St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

By your endurance you will gain your souls.

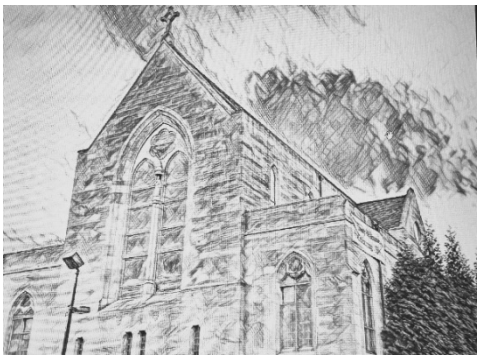
23th Sunday after Pentecost and Stewardship Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Nov. 16, 2025, 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.

23th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby

Readings and Psalm
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
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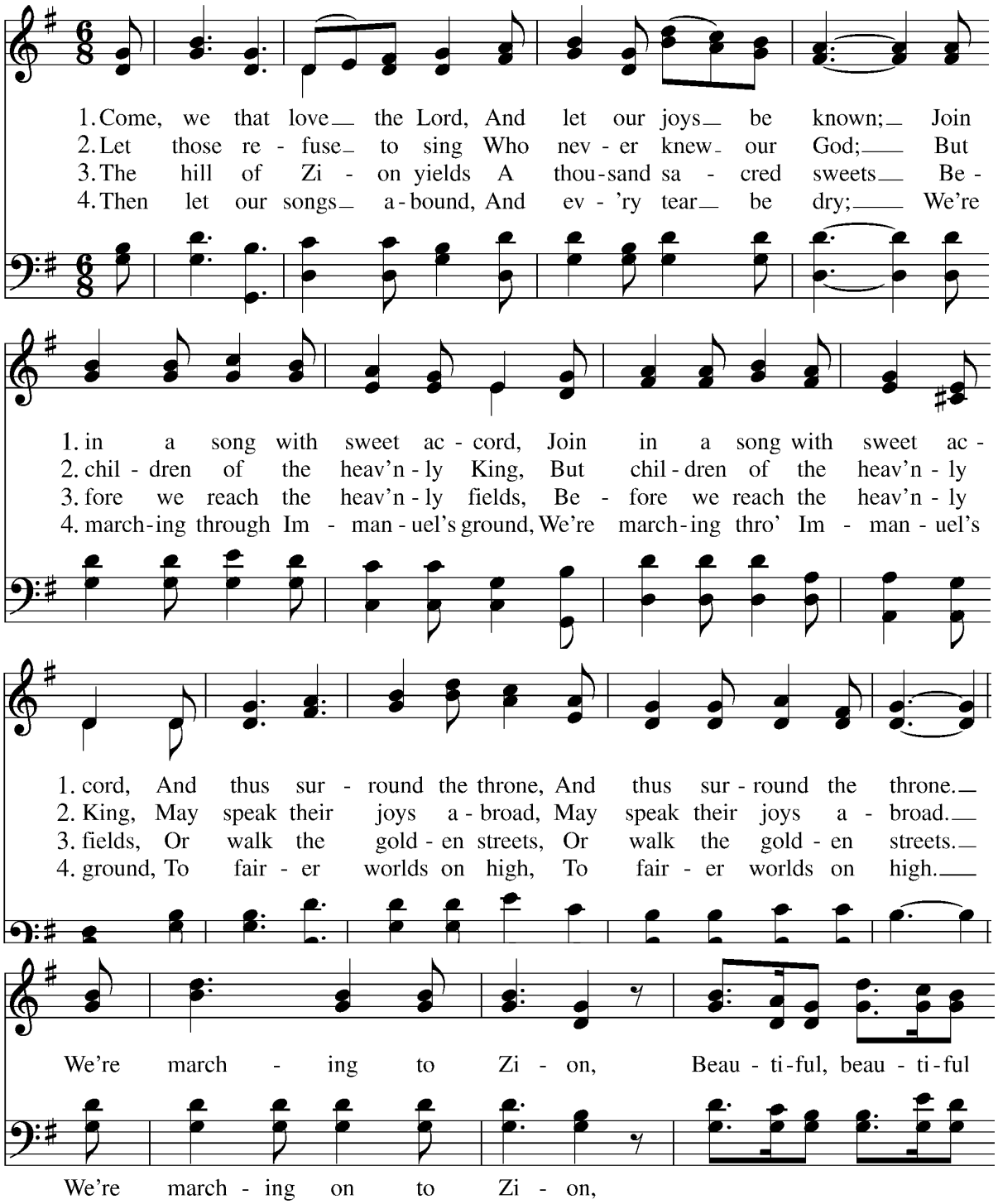
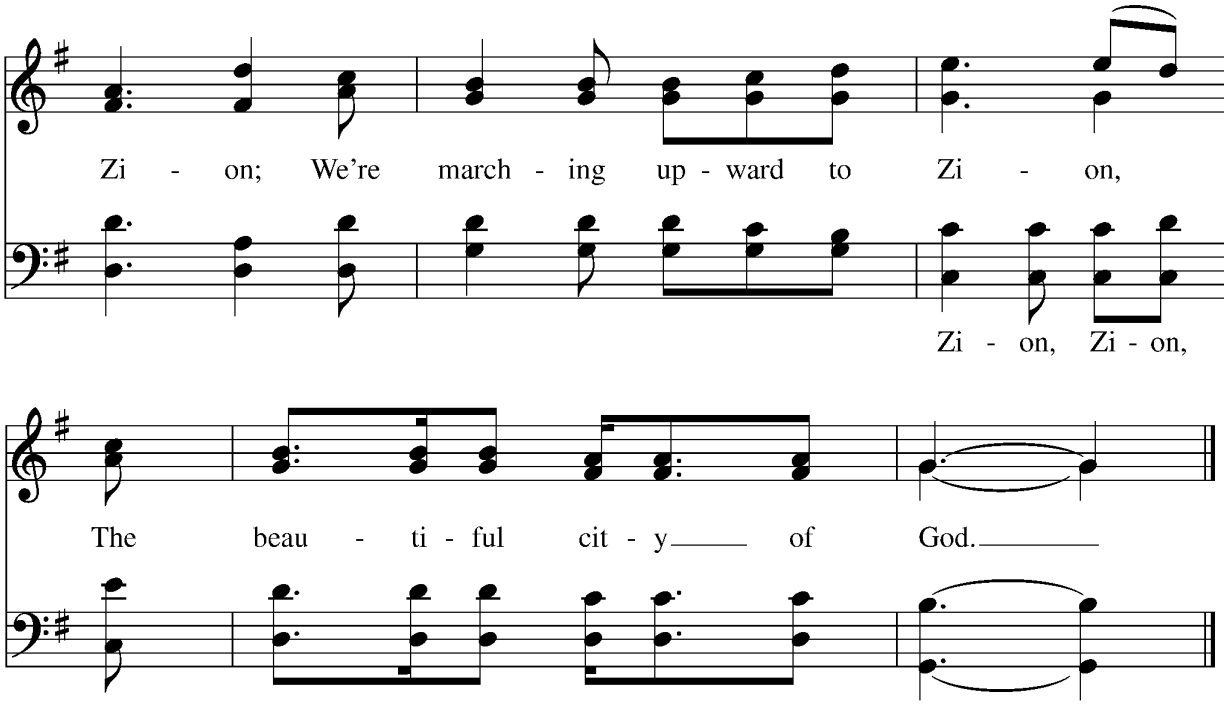
Prelude: *We're Marching to Zion,* Hugh S. Livingston

