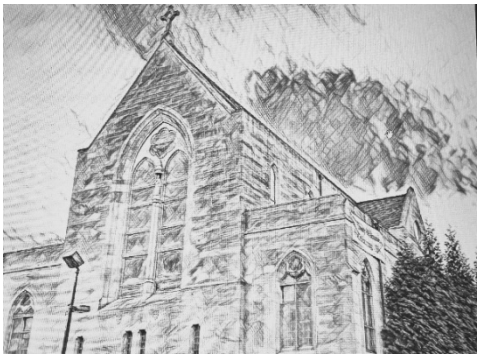
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite 2
April 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's

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



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St. Paul's Mission

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

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

"Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World."
"God Loves You. No Exceptions."

Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrants: The Revs. Joe and Kay Ashby

Readings and Psalm
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35
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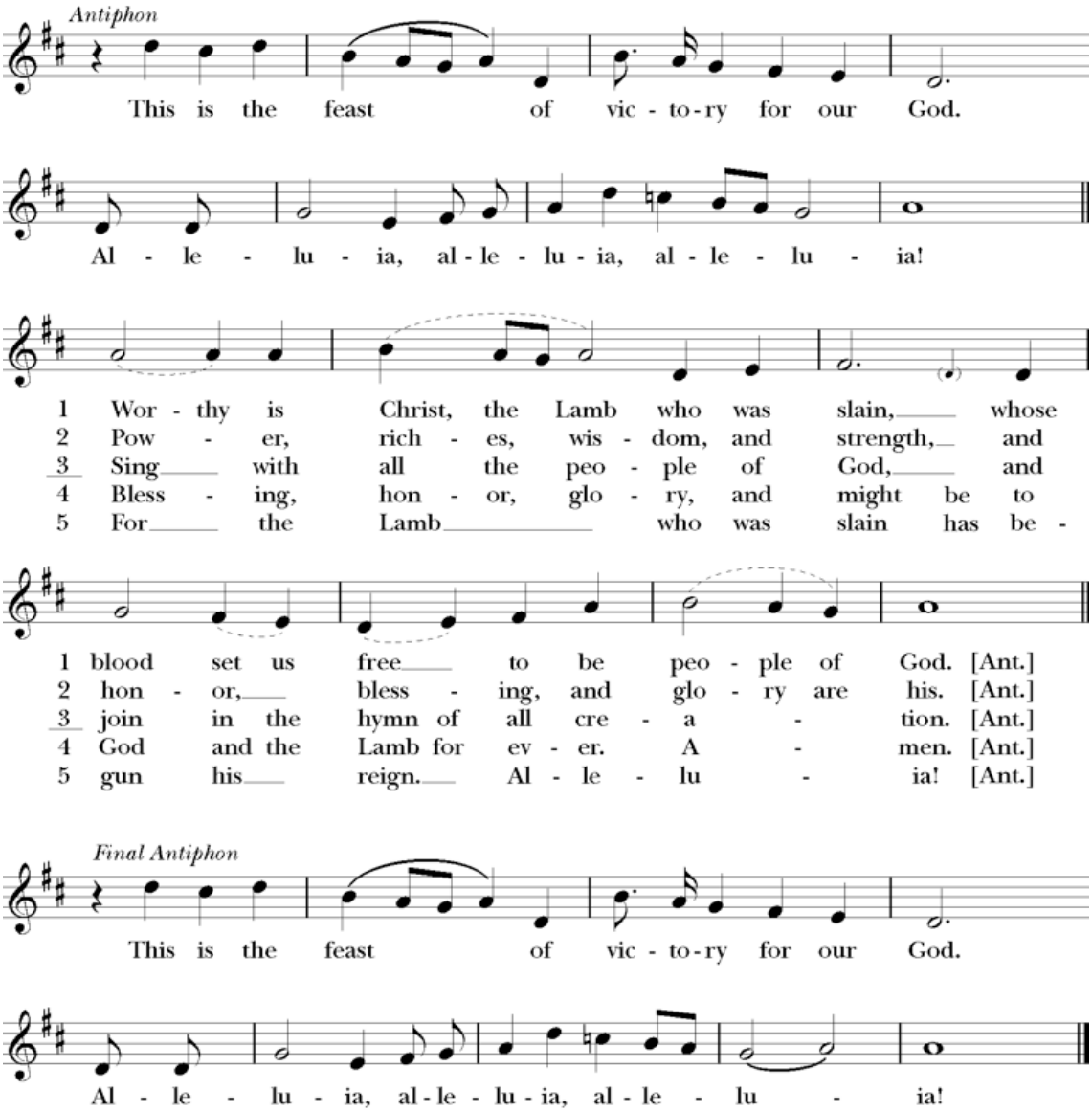
Prelude: *Prelude on Sursum corda* (Leo Sowerby)

