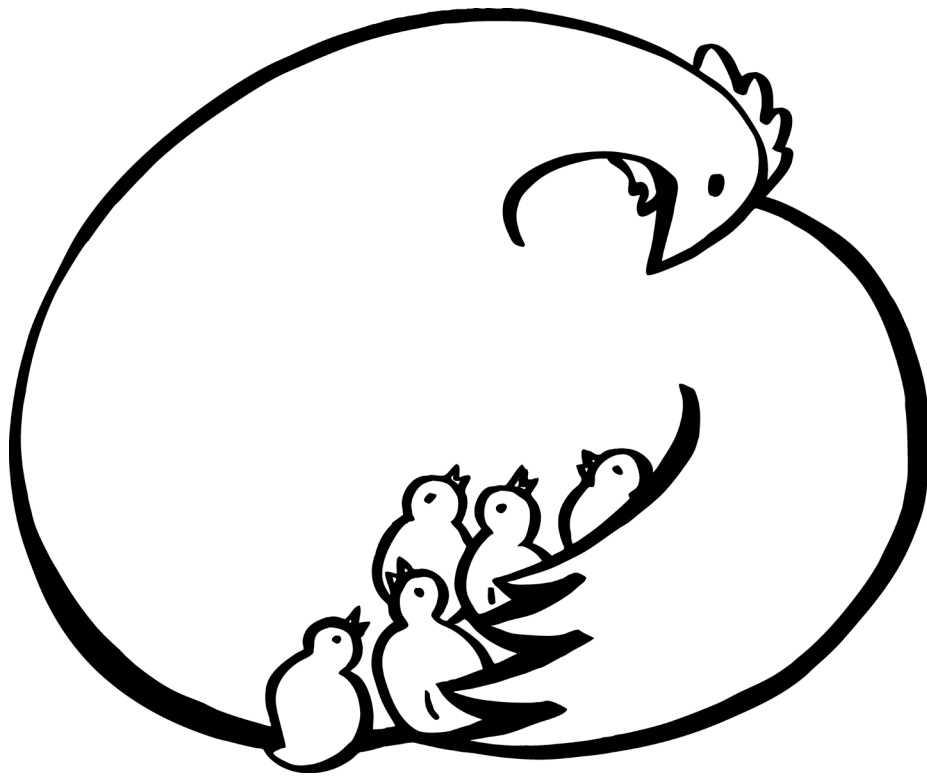


St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio



Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to St. Paul's

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

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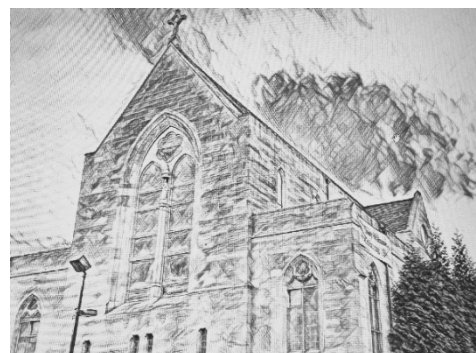
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Our mission

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.

Second Sunday in Lent

Readings and Psalm

- [Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](#)
- [Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)
- [Luke 13:31-35](#)
- [Psalm 27](#)

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The Word of God

Silent Procession

Please stand if able

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.


People His mercy endures for ever.

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: Kyrie

Cantor *All*




Lord, ____ have mer - cy, Lord, ____ have mer - cy;

Cantor *All*



Christ, ____ have mer - cy, Christ, ____ have mer - cy;

Cantor *All*



Lord, ____ have mer - cy on us, Lord, ____ have mer - cy on us.

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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 glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Please sit

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

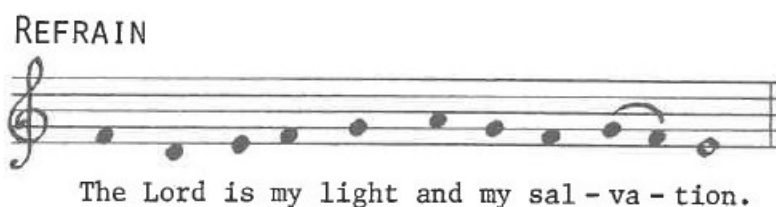
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm: Psalm 27

Remain seated.



- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- ³Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- ⁴And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- ⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- ⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.

¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.

¹⁷What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Remain seated

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

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Who would know the mind of Jesus (Assembled for Song)*

1. Who would know the mind of Je - sus?
 2. Who would fath - om God's com - pas - sion?
 3. Who, by God for - giv - en free - ly,
 4. Let us walk the way of Je - sus,
 5. Let us live the Gos - pel mes - sage,

Let them gaze up - on the cross, see the sign of
 Let them near the cross re - main, hear the Spir - it
 would not show com - pas - sion's face? Let us, by the
 share the cross by neigh - bor borne, love and serve the
 strive to bear the cross each day, spend our - selves for

love un - swerv - ing, un - de - terred by pain and loss.
 groan in an - guish, feel the Fa - ther's grief and pain.
 cross com - mis - sioned, all God's chil - dren now em - brace.
 least a - mong us, care for those the world would scorn.
 peace with jus - tice, build the world for which we pray.

