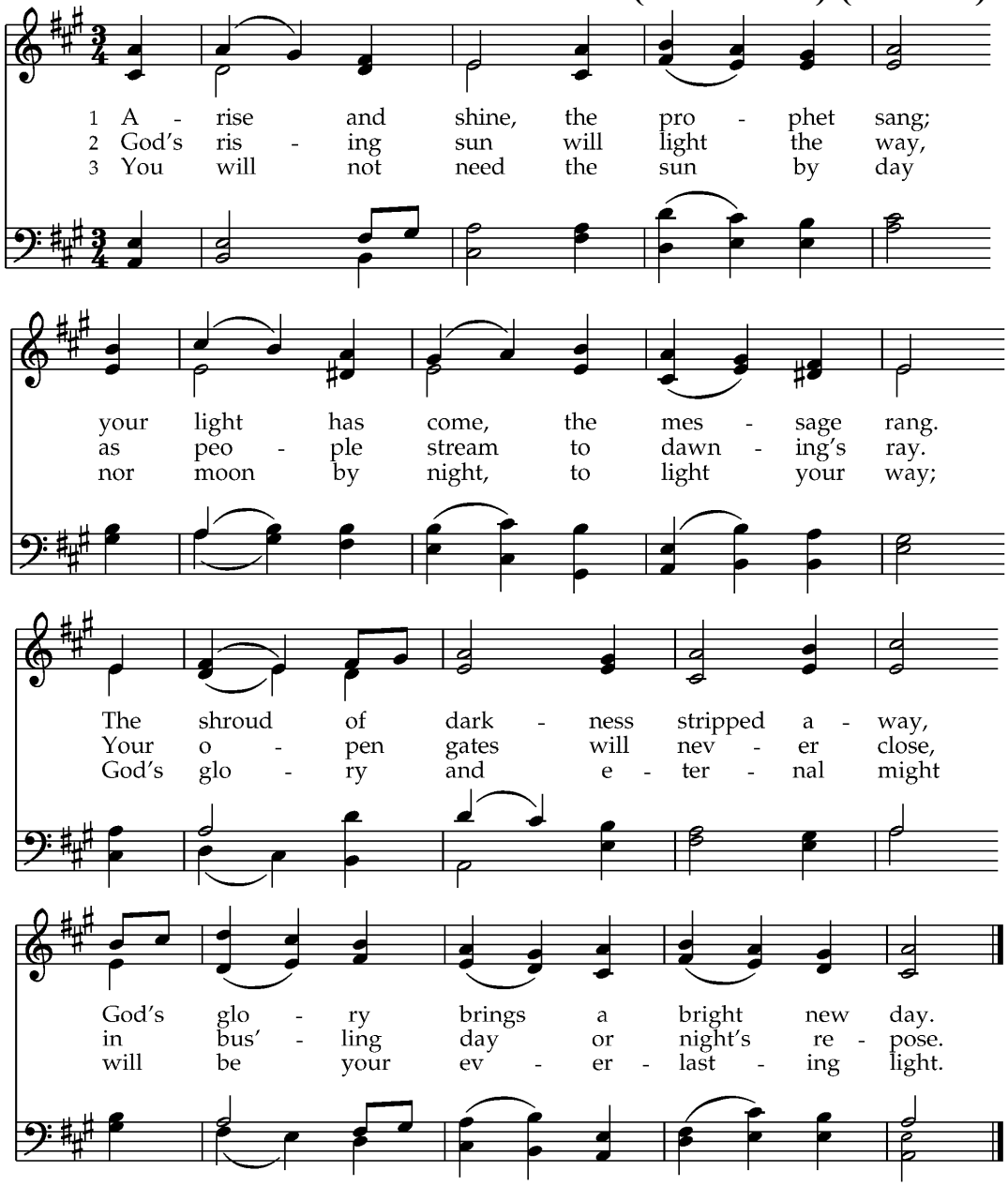
Please stand in body or spirit

Entrance Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River **(LEVAS 141)**

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons

Please sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
[2]He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
[3]a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
[4]He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching."
[5]Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
[6]"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
[7]to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
[8]I am the Lord, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
9See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them."