The Word of God

Please stand in body or spirit

Entrance Hymn: *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain* (H 417)



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

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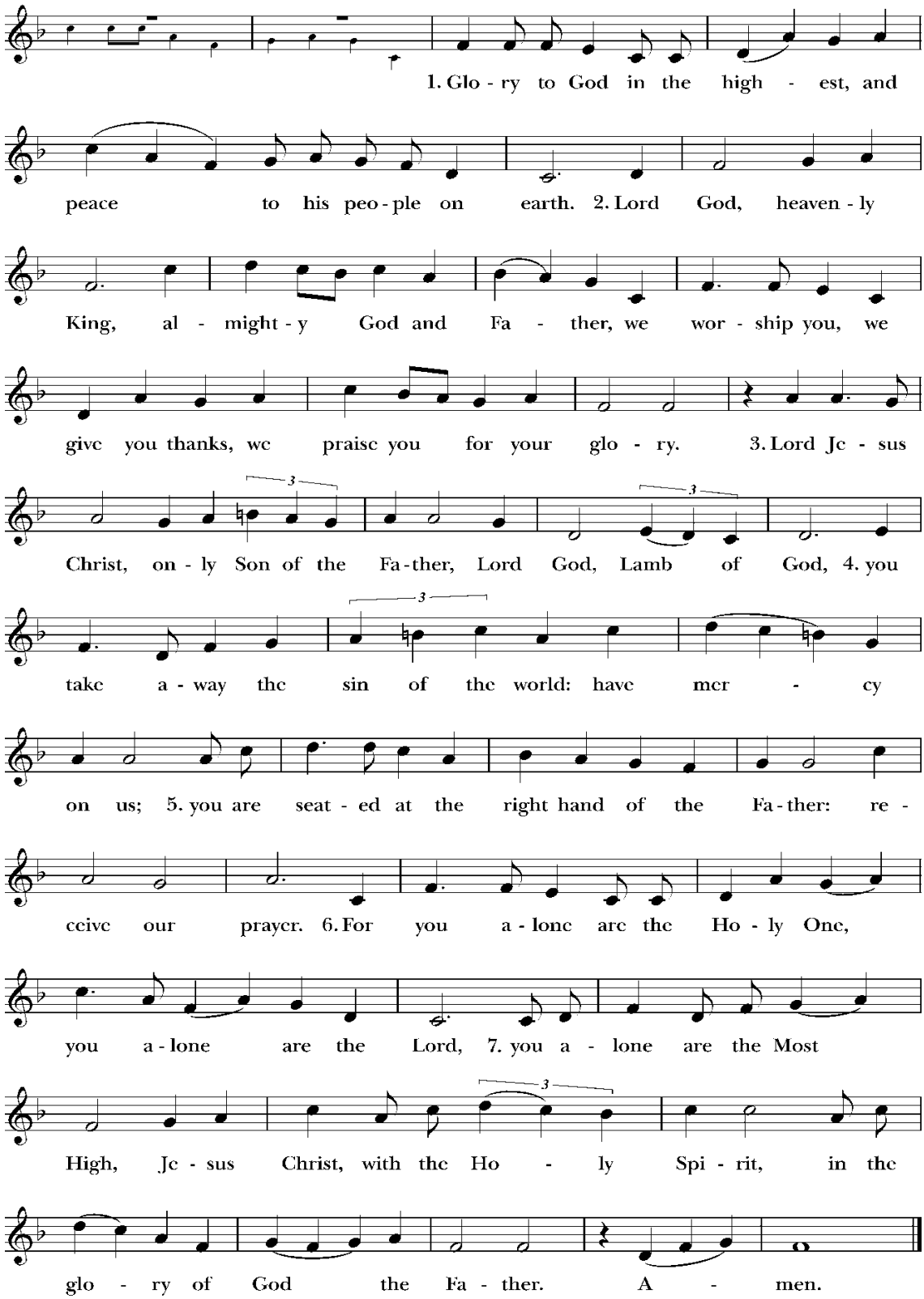

