

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church Canton, Ohio



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**Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025**

**Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word**

**10:30 a.m.**

*Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord  
at the Temple*

# Welcome to St. Paul's

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

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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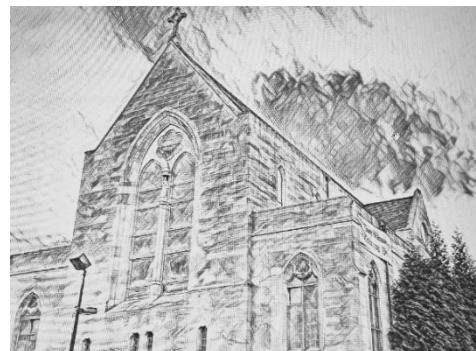
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## Our mission

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.

## Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord at the Temple

Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word

### Readings and Psalm

**First Lesson:** Malachi 3:1-4

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

**Psalm 84**

**Prelude:** Canzonetta Josef Rheinberger

# The Word of God

## Entrance Hymn: *Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling* (Mandatum) (H 576)

*Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)*



God is love, God is love,

*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is

1-3

*Final Ending*



God him - self is there. there.\_\_\_\_\_



God him - self is there. there.\_\_\_\_\_



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.



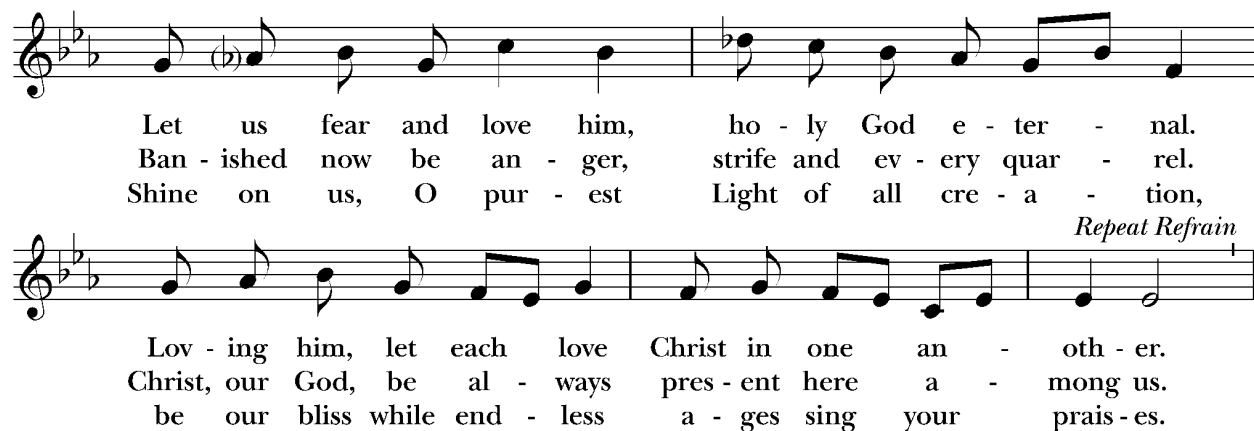
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,



3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,  
*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

## Opening Acclamation

*Standing*

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

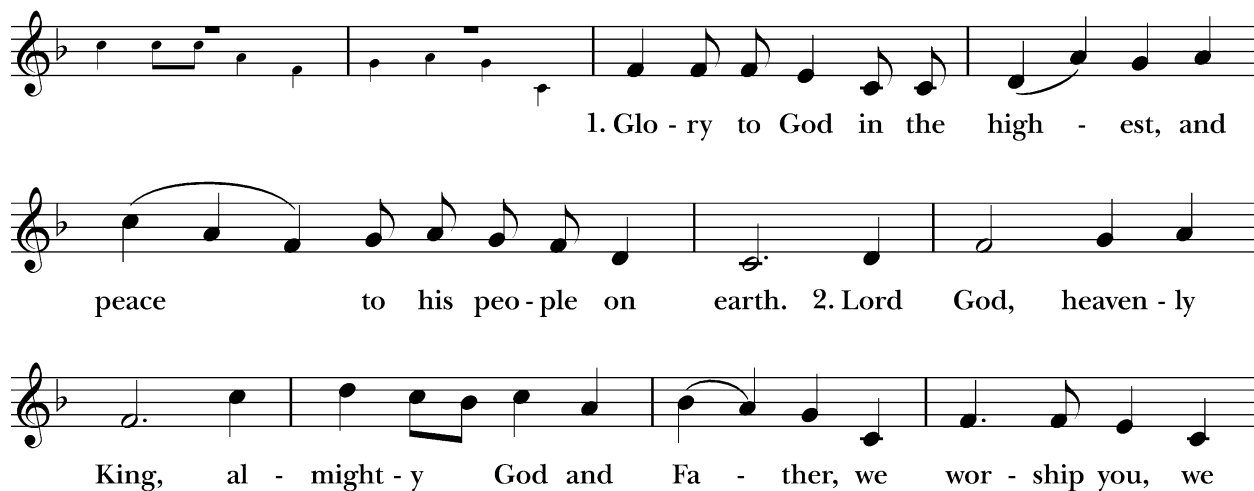
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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: S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

*Silence may follow.*

### Psalm 84

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>2</sup>The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>3</sup>Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
They will always be praising you.