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

PSALM 29

1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
10The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
11The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

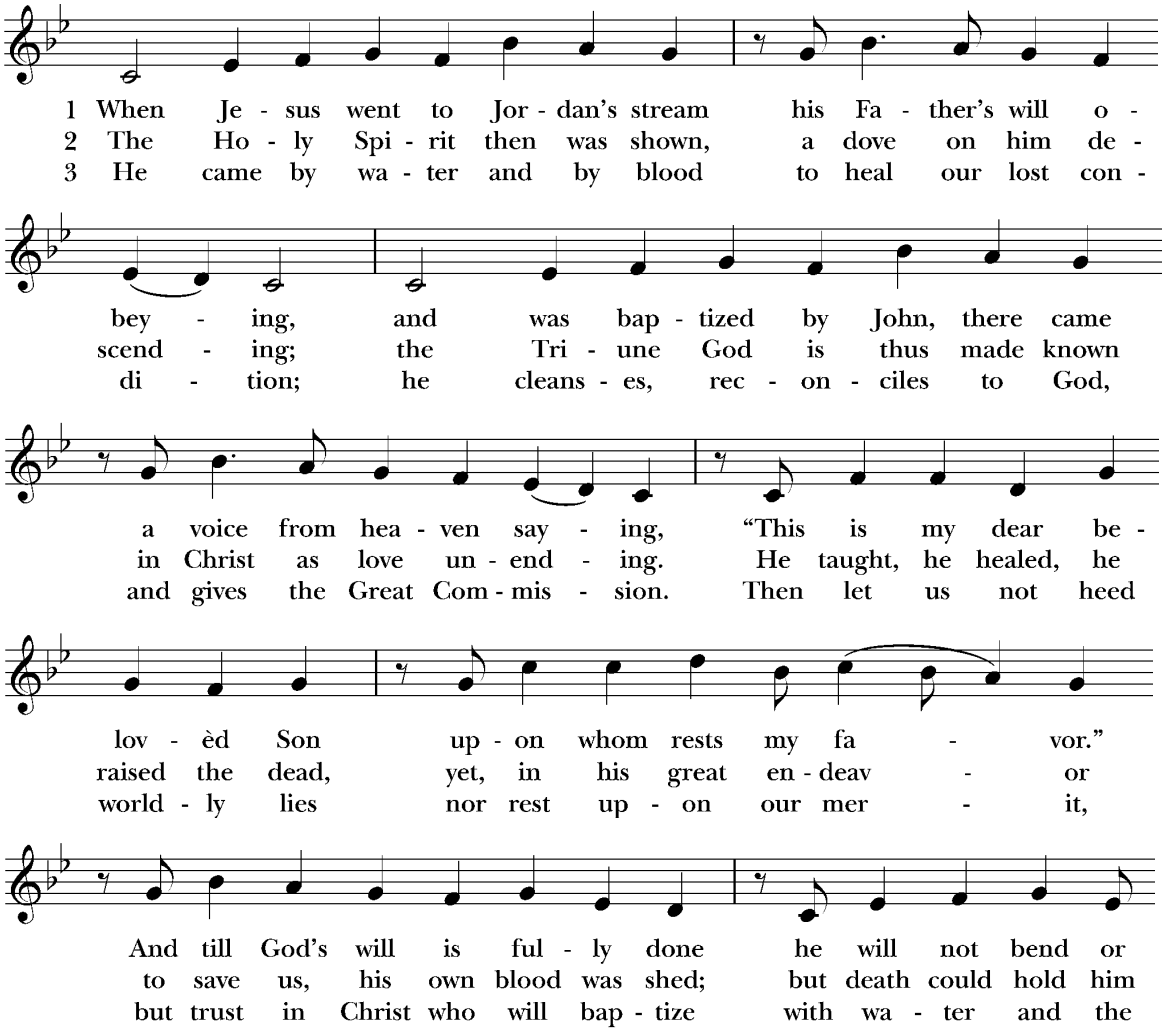
34Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching

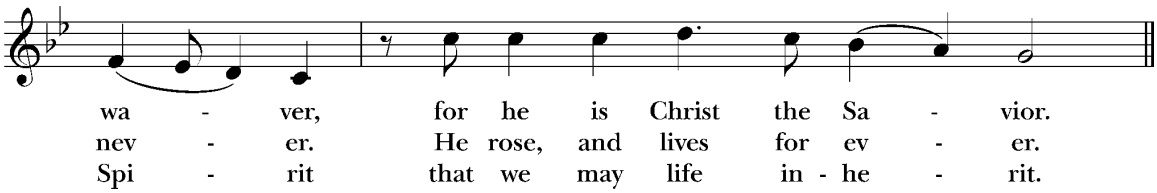
peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38]how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. [39]We are witnesses to
all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a
tree; [40]but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, [41]not to all the
people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him
after he rose from the dead. [42]He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that
he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. [43]All the prophets
testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through
his name."