The Word of God

Please stand if able

Entrance Hymn: *We're Marching to Zion* (LEVAS 12)



Opening Acclamation

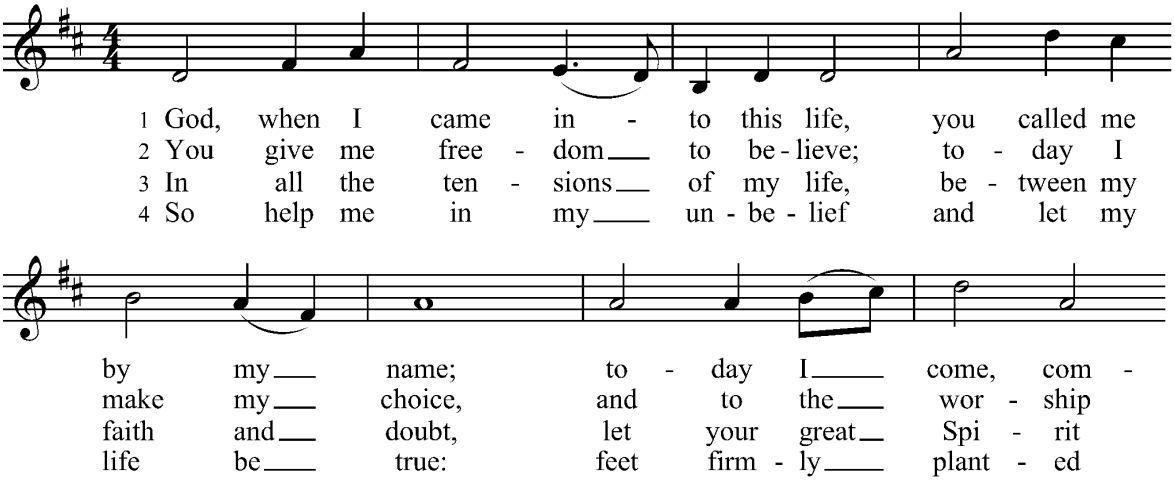
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

