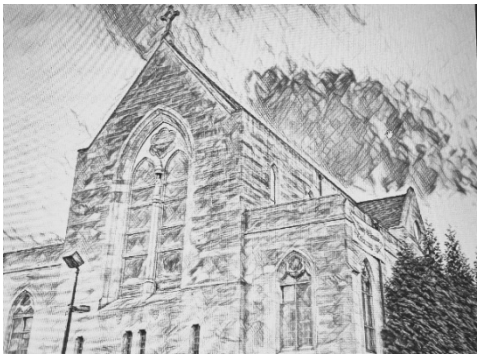
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Christ the King Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Nov. 23, 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.

Christ the King Sunday
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: The Rev. Kay Ashby

Readings and Psalm
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

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Prelude: *Hymn Prelude on Hyfrydol,* Gerald Near

The Word of God

Please stand in body or spirit

Entrance Hymn: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* (Hyfrydol arr. Stephen Cleobury) (H460)

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: *Holy God, we praise thy name* (Grosser Gott) (H366)

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
Son of God, as Savior given;
on the cross thy dying breath
opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land
thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
Savior, who hast died to win us,
help thy servants, drawing near.
Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may
dwell in everlasting day.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Please sit.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

[1]Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says
the Lord. [2]Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. [3]Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. [4]I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

[5]The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [6]In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 46

[1]God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
[3]Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
[4]The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

[5]There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
[6]God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
[7]The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
[8]The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
[9]Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
[10]It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
[11]"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
[12]The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

READING: Colossians 1:11-20

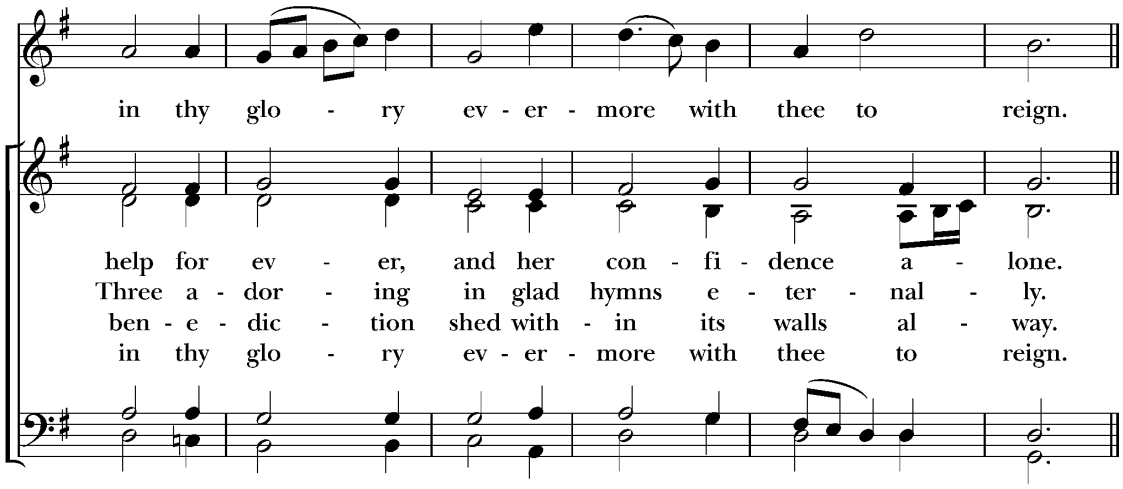
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.
[11]May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully [12]giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. [13]He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[15]He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; [16]for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. [17]He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18]He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. [19]For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20]and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* (Westminster Abbey) (H518)



Please remain standing if able

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

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

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the
criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 ⟦Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they
do not know what they are doing."⟧ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people
stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself
if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and
offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There
was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the
Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned
justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing
wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied,
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Kay 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, 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

Vows of the Daughters of the King, St. Elizabeth Chapter

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: *Offertory Anthem: Psalm 150,* Bob Chilcott