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The Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please sit.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the
crowd], 36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made
him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the
other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be
baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your
children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to
him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save
yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 So those who welcomed his message were
baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people.
[13]Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
[14]O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
[15]I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
[16]I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
[17]In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

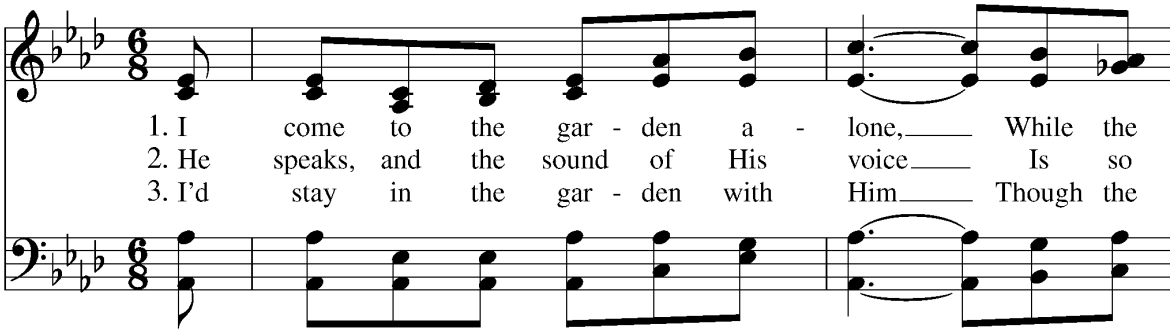
[17]If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. [18]You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, [19]but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. [20]He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. [21]Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

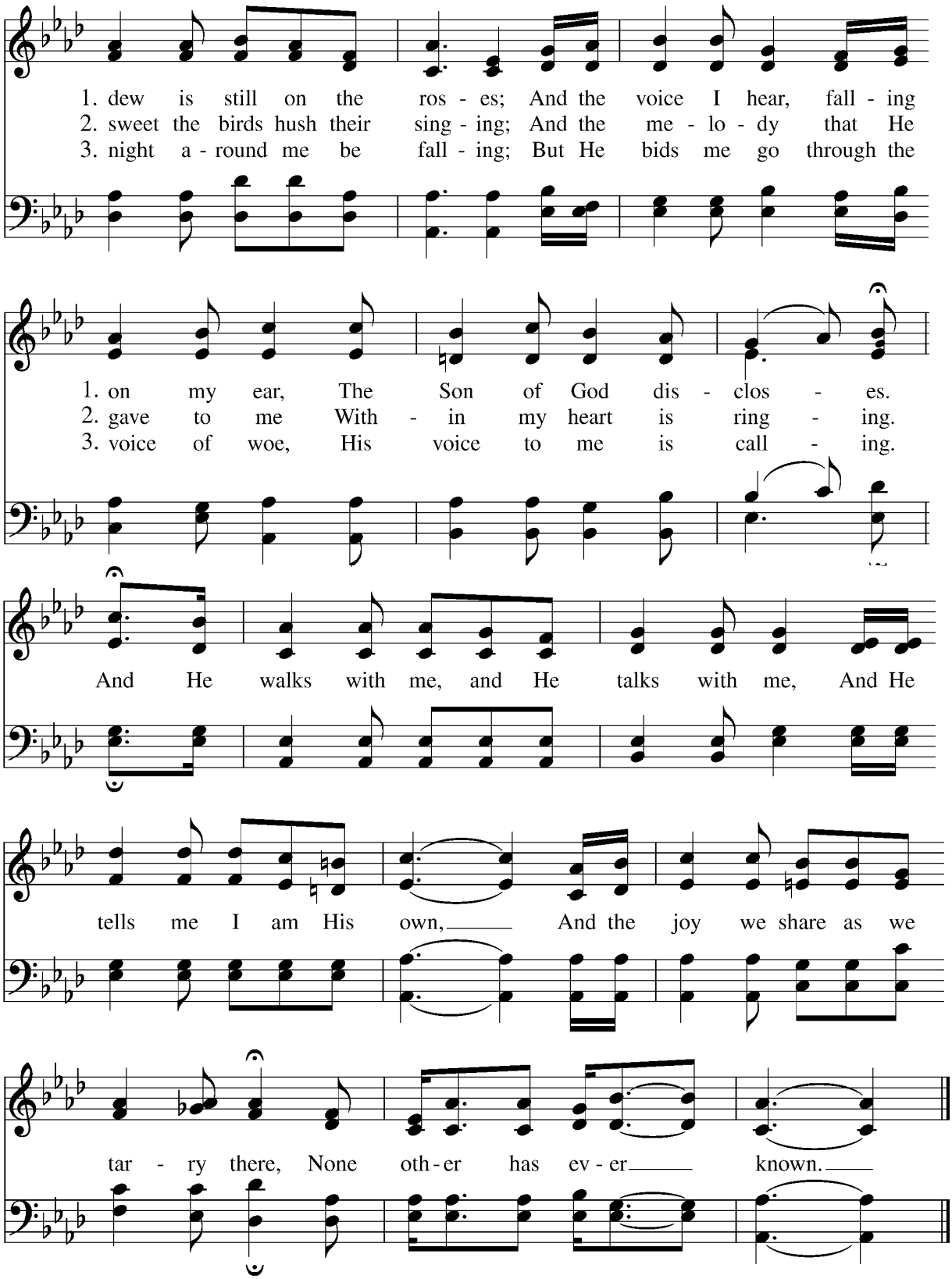
[22]Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. [23]You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: *In the garden* (LEVAS 69)




