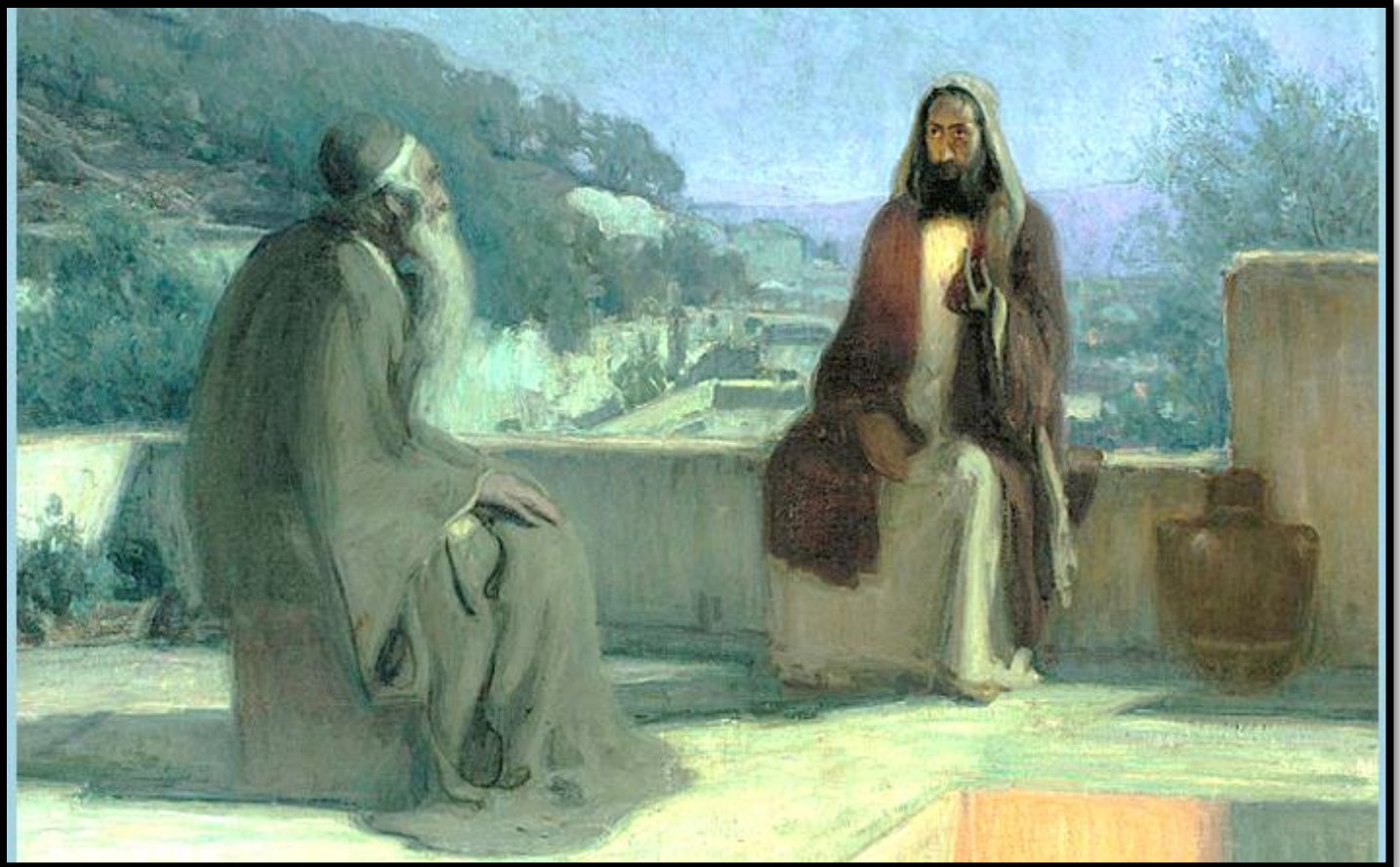


# **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Canton, Ohio**



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**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