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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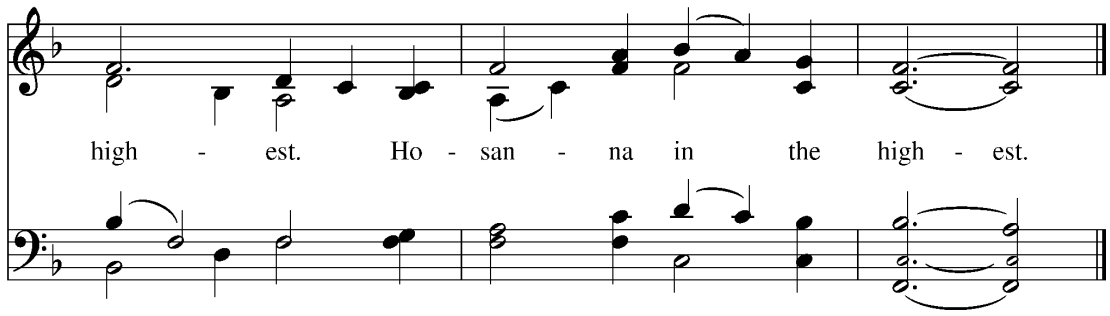
SANCTUS: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (WLP 858)



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.***

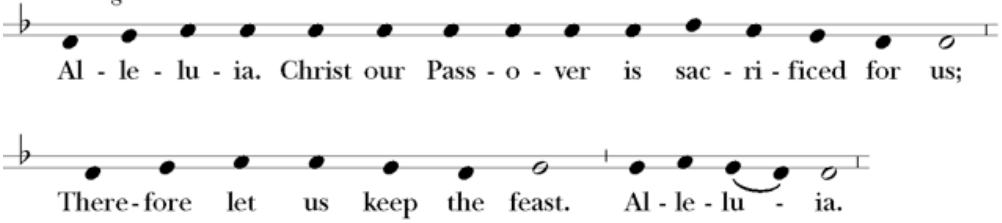
The Lord's Prayer

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)

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.

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.

POST COMMUNION: *Laudate Dominum,* Wolfgang A. Mozart

Post-Communion Prayer

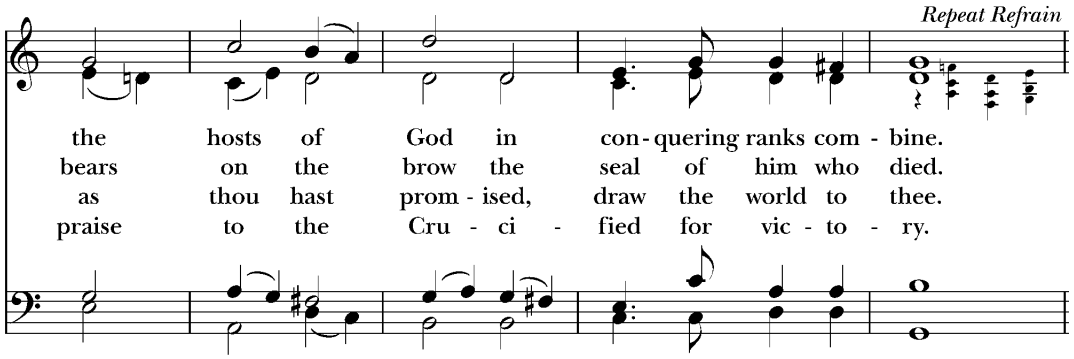
Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

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: *Lift high the cross* (Crucifer) (H473)



Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Canon,* Josef Rheinberger

TODAY'S SERVERS:
Celebrant: The Rev. Kay Ashby
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Crucifer: Karl Roshong
Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery
Video: David Lewis
Altar Guild: Barb Anderson and Susan Phillips
Lector: Demetrius Carrothers
Counters: Demetrius Carrothers and Kelli Green

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

Making the most of Advent

Next Sunday starts the holy season of Advent and the new church year. The name "Advent" comes from the Latin word for "coming," and the season is a time of preparation, expectation and a joyful stillness in a frenetic world. It tells us that the waiting itself can be an act of faith, and St. Paul's gives the season its due by waiting until the Sunday before Christmas to green the church to celebrate Christ's birth.

St. Paul's invites you to deepen your understanding and the quiet joy of Advent in two ways this year:

Starting next Sunday (Nov. 30th), join us in the Guild Hall after worship for an Advent class. We will explore the different Gospel accounts leading up to the birth of Jesus. Fr. Joe will lead the class using material from the book "***The First Christmas"*** by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This is an excellent way to prepare to welcome the Christ child on Christmas.