1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the
1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He
tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we
tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Please remain standing

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

13 Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things
that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near
and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to
them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still,
looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the
only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in
these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of
Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the
people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to
death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes,
and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover,
some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and
when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed
seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us
went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see
him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe
all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer
these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the
prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he
were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost
evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was
at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then
their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their
sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was
talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour
they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions
gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared
to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made
known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Joe Ashby

Please stand in body or spirit

The Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing

Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Anne, our own Bishop, for Joe and Kay, our clergy, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For all the sick especially Johanna Middleton, Viola Sullins, Jude Schario, Linda Fogle, Peter Dench, Patricia Willford, Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Molly and Nathan Weisel, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Ed Denning, Doug Geissinger, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins, Brinley Wyczalek, Alayna Linquist, Ronnie Long and Debbie Schmiedlen, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Sister Rosina, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

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 For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, 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.

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*.

Please stand in body or spirit

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Church Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence (Psalm 50:14)

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

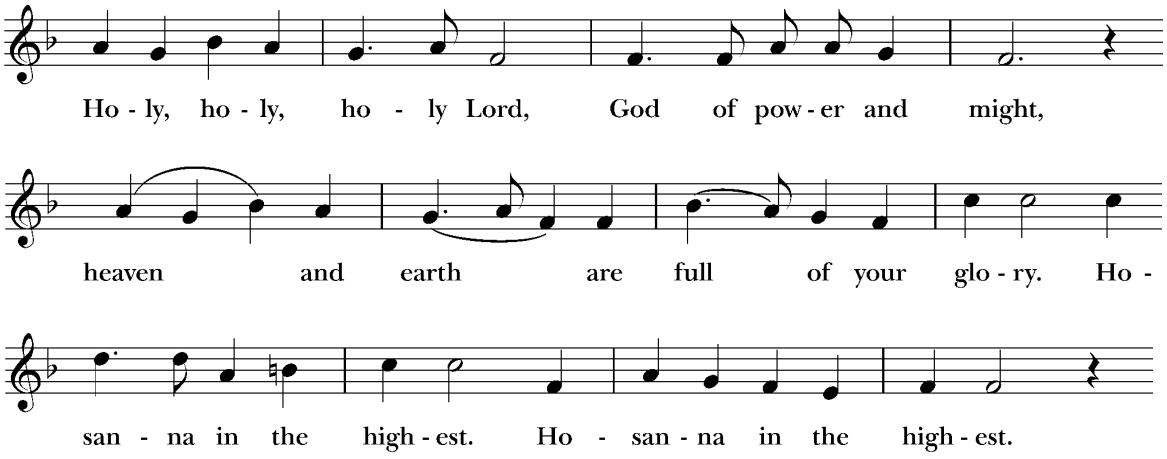
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Alleluia, Christ is Risen* (James Kirkby)