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: *When Jesus went to Jordan's Stream Christ* (H 139)





Please remain standing if able

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

[13]Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. [14]John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15]But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [16]And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. [17]And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Kay 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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
We pray as pilgrims, "Lead us to your presence; *let us see your glory!*"

Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through us that we might lead many to the knowledge and love of you.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor and thwart all the ways of oppression.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.
The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage.
Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Bless all teachers and students as they return to school and university. May they find wisdom as well as knowledge; give them a hunger for your truth.

Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all those in need.
We pray especially for Peggy Neidig, 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 and Vicki Simpkins.
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence; you have shown us your glory. Grant us, that we might at last, see you face to face.
Silence
Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory.

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.

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: *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts,* Beverly Ward

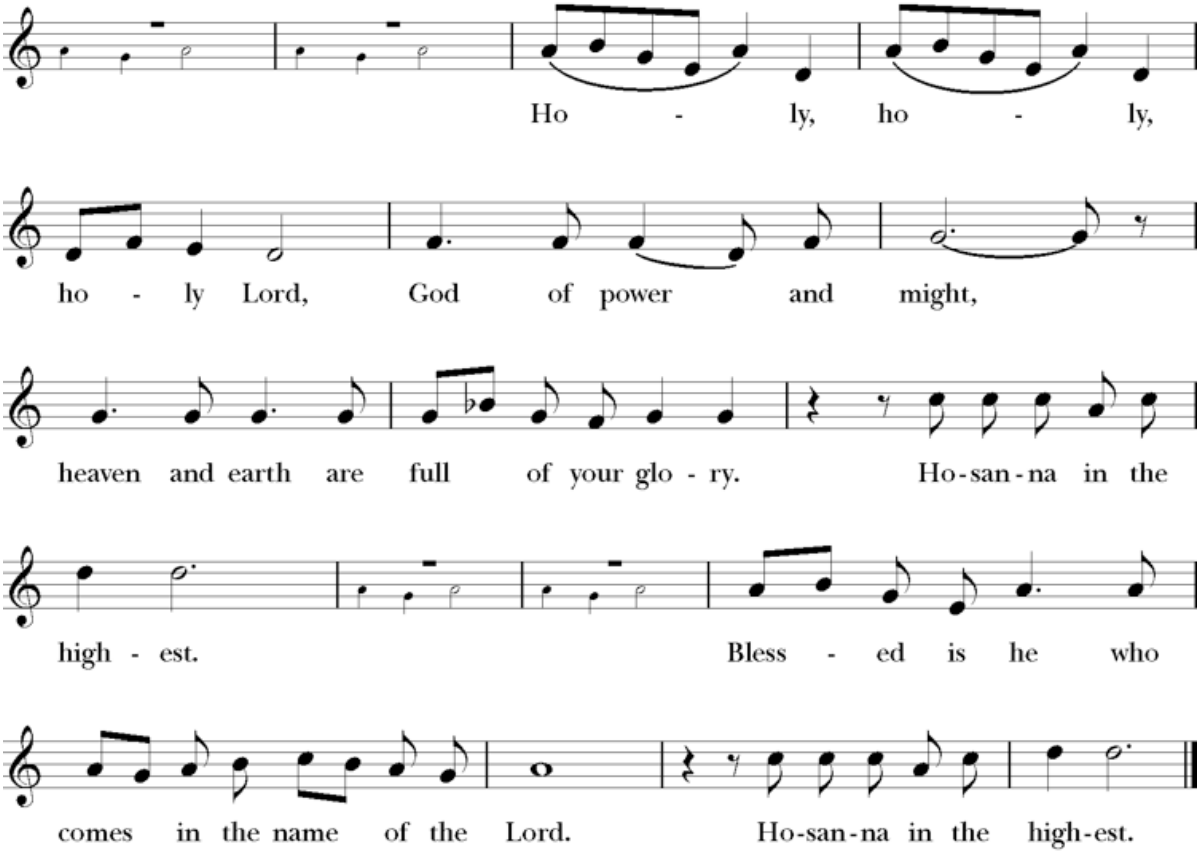
The Great Thanksgiving

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;