# 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 a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

## Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite I

## Readings and Psalm

**First Lesson:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**Psalm:** Psalm 121

**Second Lesson:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

**Prelude:** *Meditation* by Louis Vierne

# The Word of God

## SILENT PROCESSION

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

*Celebrant* Blessed the Lord who forgiveth all our sins  
*People* His mercy endureth forever

### COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

*The Celebrant says*

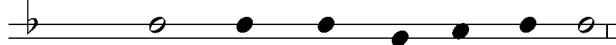
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### KYRIE

*The following is sung, all standing*

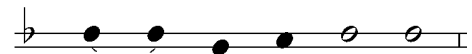


*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*or*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 121

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup>The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup>So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth forevermore.

### SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Remain seated.*

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

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?  
<sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader       The Word of the Lord.

People       Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN: “Because He Lives” (LEVAS 43)   All stand.**

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
 2. How sweet to hold — a new - born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
 2. sur - ance, — This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. —  
 3. vic - t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be - cause He lives — I can face to - mor - row; — Be - cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. —

**GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

*All stand.*

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

<sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### **THE SERMON: *Rev. Christopher Hofer***

*Celebrant:* As children of God let us stand and affirm our faith.

### **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant:* We believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of our sister Mary; Baptized by John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit: to preach the kingdom of God to the poor, to heal the sick, to receive**

**those who have been cast out, to revive Israel for the salvation of the nations, and to have mercy upon all people.**

**Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

*Leader:* In this holy season of Lent, we are called to a journey of self-examination, repentance, and prayer following the example of Jesus our Savior. Let us in our prayers offer to God the yearnings of our hearts.

*Leader:* We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God; especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Robin our Deacon; for Christopher our assisting clergy and for all bishops, other ministers, and all members of the Clergy.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth; especially Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria. For all who govern and judge; especially Joseph our President, Michael our Governor; local elected officials, and for this community.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who put themselves in harm's way and places of danger; those who willingly risk their lives; particularly for those serving in the armed services.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely; especially Ron Neidig, Anthony Wilson, MaryAnn, David, Lynn, Ron,



Lee, Lynsee Hoisington, Jessica, Kelly, Laurie, Holly, Sandy, Mary Lou, Rosie, Stephan Campian, Andy, and Ron Campian.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray in this season of Lent for those who prepare for baptism and renewal, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray for the many milestones in our lives and those who celebrate with us, for celebrations of all kinds, especially for the birthdays of Robert Reiner, Linda Heitger, Mark Heitger, Paul Schmucker Jr., Beverly Vail, and Brenda Denning.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have died, especially Sharon Gerber and all who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

We lift our eyes to the hills, O God. **In you is our help and strength.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Said by all*

Gracious God, you sent your son not to condemn us, but to save us; hear our prayers in this holy season of Lent, and bring us the gift of your salvation. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The People sit, stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept for a time.* Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

*Celebrant:* Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, **We confess to you, O God.**

*Celebrant:* Our self-indulgence and our exploitation of others, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, **We confess to you, O God.**

*Celebrant:* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
**Accept our repentance, O God.**

*Celebrant:* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**Accept our repentance, O God.**

*Celebrant:* Restore us, Holy God, and let your anger depart from us;  
**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*Celebrant:* May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.

*The people greet each other in the name of the Lord*

## ***Church Announcements***

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN: “In My Heart African American Spiritual”**  
*arr. by Alan Bullard*



## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*(Please remain standing)*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS: *(Said)***

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *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.*

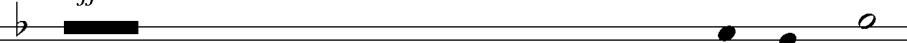
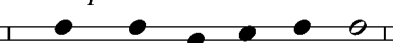
*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

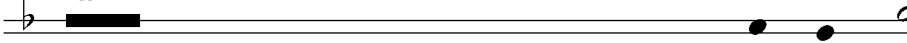
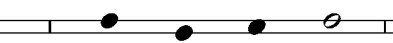


