

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Canton, Ohio



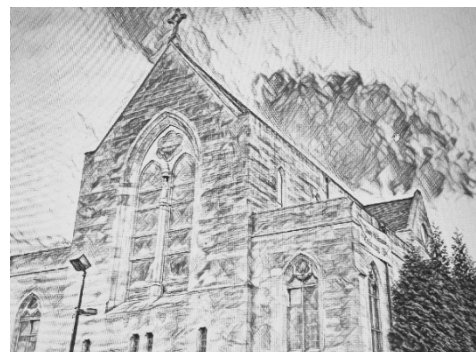
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgy of the Word Rite 2**

Feb. 15, 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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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.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgy of the Word
Celebrant: Douglas Colmery
Lay preacher: Demetrius Carrothers

Readings and Psalm
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

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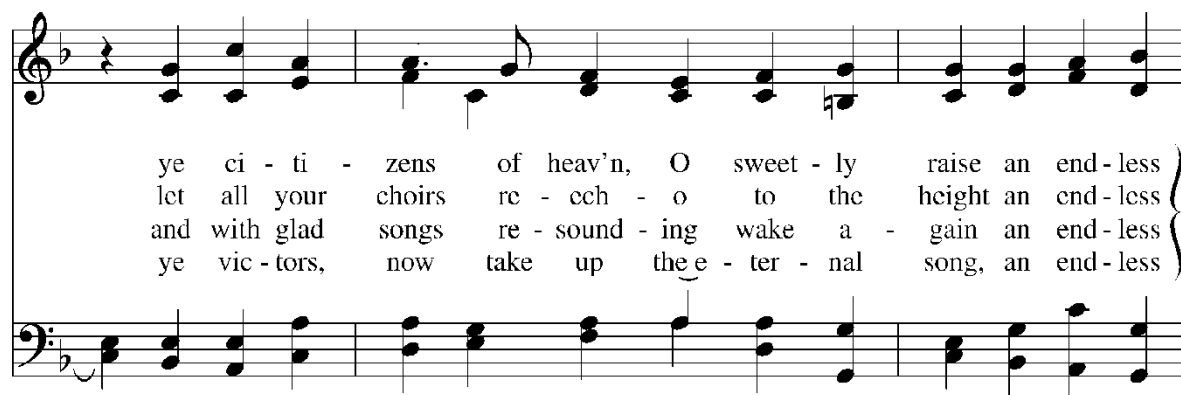
Prelude: *Prelude in F* (Josef Seger)

The Word of God

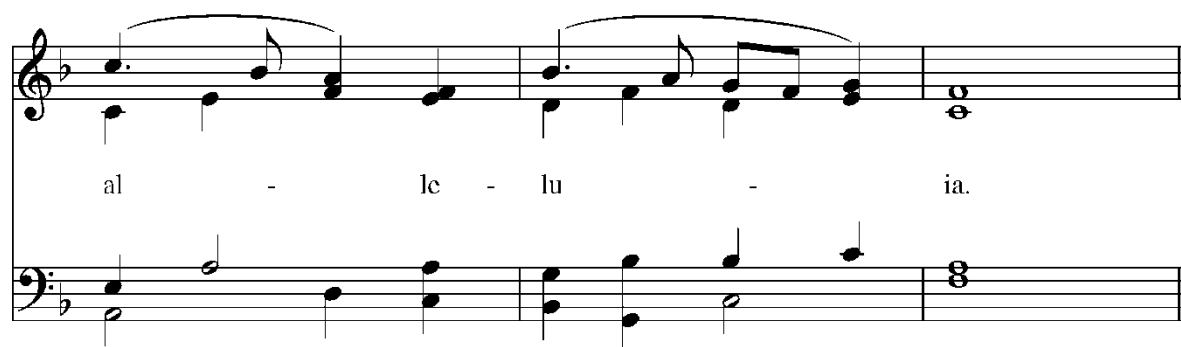
Entrance Hymn: *Sing Alleluia Forth* (Piepkorn) (WLP 777)



1. Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
 2. Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
 3. Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,
 4. Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,



ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet - ly raise an end - less
 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less
 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain an end - less
 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song, an end - less



al - le - lu - ia.

5. Your songs of triumph shall forever ring,
 the hymns which tell the honor of your King,
 an endless alleluia.
6. Such song is rest and food and deep delight
 to saints forgiven; let them all unite
 in endless alleluia.
7. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing
 all laud forevermore; to thee we bring
 an endless alleluia.