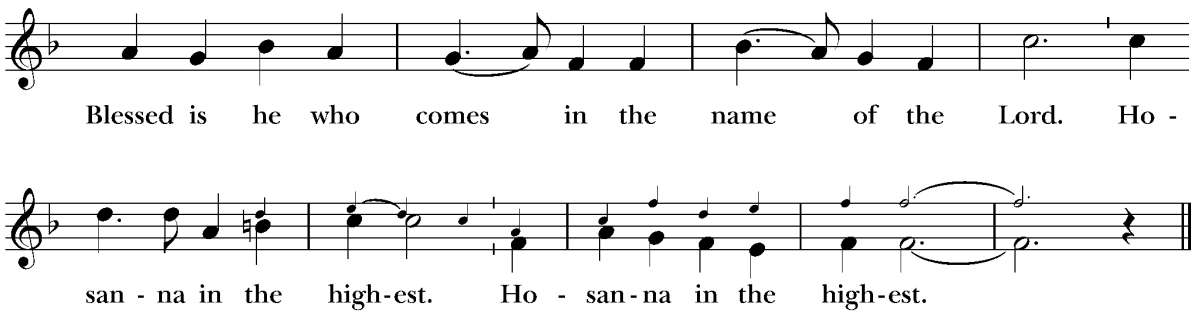
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give 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.
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.
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 S125





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

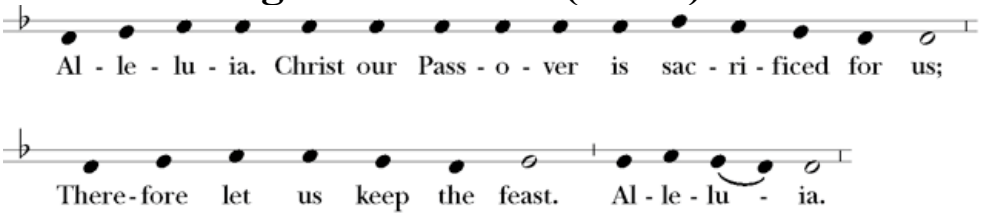
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 (S 152)



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

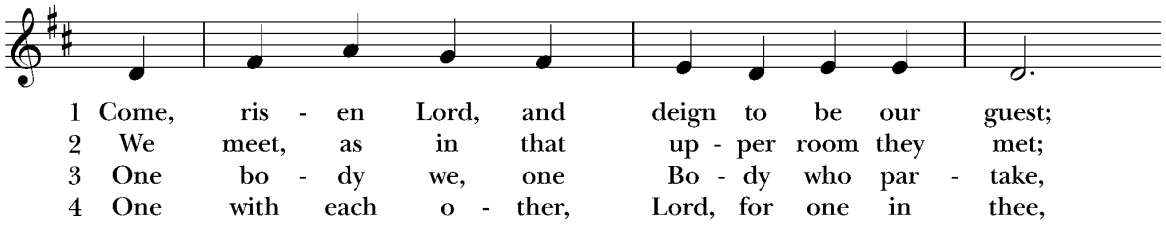
Spiritual Communion

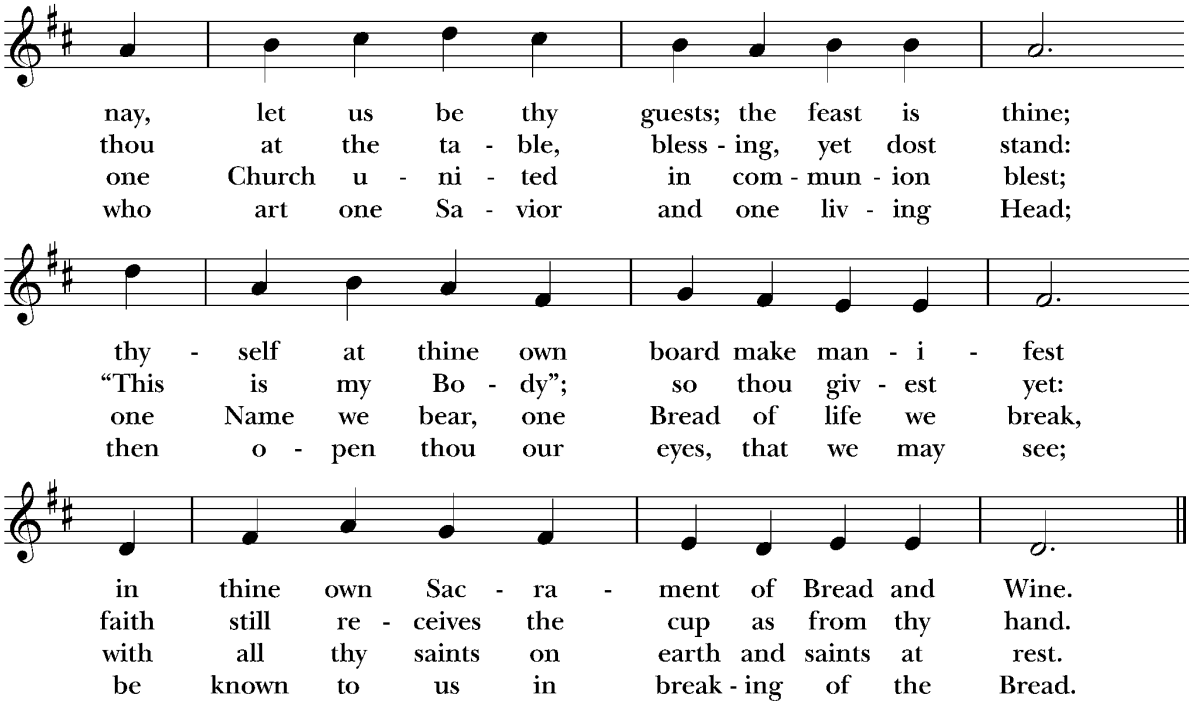
Celebrant Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