## **The Breaking of the Bread**



**FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei**

<p><i>Officiant</i></p> 	<p><i>People</i></p> 
<p>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,</p>	<p>Have mer-cy up-on us.</p>
<p>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,</p>	<p>Have mer-cy up-on us.</p>

<p><i>Officiant</i></p> 	<p><i>People</i></p> 
<p>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,</p>	<p>Grant us thy peace.</p>

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)**

*Let us pray together*

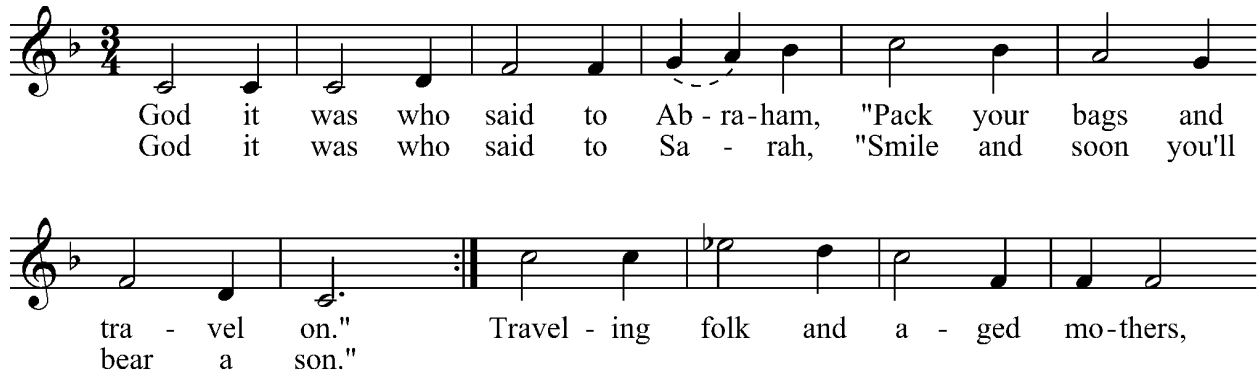
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* 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.

*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 Deacon of the parish.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: "God It Was" (MHSO 85)**



God it was who said to Ab - ra - ham, "Pack your bags and  
 God it was who said to Sa - rah, "Smile and soon you'll  
 tra - vel on." Travel - ing folk and a - ged mo - thers,  
 bear a son."



2 God it was who said to Moses,  
 ‘Save my people, part the sea.’  
 God is was who said to Miriam,  
 ‘Sing and dance to show you’re free.’  
 Shepherd-saints and tambourinists  
 doing what God knew they could —  
 this is how we find God’s people,  
 liberating what they should.

*Other appropriate verses may be added.*  
 5 In this crowd which spans the ages,  
 with these saints whom we revere,  
 God wants us to share their purpose  
 starting now and starting here.  
 So we celebrate our calling,  
 so we raise both heart and voice,  
 as we pray that through our living  
 more may find they are God's choice.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Let us pray together*

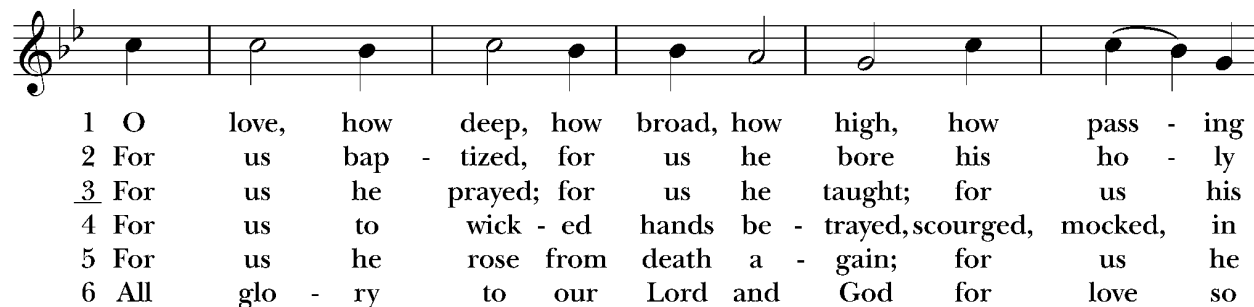
*Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it, you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” (Deo gracias) (H 449)**