And building on the amazing generosity of last year, we are once again filling our "Reverse Advent Calendar" bags with the necessities of life, which we will deliver on Epiphany to our neighbors at the YWCA. Thanks to all of you, last year's effort -- the first for St. Paul's – wrapped up with the collection of thousands of items.
Next week, we'll distribute the bags and the calendars for everyone to take home. Then each day of Advent, each of us will prayerfully put one item into our bags: from nail clippers to bottles of shampoo to canned goods. This year's need is even greater than last.

And Happy New Year! The church liturgical calendar follows a three-year cycle and we are about to begin Year A. What's that mean? It means the Gospel according to St. Matthew will be read throughout the year, beginning next Sunday. We just finished Year C, which followed Luke. And the Gospel according to Mark is read most Sundays in Year B (because Mark is shorter than the other Gospels, John is read during Lent and Easter and on some other Sundays).

Returning to the common cup

St. Paul's is preparing to return to the practice of offering communion in two forms: the host and the common cup, doing away with the intinction cups we've used in recent years. We are following the lead of the national church and the Diocese of Ohio, as well as health guidance that -- while the risks of transmission are very small -- intinction (dipping the host into a small cup) is more likely to transmit germs than drinking from the

chalice directly. The reason is that intinction requires more handling of the host, and hands are the primary way we come into contact with pathogens.
It's important to remember that receiving the host only is full communion; you do not need to receive the wine as well to be fully in communion with God.
We would love to explore this further with all of you. Please stay after service today for a coffee-hour discussion.

Restoring our south wall

Those of us attending the last Ash Wednesday service got to witness the power of nature as a deluge of rainfall outside took a detour, sending water cascading down the south wall of St. Paul's sanctuary near the Lady Chapel. It took awhile, but the roof has been repaired and fresh leaks in both the sanctuary and the kitchen appear to be a thing of the past. Now we're preparing to fix the damage left behind by replastering the sanctuary wall. At last week's meeting, the Vestry approved a bid from Rorick's to do the work. It will require moving pews along the south wall and erecting scaffolding. To ensure the work does not interfere with our preparations for and celebration of Christmas, the repairs will begin after Epiphany.

AEP building sale and its potential impact on St. Paul's

The city of Canton is planning to buy the AEP (Ohio Power) building just north of St. Paul's. The city hopes to move overcrowded offices such as the law department into the building and AEP is also considering boosting its own employees in the building from about 40 to 90. The move would connect the near southwest end – now cut off by the largely vacant building and surface parking – closer to downtown and perhaps suggest ways St. Paul's can partner closer with downtown activities, employees and residents.
More immediately, the sale negotiations also include nearby parking lots, and that means the section of what was the St. Paul's lot that runs parallel and closest to Fourth Street SW. The church reached an agreement to sell that section to Ohio Power back in the 1970s or early 1980s (we're still researching). Part of that agreement was to give St. Paul's full access to the lot on Sundays. We've been in touch with the city to get more information on how the sale could affect that agreement, and have been reassured that the city overwhelmingly wants to ensure no disruption of the neighborhood and be a good neighbor itself.
Negotiations between the power company and the city are ongoing, but Mayor William Sherer told the Repository the city hopes to complete the deal by year's end. We'll keep everyone up to speed as we learn more.

This is a special Sunday for the Daughters of the King

This Christ the King Sunday is a special Sunday of renewal and growth for The Order of the Daughters of the King, a spiritual sisterhood dedicated to prayer, service and evangelism – and a lifelong journey with Jesus Christ. Its vision statement is simple: "We are women of courage who have made a commitment to serve God, our King. We wear our crosses as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. We see our Order as a community nurturing women, accepting all people."

The spiritual sisterhood includes communicants of the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches.

The St. Paul's chapter is the St. Elizabeth chapter, named for Elizabeth of Hungary (Feast Day Nov. 17), a princess, countess and saint. She married at the age of 14 and was widowed at 20. After her husband's death, she regained her dowry, using the money to build a hospital where she served the sick.

The symbol of our order is bread and roses. The story behind those symbols: Elizabeth was taking bread to the poor in secret when she was met by her husband and his hunting party. To quell the suspicions of the gentry that Elizabeth was stealing treasure from the castle, her husband asked her what was beneath her cloak. Opening it, she revealed a vision of red and white roses, proving God's protecting hand was at work.

The emblem you see DOK members wearing around our necks or pinned close to our hearts is a silver Greek cross. The initials, FHS, at the base of the cross remind us that our prayer, service and evangelism are done "For His Sake."

"For his sake
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?"