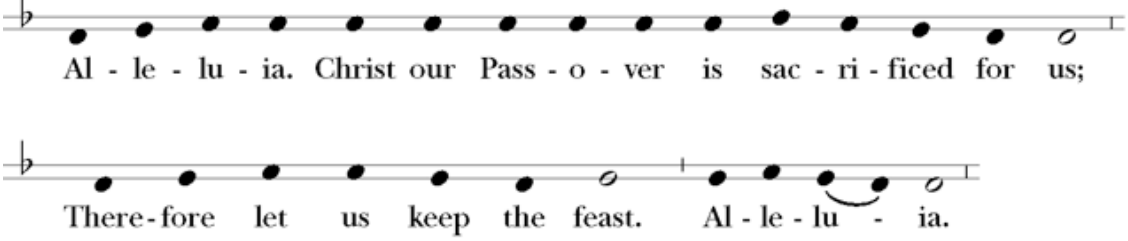
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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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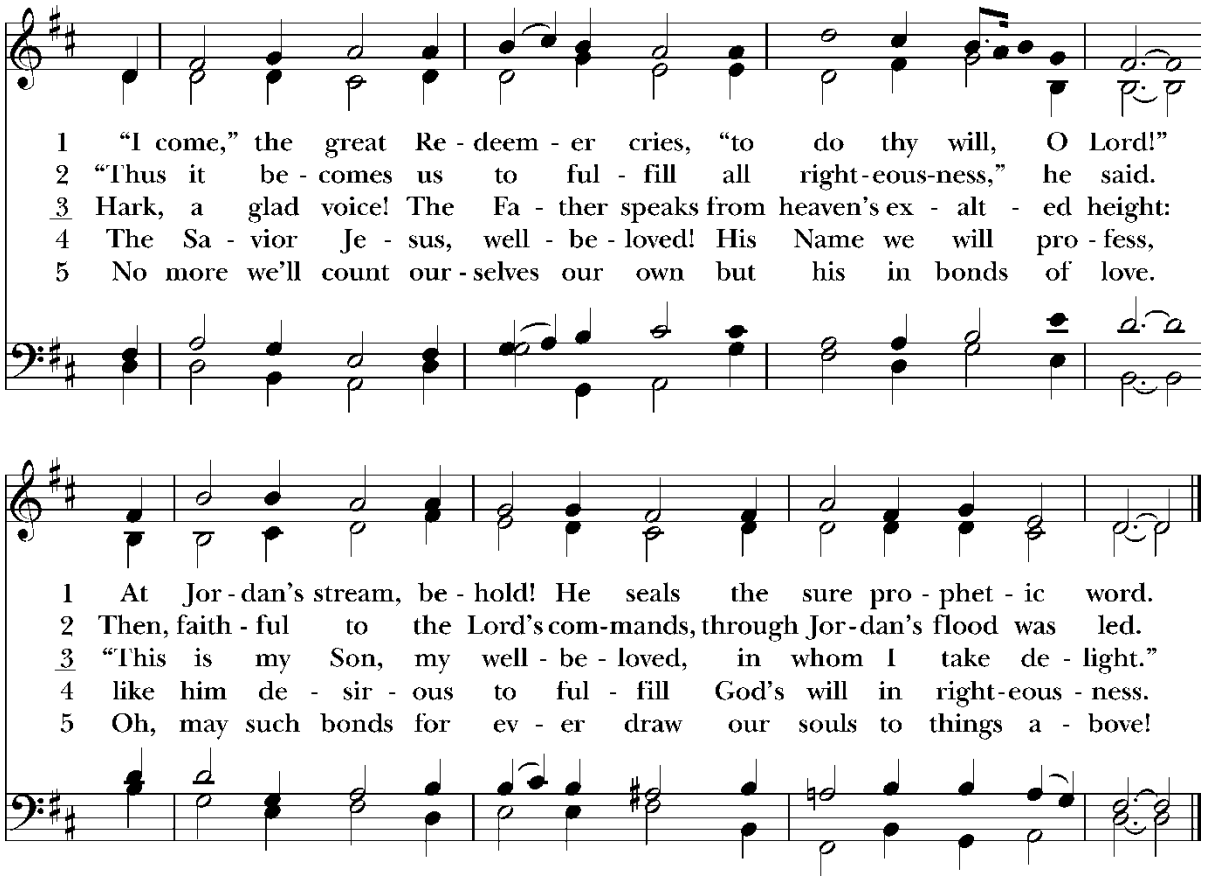
POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *'I come' the Great Redeemer Cries* (H 116)



Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

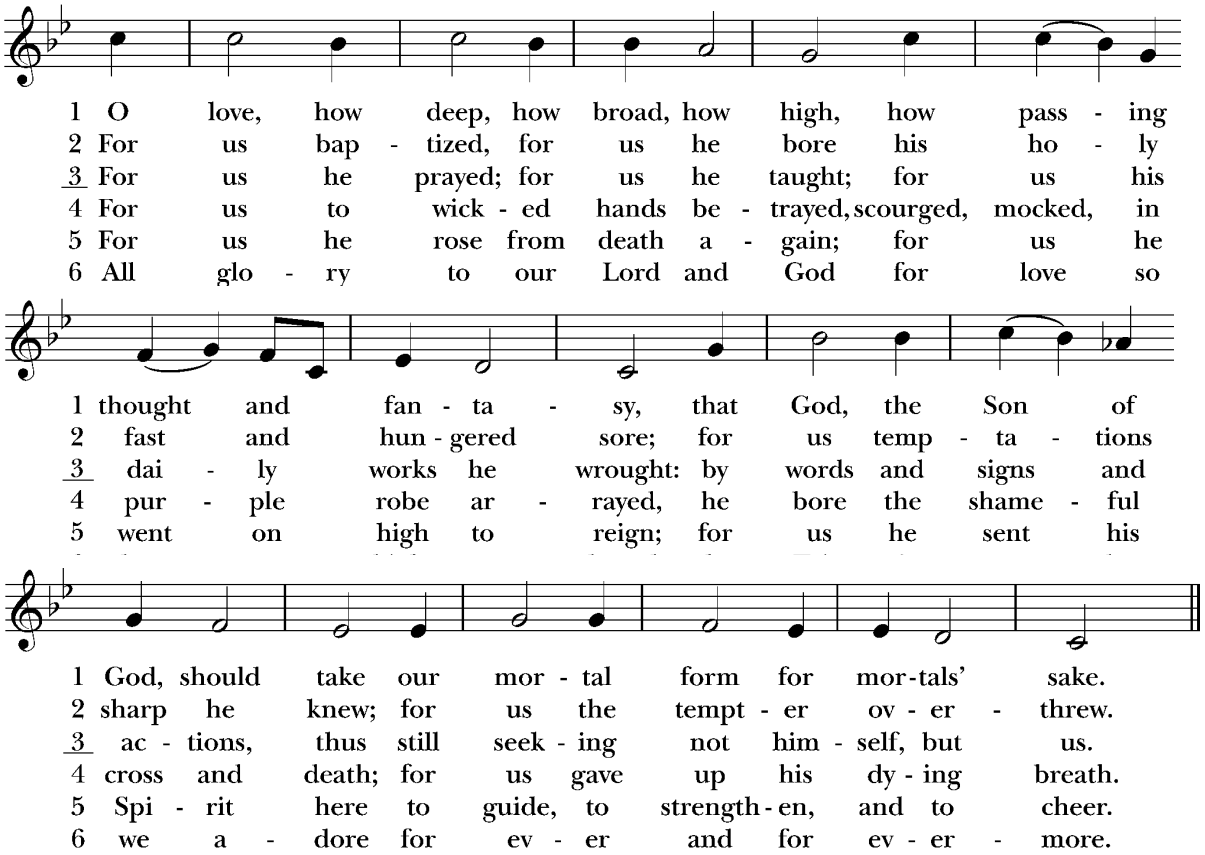
Celebrant and People

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: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* (H 449)



Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Postlude on Deo Gratias,* Noel Rawsthorne

TODAY'S SERVERS:
Celebrant: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Crucifer: Douglas Colmery
Eucharistic Minister: Karl Roshong, Demetrius Carrothers
Video: David Lewis and David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson and Kelli Green
Lector: Carol Sutek
Counters: Carol Sutek and David Rotthoff

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

Stop in on Wednesday mornings

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 on Jan. 18. This is a chance for us to review the paths we've traveled in 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. Please plan to stay and – dare we say it – to enjoy.