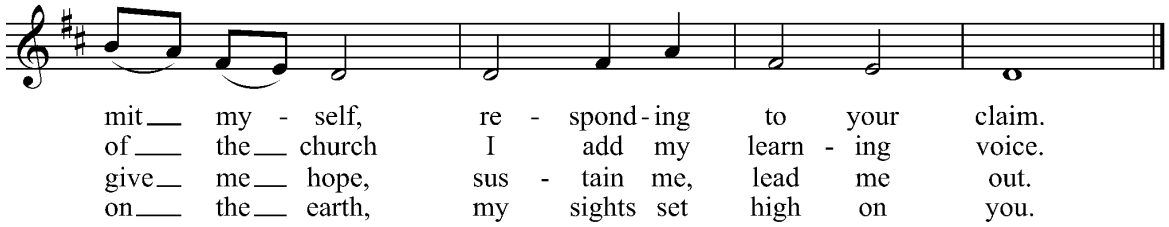
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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: *God, when I came into this life (*Dunlap's Creek*)* (MHSO 123)





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The Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Please sit.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.
[1]See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [2a]But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM 98

[1]Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
[2]With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
[3]The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
[4]He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
[5]Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

[6]Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
[7]With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
[8]Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
[9]Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
[10]In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

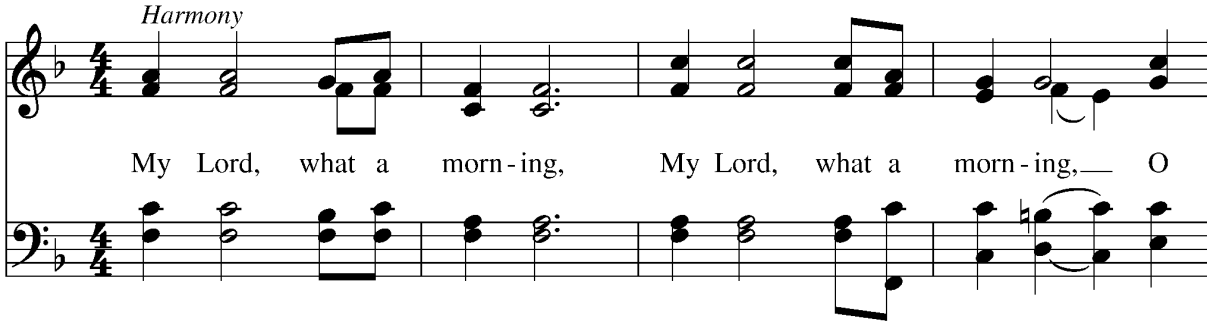
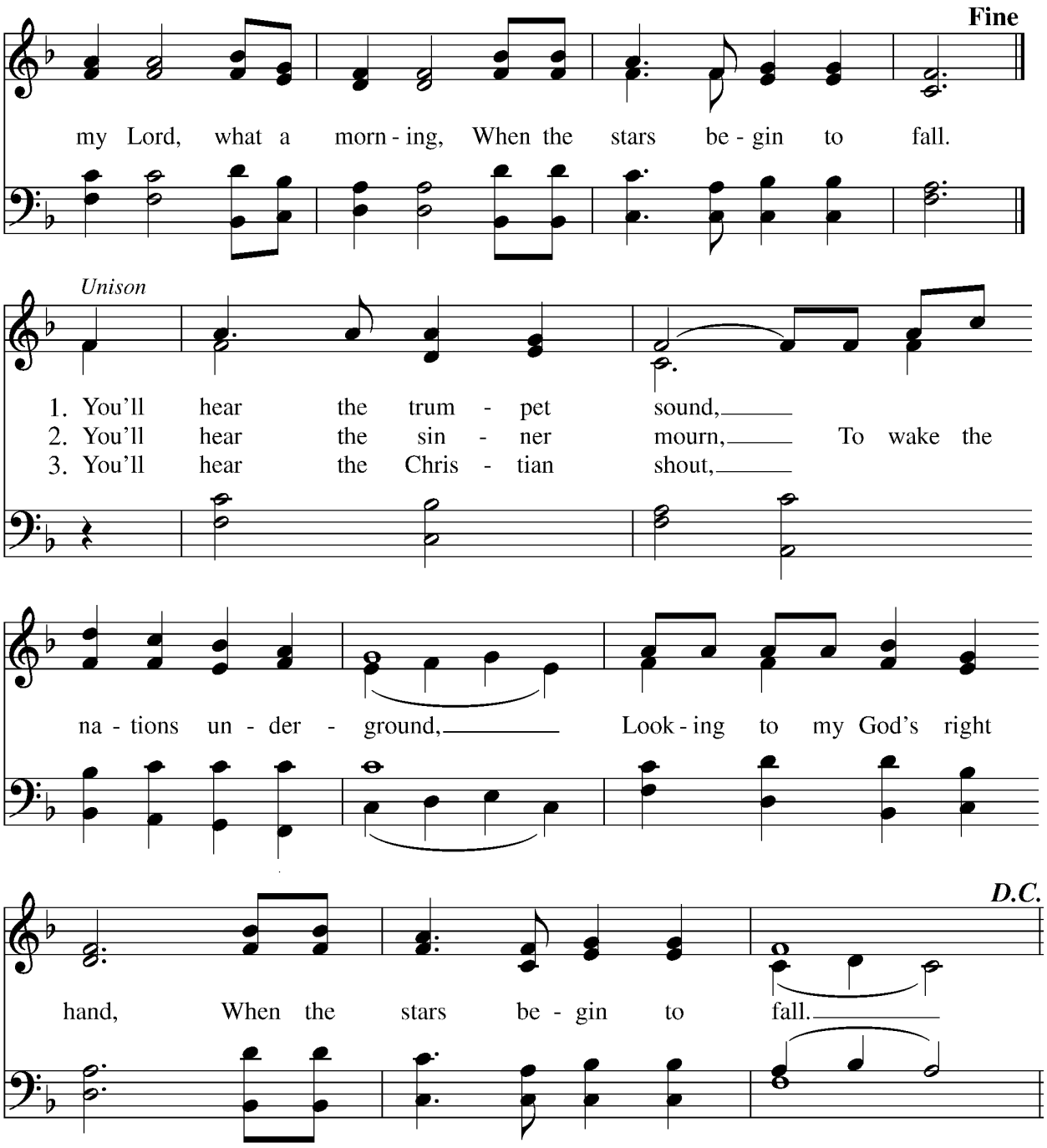
READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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