- <sup>4</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- <sup>5</sup>Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- <sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to height, \*  
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- <sup>7</sup>Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
- <sup>8</sup>Behold our defender, O God; \*  
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- <sup>9</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
 than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup>For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
 he will give grace and glory;
- <sup>11</sup>No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
 from those who walk with integrity.
- <sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, \*  
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn: Thanks to God whose Word was spoken (Wylde Green)**  
(H 630)



1 Thanks to God whose Word was spo - ken in the deed that  
 2 Thanks to God whose Word In - car - nate heights and depths of  
 \*3 Thanks to God whose word was writ - ten in the Bi - ble's  
 \*4 Thanks to God whose word is pub - lished in the tongues of  
 5 Thanks to God whose Word is an - swered by the Spi - rit's



1 made the earth. His the voice that called a na - tion;  
 2 life did share. Deeds and words and death and ris - ing,  
 3 sa - cred page, rec - ord of the rev - e - la - tion  
 4 ev - ery race. See its glo - ry un - di - mi - nished  
 5 voice with - in. Here we drink of joy un - mea - sured,



1 his the fires that tried her worth. God has spo - ken:  
 2 grace in hu - man form de - clare. God has spo - ken:  
 3 show - ing God to ev - ery age. God has spo - ken:  
 4 by the change of time or place. God has spo - ken:  
 5 life re - deemed from death and sin. God is speak - ing:



1 praise God \_\_\_\_\_ for his o - pen word.  
 2 praise God \_\_\_\_\_ for his o - pen word.  
 3 praise God \_\_\_\_\_ for his o - pen word.  
 4 praise God \_\_\_\_\_ for his o - pen word.  
 5 praise God \_\_\_\_\_ for his o - pen word.

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

*All stand.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),



<sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

## **The Sermon**

## The Creed

*All stand.*

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

*All remain standing.*

~ written by Rick Pryce and posted on Rick Pryce. <http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/>

*Celebrant:* Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy*, and responding, ***Hear our prayer.***

*Leader:* God of light and darkness,  
through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.  
We give thanks for this incredible gift.  
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of love and hate,  
your love comes in spite of our animosity;  
you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. Strengthen us to be peacemakers.  
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of hope and fear,  
you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.  
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,  
and set us free from despair.  
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of church and world,  
in baptism you unify yourself with our world,  
and bring your reign into being.  
Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.  
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.  
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of health and illness,  
there is nothing that separates us from your love.  
Inspire us to bring your health to the sick,  
your encouragement to the discouraged,  
your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now;  
Ed Denning, John Titmas, Lillian Woodberry, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Larry, and Vickie Simpkins, Sr. Rosina, Beverly Vail, Jolonda, Brenda Denning, Elizabeth Mapp, Stacy Costley, Holly Hillen, LaKleesha Harris, Jackson, Alice Bolam, Bob Reiner, Francis Beacon, Sarah Lane, Robert Thornton, Eugene Carper, and Scott Shreve.  
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of life and death,  
 all that exists is from you, and for you.  
 Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,  
 and serve this hurting world.  
 Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* God who shines in the darkness,  
 receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts,  
 in the name of the one who is your light,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

### Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a  
 light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
 and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn: *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum)* (H 448)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



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

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ

*People* Thanks be to God

## Postlude: Voluntary in G minor *William Boyce*

### TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeter: David Lewis

Crucifer: Karl Roshong

Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery

Video: David Lewis

Altar Guild: Douglas Colmery, Susan Phillips

Lector: Carol Sutek

Counter: Carol Sutek, David Rotthoff

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Thursday Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Consider "making a joyful noise unto the Lord" and join our great choir!! All are welcome!

#### Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

Daughters of the King church spruce-up day

**Tuesday, Feb. 18: Courageous Conversations**

Join us for the second of 2025's Courageous Conversations on Race Relations, with dinner in the Guild Hall beginning at 6 p.m. and the discussion starting at 6:30 p.m. Action begins with information!

**Tuesday, Feb 25: Social Justice Book Club**

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Guild Hall. "The Sweetness of Water," books can be picked up at the StarkFresh store.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Marianne Arnold, Feb. 4

Nancy Suba, Feb. 14

Olivia DiMaria, Feb. 19

Rick Senften and M.L. Schultze, Feb. 5

Bill and Linda Kendrick, Feb. 22

Mike and Elizabeth Paynter, Feb. 29

**St. Paul's Vestry**

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# #1: Redlining

## & Conversation

**Dinner, Curriculum**

**FEB 18 2025**

**Cost: None**



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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

# Sermon Notes


## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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