Opening Acclamation

Please remain 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: *Arise and Shine (Wareham) (VF 156)*

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
 3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
 as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
 nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
 God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

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Music: *Wareham*, melody William Knapp (1698–1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875,
after James Turlé (1802–1882).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please sit.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

- ¹Why are the nations in an uproar? *
 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
 and the princes plot together, *
 against the Lord and against his Anointed?
³“Let us break their yoke,” they say; *
 “let us cast off their bonds from us.”
⁴He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
 the Lord has them in derision.
⁵Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
 and his rage fills them with terror.
⁶“I myself have set my king *
 upon my holy hill of Zion.”
⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
 he said to me, “You are my son;
 this day have I begotten you.
⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod *
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; *
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹Submit to the Lord with fear, *
 and with trembling bow before him;
¹²lest he be angry, and you perish; *
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
¹³Happy are they all *
 who take refuge in him!

READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

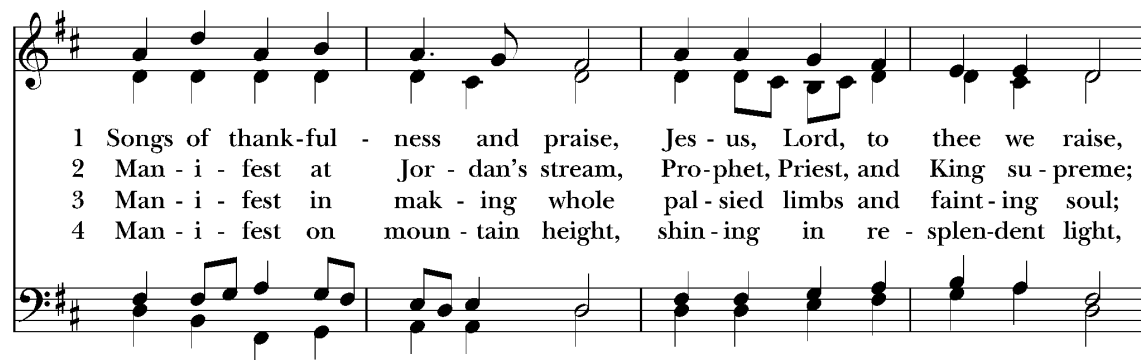
¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

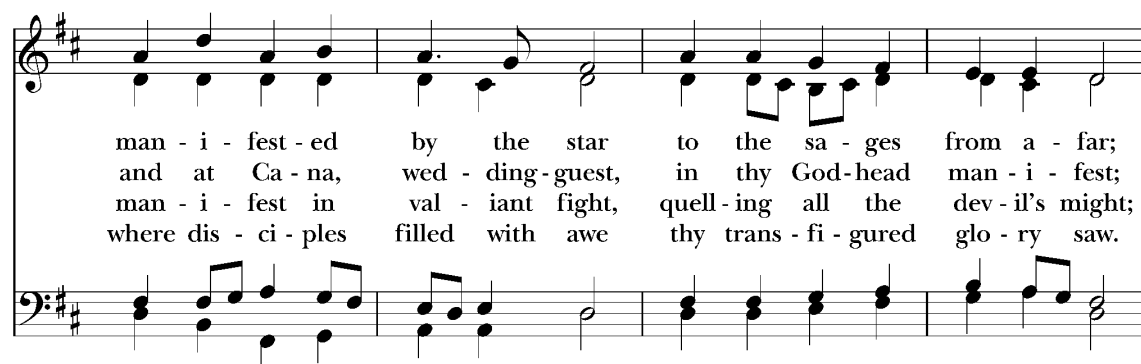
Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

Please stand if able

Sequence Hymn: *Songs of thankfulness and praise* (Salzburg) (H135)



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Please remain standing if able

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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

¹Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

The Sermon: Demetrius Carrothers

The Creed

Please stand if able

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Linda Fogle, Nathan Weisel, Patricia Willford, Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Molly Weisel, Gene, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Ed Denning, Doug Geissinger, Joanne, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, Steve Hamilton, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins, Brinley

Wyczalek and others we name silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Frank De Giacomo, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Please say the St. Paul's Discernment Prayer together:

O Lord our God,

May we, the parish of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, embrace your commandment of loving our neighbors as you have loved us while we discern who we are and how best to serve you.

We ask that you quiet our souls, so we may listen to you.

We ask that you grant us wisdom as we seek new leadership.

And lastly, we ask for the courage to follow wherever you lead us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

The 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: *Christ upon the mountain peak* (Mowsley) (H129)

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Fugue in F*, Josef Seger.