[6]Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. [7]For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, [8]and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. [9]This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. [10]For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. [11]For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. [12]Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. [13]Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Please stand if able

Sequence Hymn: *My Lord, What a morning* (LEVAS 13)

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GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[5]When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, [6]"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

[7]They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" [8]And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

[9]"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." [10]Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; [11]there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

[12]"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. [13]This will give you an opportunity to testify. [14]So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; [15]for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. [16]You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. [17]You will be hated by all because of my name. [18]But not a hair of your head will perish. [19]By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Joe Ashby

The Creed

Please stand if able

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

Celebrant: Let us cry out to God for peace and a time of healing.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Anne, our bishop, for the Revs. Joe and Kay, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.
Hear our prayer.

For all those holding elective office, for mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.
Hear our prayer.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.
Hear our prayer.

For our city, Canton, and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.
Hear our prayer.

For orphans and widows, the sick and the suffering, especially Alice Bolam, David Rotthoff, Cara Warren, Valerie Frear, Peggy Neidig, Molly Weisel, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Ed Denning, Doug Geissinger, Joanne, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, Steve Hamilton, Deborah Starkey, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Tammy Huff, Vicki Simpkins, and others we name silently or aloud; for travelers and strangers, and all with heavy burdens.
Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, we pray.
Hear our prayer.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others, silently or aloud.

Please say the St. Paul's Discernment Prayer together:
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: God of sinners, hear the prayers we offer this day, rescue us from every evil, and save us for your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

Minister 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: *Prayer of Julian of Norwich* (Carson Cooman)