****Note to the congregation: Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of St. Paul's.*

POST COMMUNION HYMN: Come Risen Lord (H306)





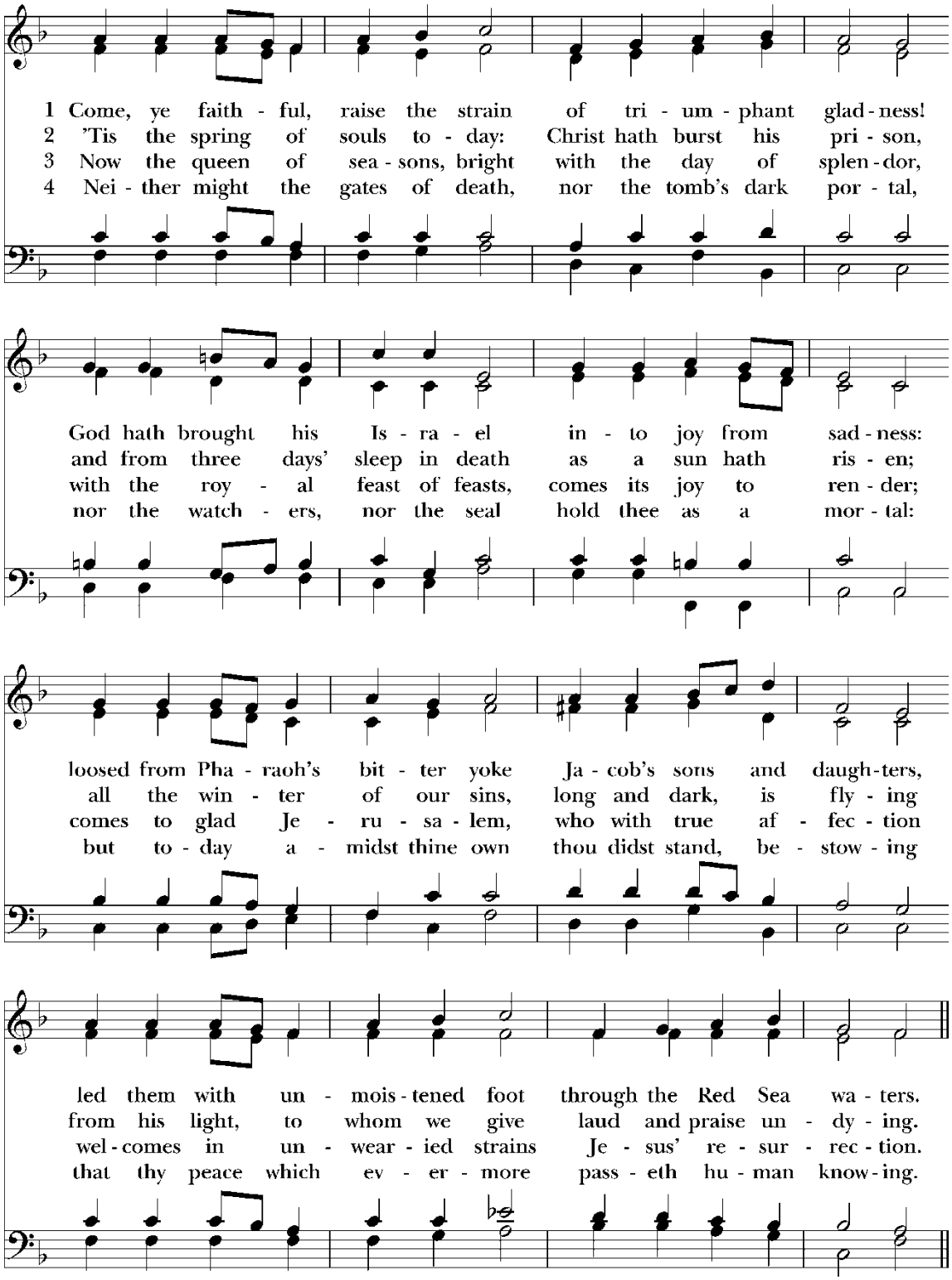
Post-Communion Prayer

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: *Come ye faithful raise the strain* (St. Kevin) (H 199)



Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Trumpet tune in e-flat* (David Johnson)

TODAY'S SERVERS:

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

A prayer for peace

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

Announcements

Happy April Birthdays

Sarah Highman 04/01
Samantha Papadeonise 4/05
Vicky Simpkins 4/09
Matthew Johnson 4/10
Haley Miller 04/11
Doug Colmery 4/13
Carol Sutek 04/13
Jon Coventry 04/18