1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SILENT RECESSION**

**POSTLUDE: “Glory Be to Jesus”** by Robert A. Hobby

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S LITURGY:**

**Deacon-in-Charge:** The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

**Guest Priest:** The Rev. Christopher Hofer

**Director of Music:** Edward T. Grimes

**Lector:** Carol Sutek

**Eucharistic Minister:** Karl Roshong

**Crucifer:** Karl Roshong

**Greeter:** Beth Paynter

**Camera/Audio:** David Lewis, David Rotthoff

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Brown

**Counters:** Carol Sutek, Cara Warren

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Wednesday Small Group Study**

Session Two of the Lenten Formation Series- “Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society” will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Library.

### **Finance Committee**

Will meet on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### **Daughters of the King Quiet Day**

Will be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10a-12 noon.

### **Thursday Choir Rehearsal**

Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Consider “making a joyful noise unto the Lord” and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

### **Lenten Formation Series**

Session Three: “Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community” will be held on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9a in the Guild Hall.

### **Social Justice Book Club**

The next gathering is on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. You can join in either in the Guild Hall or via Zoom.

### **Easter Flower Orders**

Orders for Easter flowers are now being taken. Please complete the form provided in the bulletin or Narthex and return it to Peggy in the Parish Office. Or call the office at 330-455-0286 to place an order. Make checks payable to St. Paul’s.

### March Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup>-Robert Reiner

5<sup>th</sup>-Linda Heitger, Mark Heitger, Paul Schmucker, Jr., Beverly Vail

6<sup>th</sup>-Brenda Maurer-Denning

11<sup>th</sup>-Haley Wade

14<sup>th</sup>-Gregory Johanning

20<sup>th</sup>-Helen Haught

26<sup>th</sup>-Mike Paynter

31<sup>st</sup>-Elizabeth Mapp







## **\*Special Worship Service Schedule\***



Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Palm Sunday Service, 10:30a  
Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00p  
Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday Service, 7:00p  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30a

## ***2023 Lenten Formation Series*** ***“Preparing to Become the Beloved Community”***

*February 26th-March 29th, Wednesday & Sunday Sessions*  
*(See schedule below)*

We are excited about the St. Paul’s family and friends joining together on this journey.

For your convenience, every session will be provided each week on both Wednesdays @ 10a, and Sundays @ 9a in the Meeting Room on the Lower Level. Please join us!

~~Session One: Lent 1—Becoming the Beloved Community~~

Session Two: Lent 2 – Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society