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.
For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:
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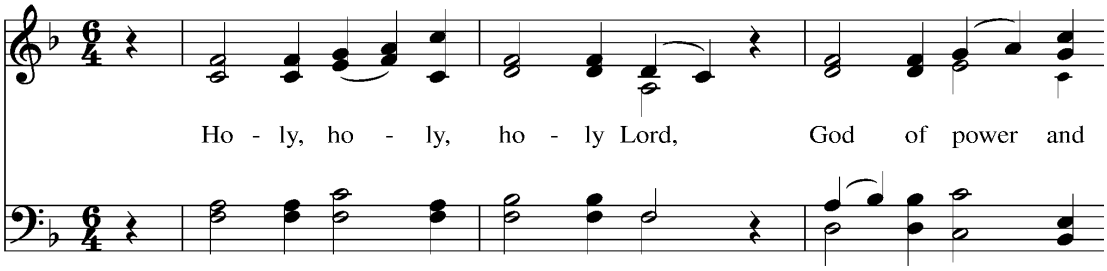
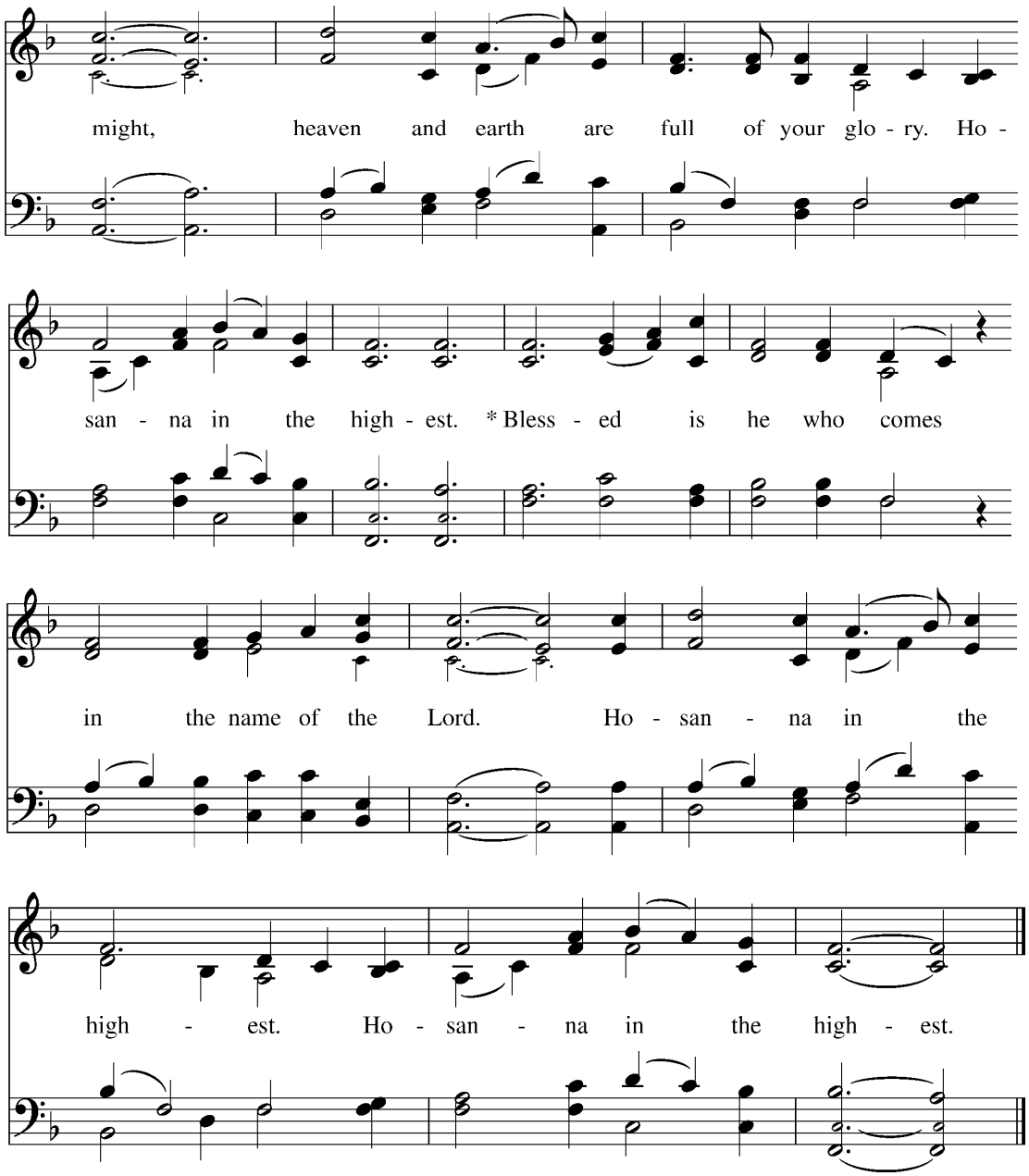
SANCTUS: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (WLP 858)