Happy April Anniversary

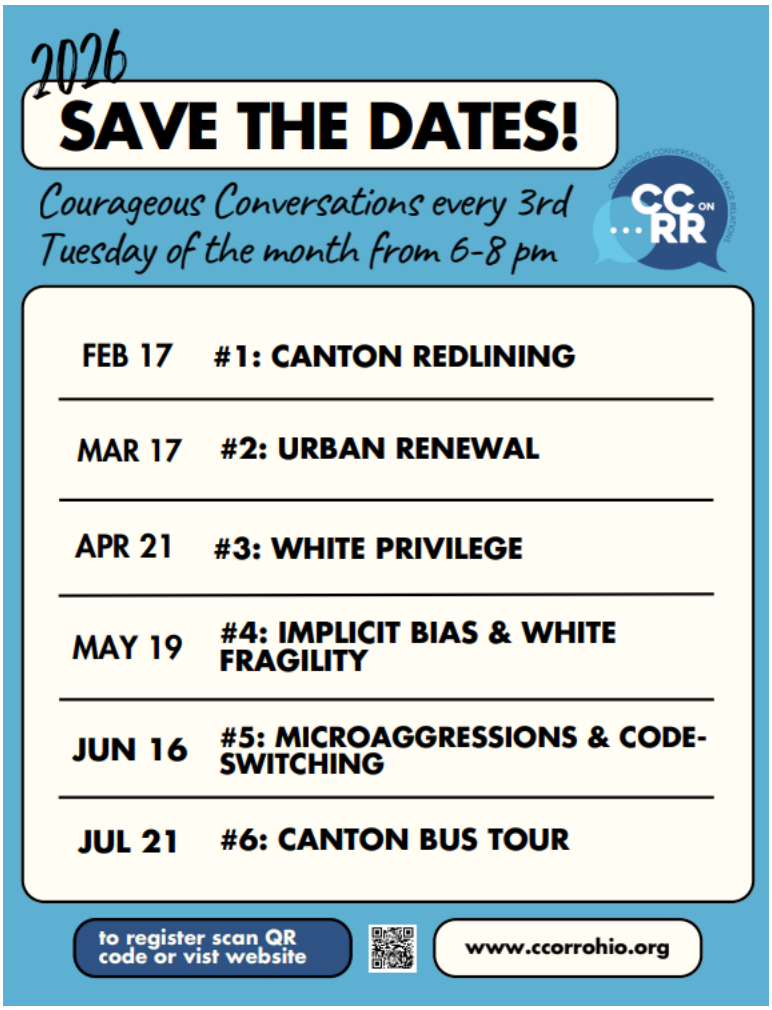
Marcia and Rick Enslen 04/08

Meet the St. Paul's neighborhood

For 157 years, St. Paul's has been planted in the same corner of southwest Canton. Now's our chance to become more a part of our neighborhood.

This Saturday, April 25, is the final day of beautifying the neighborhood that surrounds us, and we've offered to help the Southwest Association of Neighbors. We'll be distributing snacks and drinks to cleanup crews at the SWAN neighborhood garden, which is just southwest of us along 6th Street. We're also inviting the neighborhood to join us for our regular H.O.T. lunch, from 11-12:30. Please let M.L. Schultze, Susan Phillips or Carol Sutek know how you would like to help.