Session Three: Lent 3 – Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

Session Four: Lent 4 – Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

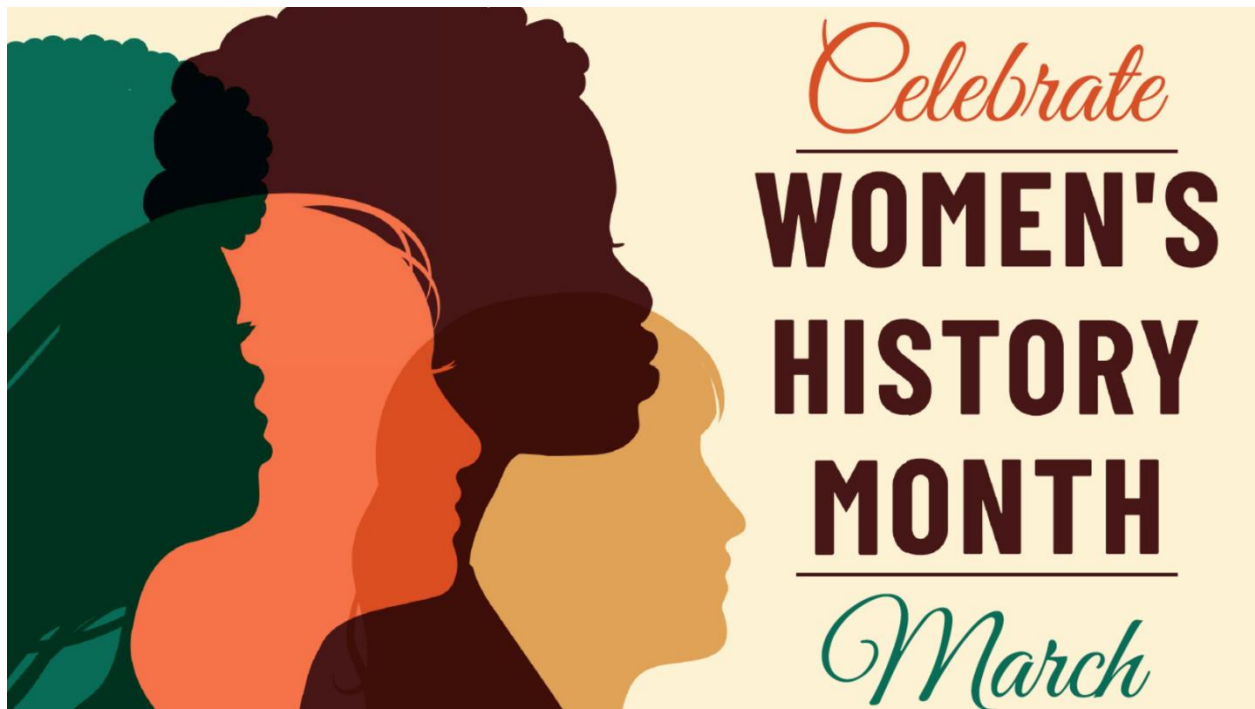
Session Five: Lent 5 – Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

◇ Clips from the video series called “The Chosen” will be incorporated into the study.

◇ Handouts will be provided.

For more information, please see Deacon Robin, or call the Church Office, at 330-455-0286.

**All are welcome!**



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By [Madeline Merinuk](#)

Throughout [Women's History Month](#), we celebrate the contributions of [strong women](#) from the past and present. While it's important to celebrate women all year long, Congress sets aside one month each year to recognize the sacrifices made by women, for women, to help make our country — and world, rather — a fairer, safer place for all.

President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation in 1980 declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. The weekly observance continued until 1987 when Congress designated March as Women's History Month. But Women's History Month's roots go much deeper, starting with suffragists fighting for women to get the vote in the early 20th century.

Not only is Women's History Month a time of reflection, but it's also a moment to recognize how the efforts and bravery of past generations continue to pave the way for females today.

## March 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 5 9 am Lenten Formation 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Lent 2 10:30 am Service Rev. Christopher Hofer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 8 10 am Lenten Formation 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 9 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 11 10 am DOK Quiet Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm AA (Library)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 12 9 am Lenten Formation 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Lent 3 10:30 am Service Rev. Jeff Baker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 13 6 pm Communications Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 15 10 am Lenten Formation 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 16 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 18 7 pm AA (Library)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 19 9 am Lenten Formation 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Lent 4 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 20 6 pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 21 6:30 pm Courageous Conversations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 22 10 am Lenten Formation 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 23 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 25 11 am HOT Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm AA (Library)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 26 9 am Lenten Formation 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Lent 5 10:30 am Service Rev. Christopher Hofer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 pm Piano Recital</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 28 7:00 pm Social Justice Book Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 29 10 am Lenten Formation 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 30 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Apr 1 7 pm AA (Library)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>

## **Save the Date**

### **Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly**

Please mark your calendars for the Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor with the right of succession to become the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

The service and celebration following will be held on Saturday, **April 29, 2023**, at 11:00 a.m. at Public Auditorium in Cleveland.

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

### **Bishop**

The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

### **Deacon-in-Charge**

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

### **Officiating Clergy**

The Reverend Christopher Hofer

### **Staff**

Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

*\*Music Begins at 10:25 am. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.*

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