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,

Celebrant and People
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

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Christ our Passover* (H #S152)

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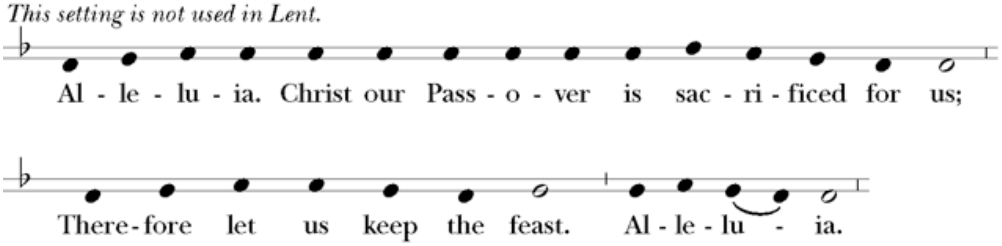


This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Spiritual Communion

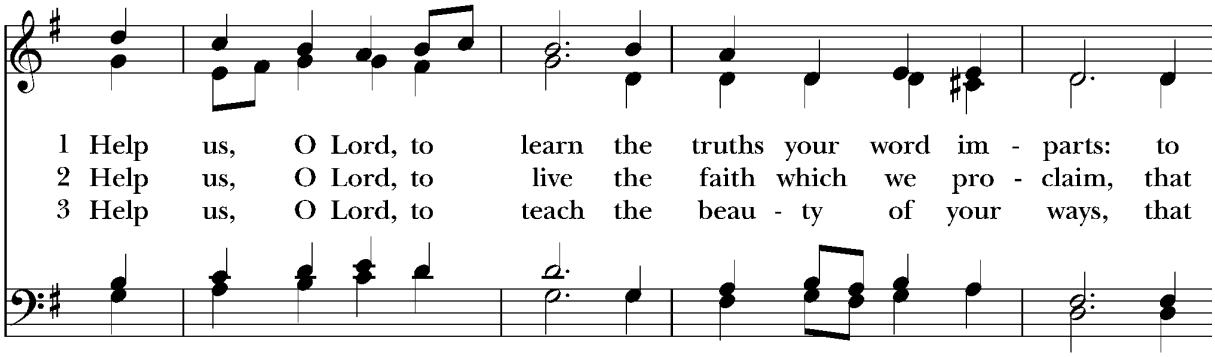
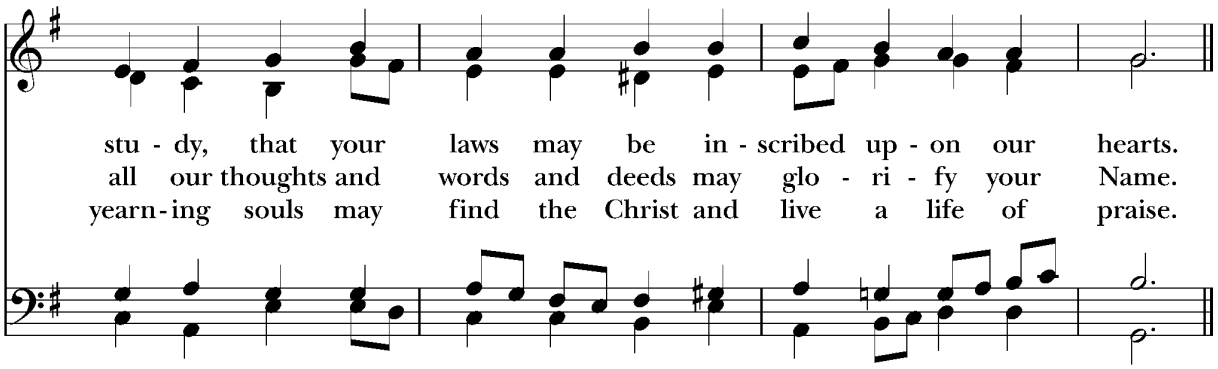
Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

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.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are 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 the parish.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Help us, O Lord to learn* (St. Ethelwald) (H628)