The Episcopal Church on Venezuela

Episcopal leaders responded to the U.S. attack on Venezuela and the removal of its president by calling for prayers and peace in the country, according to the Episcopal News Service.

"They expressed both support for Venezuelans celebrating (President Nicholas) Maduro's removal and concern over the legality of the attack," ENS reported.

"The Episcopal Church's General Convention has a long-standing policy that 'condemn[s] in any nation the first use of armed force in the form of a preventive or pre-emptive strike that is aimed at disrupting a non-imminent, uncertain military threat,'" The Episcopal Church said in a Jan. 3 Action Alert released by the Episcopal Public Policy Network. "Even as we recognize that intervention in sovereign states can sometimes be necessary to prevent atrocities, we discourage 'the abuse of this norm to rationalize military actions in sovereign states for political ends.'"

The Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela is based in the capital, Caracas. Ecuador Litoral Bishop Cristóbal Olmedo León Lozana is the provisional bishop of the diocese, which has 10 parishes, 14 missions and four preaching stations.

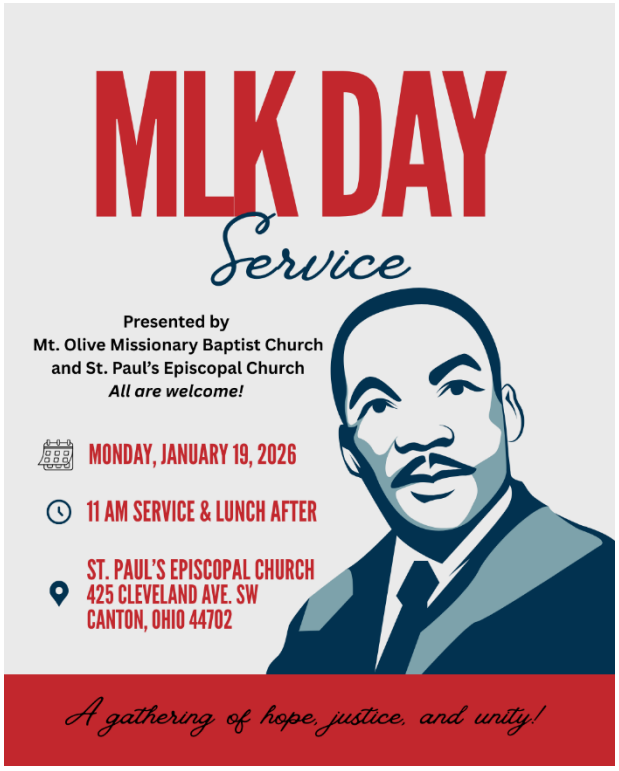
"Episcopalians in Venezuela carry out vital ministries in increasingly challenging conditions, and we fear for their well-being and their church community if these military interventions, and any form of U.S. occupation, lead to more instability and violence," The Episcopal Church's statement said.

Joy-filled service

On Jan. 19, St. Paul's will be hosting the annual service honoring the commitment of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the joy of serving justice, God and humankind.

The 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.

Another way to connect

We're also invited to the 39th annual Shabbat MLK service and reception on Friday, Jan.16. This is the official service of the Greater Canton MLK Jr. Commission and the speaker will be Courtney Johnson-Benson, founder of The Cognition Collective, a motivational speaker and advocate for physiological psychology, diversity, equity, belonging, accessibility, and inclusion.

The service begins at 6:15 p.m. followed by a reception.

Social Justice Book Group: Church and Hate, Unbroken, the blessing of 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.

Looking for another way to dive in?

Our H.O.T. (Harvest Outreach Table) is the oldest continuing ministry of St. Paul's. We gather the fourth Saturday of each month in the Guild Hall with our neighbors and share a meal, conversation and even music.

The St. Paul's crew is joined by others from St. Mark's and throughout the community to make the meals happen. If you'd like to participate, there are plenty of ways: You can contribute milk or ice cream (St. Paul's has a rep as the Ice Cream Church); help prepare food; serve; sit and converse; or learn the awesome power of the St. Paul's dishwasher. It's fun. Please see Susan Phillips or Carol Sutek to learn more.

THE Episcopal CHURCH

What we believe

The mission of The Episcopal Church, as stated in the Book of Common Prayer's catechism, 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."