Take the literal steps to learn how different life could be



This Tuesday gives us all a chance to learn more about ourselves and how happenstance has shaped our lives.

Join us for dinner and a Courageous Conversation on Race Relations as we discuss white privilege and explore the ways race played a role in our lives even before we were born. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with activities and discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Live and learn: The spiritual, missionary and leadership aspects of the Episcopal Church

Registration is now open for the Diocese of Ohio's first-ever regional gathering and everyone is invited. The three-day get-together of churches throughout the Diocese will be May 28, 29 and 30, beginning at St. Paul's Akron, then coming to St. Paul's Canton and ending at Christ Church Hudson. You can register for part of one day, all of the three days or anything in between. Here's an outline of the workshops and other sessions.

Thursday, May 28 at St. Paul's, Akron

Noonday Prayer
Parish Administrators Session, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Diocesan Staff Office Hours, 2:30-5 p.m. Individual bookings with diocesan staff.
Dinner, 5-6 p.m. Gather in fellowship to eat and grow in relationship with one another.
A Conversation with Bishop Jolly, 6-7:30 p.m.
Camp, Faith & Friendship, 6-7:30 p.m. (ages 0-18). A taste of Bellwether Farm!
Compline, 7:30-8 p.m.

Friday, May 29 at St. Paul's, Canton

Noonday Prayer
Warden Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Connection, encouragement and wisdom.
Diocesan Staff Office Hours, 2:30-5 p.m. Individual bookings with diocesan staff.
Spiritual Practices to Deepen Beloved Community and Strengthen Our Faith Communities, 6-7:30 p.m. Connecting more deeply with neighbors
Compline, 7:30-8:00 p.m.

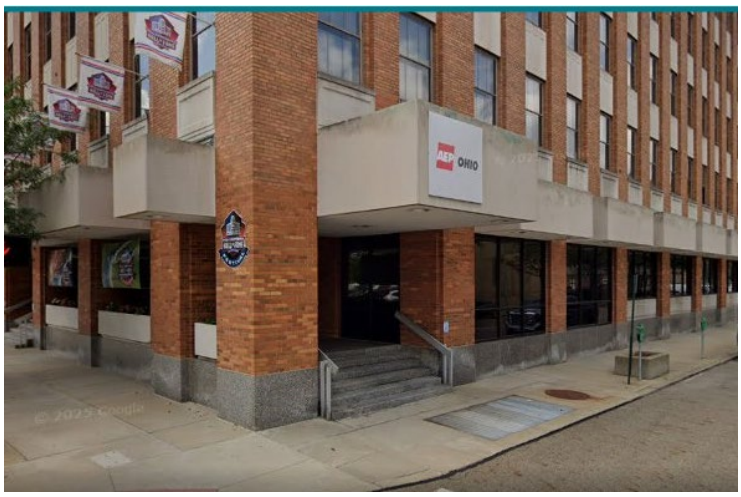
Saturday, May 30 at Christ Church, Hudson

Morning Prayer, 9-9:30 a.m.
Creating Missional Communities Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Considering the people around us who don't participate in church.

Worship Leader Training, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Lay members leading worship and service.
Finance Roundtable, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Tools for accurate financial reporting.
Lunch, 12-12:30 p.m.
Beloved Community: All Are Welcome Training, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Ensuring all are welcome.
Deacons and Missional Communities Workshop, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Workshop for all deacons, aspirants, and people curious about the diaconate.
Stewardship Workshop, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Stewardship as a spiritual exercise.
Holy Eucharist and Regional Confirmation, 3-4 p.m.
Reception, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The city moves closer to St. Paul's

The city of Canton has acquired our neighbor to the north, the AEP property, for $1. That means it also has acquired the northern- most side of the parking lot adjacent to St. Paul's.



The church sold the lot to the power company sometime in the 1980s. The agreement with AEP allows us to use the north side of the lot on Sunday mornings, though the company was in charge of all maintenance.

According to the Repository, the deal between the city and AEP includes the block-long building, bounded by Cleveland Avenue, Third and Fourth Streets and DeWalt SW, and nine adjacent parcels; the building is worth $3 million to $4 million. Under the deal, AEP will lease one floor of the building.

Planning Director Donn Angus told the Repository that a study of the city's uses for the building will take six to nine months before renovations begin. The city's priority is a first-floor safety center.

Reminder: Vestry's April meeting is this Monday at 6 p.m. via Zoom.