Post-Communion Prayer

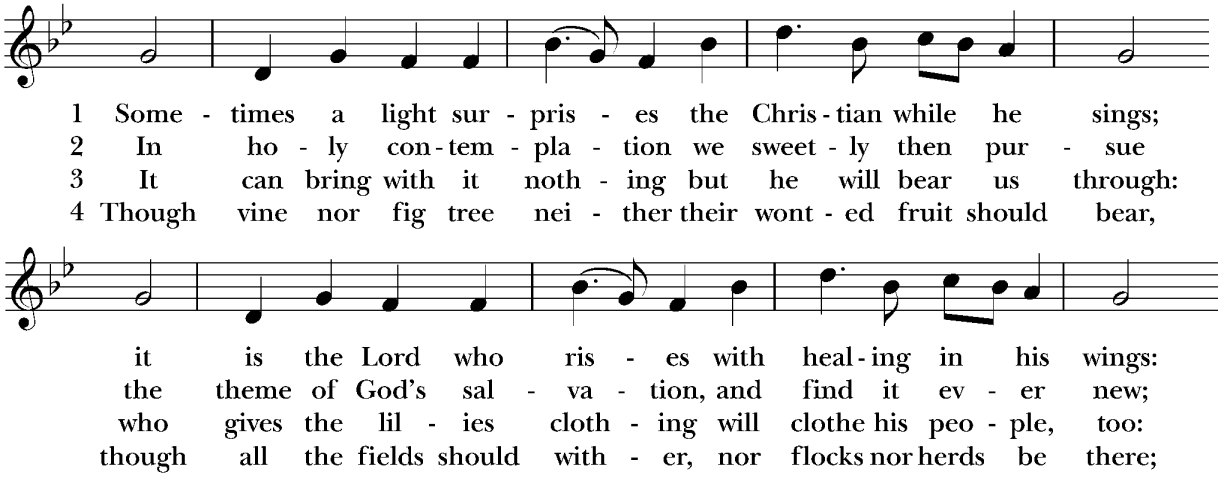
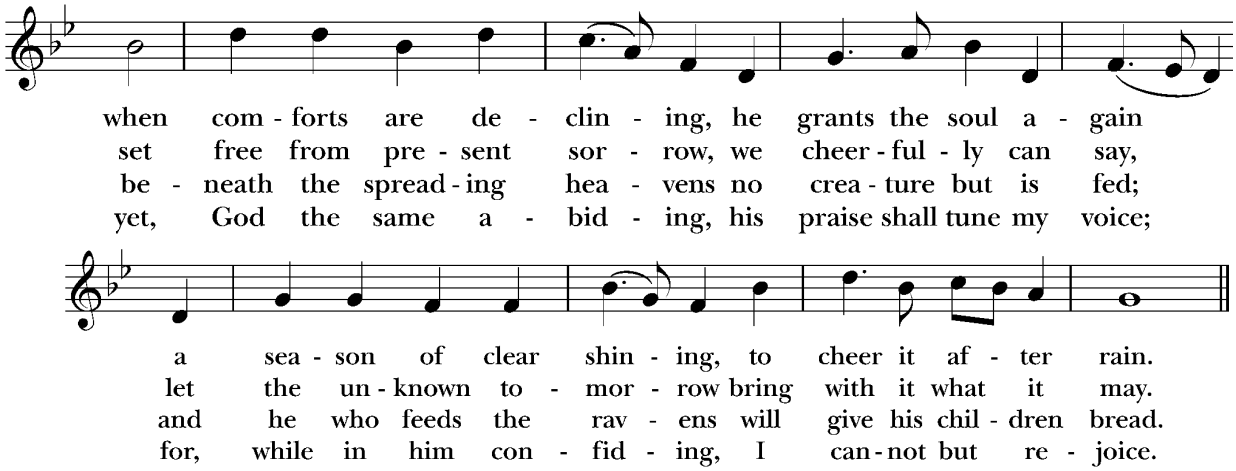
Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

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.*

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: *Sometimes a light surprises* (Light) (H667)



Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Cantilene,* Malcolm Archer

TODAY'S SERVERS:
Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Crucifer: Douglas Colmery
Eucharistic Minister: Demetrius Carrothers
Video: David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Karen Swope and Barb Anderson
Lector: M.L. Schultze
Counters: Karen Swope and David Rotthoff

Announcements

November Birthdays
Alice Bolam, 11/4
Rachel Demastus, 11/5
James Husted, 11/8
Elizabeth Paynter, 11/9
Ronald Neidig, 11/10
Gene Miller, 11/10
Luke Papadeonise, 11/13
David Swope, 11/18
Linda Kendrick, 11/30

November Anniversaries
Gene and Joanne Miller, 11/22
Peggy and Ron Neidig, 11/27

Mark your calendar

The Rev. Audra Abt, Canon for Innovation and Congregational Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, will be joining us Dec. 14.

The Rev. Abt, was vicar of Holy Spirit, Greensboro, and mission developer and pastor of Abundant Life Health and Healing in Greensboro before coming to the Diocese of Ohio in early 2024.