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 Music: RESTORATION; Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Please stand if able

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

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Kay Ashby

Silence

The Creed

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

Remain standing if able

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 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.
 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 the poor, the persecuted, the sick – especially Paul Schmucker, Doug, Ella Thomas, David Lewis, Ashley Szakacs, Deborah Starkey, Ed Denning, John Titmas, Lee Arnold, Sr. Rosina, Beverly Vail, Elizabeth Mapp, Stacy Costley, Holly Hillen, Lillian Woodberry, Alice Bolam, Bob Reiner, Francis Beacon, Sarah Lane, Robert Thornton, Eugene Carper, and Scott Shreve -- and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, 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 Helen Haught and Bill Campian -- 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 [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (*blessed N.*) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand if able

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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" WLP 850

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,—

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. _____ * Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. _____

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 St. 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: God of Promise (EOM1 31)

Cantor



God of pro - mise, you have pre-pared a ban - quet for us.

All



Hap - py are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

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

Distribution

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

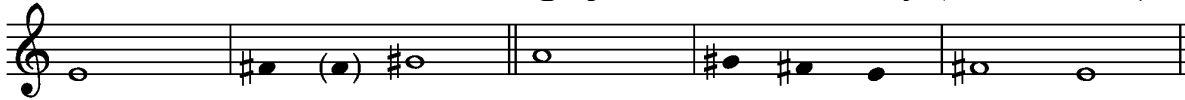
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

At St. Paul's, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please inform clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the rail 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: A Song of Christ's Humility (EOM2 165)

Though in the form / of God,
Christ Jesus did not cling to e / quality / with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a / servant,
and was born / in human / likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled / himself
and became obedient to death, even / death on a / cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalt / ed him
and given him the / name above / every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee / shall bow,
in heaven and on earth and / under the / earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ / is Lord,
to the / glory of / God the Father.

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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 Priest blesses the people, saying

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: Lay Me Low (Schwandt)

Lay Me Low

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Lay me low, where the Lord can find me. Lay me

Lay me low, where the Lord can find me.

low, where the Lord can own me. Lay me

Lay me low, where the Lord can own me.

low, where the Lord can bless me. Lay me

Lay me low, where the Lord can bless me.

low, Lord, lay me low. Lay me

Lay me low, Lord, lay me low.

Text: Shaker traditional
 Music: Daniel E. Schwandt

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This song may be sung in an echo style and with improvised harmony. Instead of "own me," an alternate text could be "hold me."

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People Thanks be to God

Postlude: Improvisation on Kyrie Mode VI Dom. Gregory Murray

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Celebrant: The Revs. Kay and Joe Ashby

Greeters: Rick Senften and M.L. Schultze

Crucifer: Demi Carrothers

Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery

Video: David Lewis and David Rotthoff

Altar Guild: Shirley Brown and Karen Swope

Lector: Jeff Nowlin

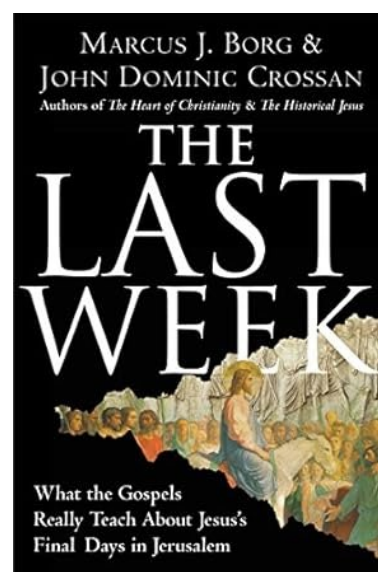
Counters: Kelli Green and Demi Carrothers

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Paul's will celebrate St. Patty's Day today with a special cake in the Guild Hall. Lots of luck and shamrocks for all!

Then, please join us after service today for the next of our Lenten Enrichment Classes

On Sundays after service throughout Lent, the Ashbys are offering a class based on the book "The Last Week" by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. The book explores what the Gospels really say about the week from Palm Sunday to Easter. And a key question for us today is which parade will we be part of. "The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings." The book will also be featured in the Wednesday Bible Study, which gathers at 10 a.m. in the Library.



Please help make our Sanctuary burst into bloom this joyful Eastertide! To place your order for Easter Flowers, please complete this form and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. Paul's. Thank you!

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 **Flowers purchased will be labeled with the buyer's name and may be picked in the Narthex when notified (non-deductible).

Deadline to order flowers: Monday, March 31



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Conversation at 6:30pm



All are welcome to attend

CCORR Mission: a diverse group of individuals creating a beloved community through courageous, open dialogue, confronting racism and the ways it causes division, by educating and empowering participants into anti-racist actions

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Sutek 3/1
Robert Reiner 3/2
Linda Heitger 3/5
Paul Schmucker Jr, 3/5
Beverly Vail 3/5
Brenda Maurer-Denning 3/6
Jason Marcum 3/9
Haley Wade 3/11

Sean Ryan 3/12
Wendy Gray 3/13
Gregory Johanning 3/14
Helen Haught 3/20
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Jomathan Suba 3/22
Mike Paynter 3/26
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