As a multi-lingual priest in North Carolina, she served congregations with members from Latin America, West Africa, the Caribbean, and Black and White members hailing from around the U.S.

In introducing her, the Diocese of Ohio said, "She is excited to share how looking for God in the world, and relating with neighbors by praying and listening, and THEN mutual service, has revealed God's Spirit moving and inviting the church outward again and again to be a part of the yearned-for work of justice, healing, and peace. … In her position as Canon, she will help spark our imaginations and curiosity about how we'll do church differently and help us in the crucial work of launching the College for Congregational Development."

Since she came to the Diocese, Canon Audra has begun hosting monthly "innovation community calls" to get a sense of new ways churches throughout our diocese are approaching their vocations. In November, the call will focus on "stories from people around our diocese who are seeking out public conversations and building new relationships with neighbors unfamiliar with The Episcopal Church. What does it mean to let God move us, the church, in new directions into our communities? And what do we learn when we allow ourselves to be uncomfortable and take risks to follow where the Holy Spirit leads?"

National Cathedral will host former Vice President Dick Cheney's funeral this Thursday

Former Vice President Richard B. Cheney will be remembered in a funeral service Thursday at the National Cathedral at 11 a.m.

Cheney was the 46th vice president of the United States from 2001 to 2009 and before that was secretary of defense from 1989 to 1993 and White House chief of staff for President Gerald Ford from 1975 to 1977. He also represented Wyoming in Congress. He died Nov. 3 at age 84.

"Vice President Cheney devoted decades of his life to public service at the highest levels of government," the Episcopal News Service quoted the Very Rev. Randolph Marshall Hollerith, dean of Washington National Cathedral. "His life was marked by deep dedication to his family and to the country he served."
The public can watch the service on the Cathedral's YouTube channel or on the Cathedral's website.

Experience the joy of Stark County's interfaith efforts

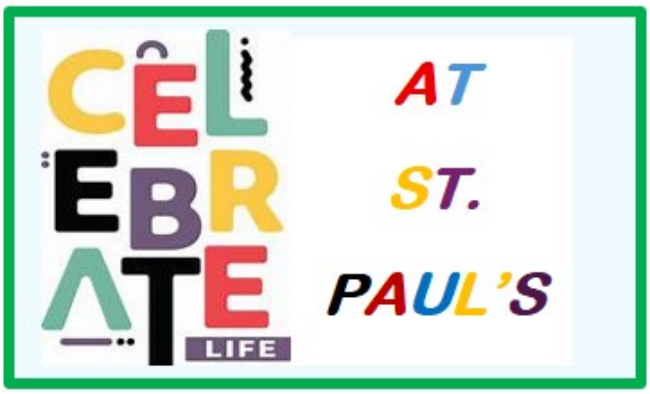
Each year, Stark County's Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith communities join together for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The service emphasizes the shared message of all our faiths to love and care for our neighbor.
The collection at the service also seeds the next year's efforts of Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, which provides Thanksgiving meals for some 1,000 families in our community.
Please plan to join us at Temple Israel on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.. If you want to attend, please sign the contact sheet in the Narthex. For security purposes, the Temple is asking that people register ahead of time.

We hope you'll join *Courageous Conversations on Race Relations* (CCORR) on Tuesday, November 18th, to hear from the Rev. Hector McDaniel who is the President of the Stark County branch of the NAACP. He will be sharing the NAACP's history, its mission now, and ways you can get involved.
Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the Guild Hall with the conversation to follow. We'll wrap up at 8 p.m.

St. Paul's special services through Epiphany (all begin at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

- Sunday, Nov. 16: Celebrating Stewardship, party following service
- Sunday, Nov. 23: Christ the King Sunday
- Tuesday, Nov. 25: Interfaith Service, Temple Israel, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 30: First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 14: Third Sunday of Advent; Canon Audra Abt celebrates
- Sunday, Dec. 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent followed by the Greening of the Church
- Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve; music begins at 7:30, service at 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 28: First Sunday of Christmas, Liturgy of the Word
- Sunday, Jan. 4: Epiphany Sunday St. Paul's service; joint lessons and carols with St. Mark's and St. Timothy's at St. Timothy's, 3 p.m.

Why I love St. Paul's!



Today is the day we share in prayer and action the role St. Paul's has played and continues to play in our lives. Some of that is represented in the ever-growing collage on the Narthex bulletin board. Some of it is represented in the pledges we have been prayerfully considering and are completing today. And some of it, as always, is represented in our breaking bread together. Please join us after service for a party celebrating the life, love and vitality of St. Paul's.