TODAY'S SERVERS:

Officiant: Douglas Colmery

Lay Preacher: Demetrius Carrothers

Greeters: David Lewis

Crucifer: David Rotthoff

Video: David Lewis

Altar Guild: Barb Anderson and Peggy Neidig

Lector: Peggy Neidig

Counters: Demetrius Carrothers and David Rotthoff

Parish News

Happy February Birthdays!

Marianne Arnold, Feb. 4

Kelli Green, Feb. 5

Demetrius Carrothers, Feb. 8

Nancy Suba, Feb. 14

Valerie Frear, Feb. 14

And Happy February Anniversaries!

Richard Senften & M.L. Schultze, Feb. 5

William & Linda Kendrick, Feb. 22

Mike & Elizabeth Paynter, Feb. 29

A bake sale, goats and changing the world

This Lenten season, the Daughters of the King invite all of St. Paul's to support those in need through Episcopal Relief and Development's (ERD) "Gifts for Life"



program. This church-wide, DOK-sponsored service project to "Share the Love" kicks off **TODAY** with a bake sale in the Guild Hall following the service, with all proceeds going toward buying goats through "Gifts for Life." Ash Wednesday is this week, so take advantage of some pre-Lenten indulgence and live out the call outlined in the church's mission statement to "minister to the world" in the process!

Additionally, Ash Wednesday will be the start of a 40-day devotional (lasting until Easter) put together by the DOK, during which you are encouraged to reflect on your blessings each day and grow compassion for those not so fortunate by giving alms – a tradition often associated with Lent.

In the back of the church, you will find a "Lenten Devotional Calendar" and mite boxes. Each day on the 40-day calendar has a reflection and/or corresponding

action, ranging from “call someone who might be feeling isolated” to “put a quarter in your mite box for every faucet in your home giving clean water.” It is a day-by-day opportunity to be mindful of the needs of others -- and underscore how easy it is to take for granted necessities of life like a roof overhead, nourishing food, availability of doctors and medicines, relationships, transportation, a pair of shoes. You will then return your mite box to the church on Easter Sunday.

Please take a calendar and mite box per household on your way to the bake sale, and continue to share the love throughout Lent to benefit ERD’s “Gifts for Life” program. By participating in this ongoing service project, you will be facilitating healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease, and give a gift – goats! -- with lasting impact.

Redlining and pancakes: Join us this Shrove Tuesday

Our first 2026 Courageous Conversations on Race Relations dinner is this Tuesday and will focus on the divisions cemented by redlining laws in Canton – divisions still having an impact today.

We’ll also be blending the evening with a treasured Episcopal tradition: Shrove Tuesday’s pancake supper.

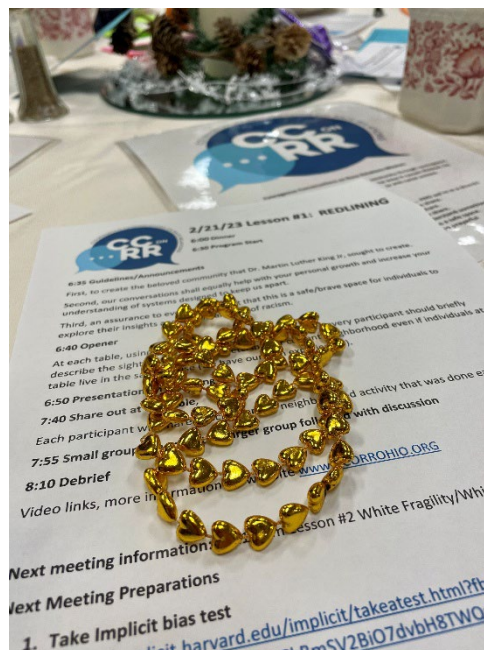
Here’s more about the tradition from Joell Kidd of the Anglican Journal:

What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is a day of indulging in the rich, fatty foods that were traditionally abstained from during Lent. Making pancakes was a way to use up butter, milk, sugar and eggs before the 40-day fast.

Celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday (also called “Pancake Tuesday” or “Pancake Day”) is the final day before the 40-day period of Lent begins. This year it falls on Feb. 17.

Its name comes from the Germanic-Old English word “shrive,” meaning absolve, and it is the last day of the liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide.





Because it comes directly before Lent, a season of fasting and penitence, this was the day that Christians would go to be “shriven” by their confessor.

There are even historical references to a “pancake bell” in English towns being rung around 11 a.m. on this day to signal that it was time to get frying. Many churches host dinners or luncheons, serving pancakes usually with a range of toppings, fruit and sides like bacon or sausages. Visitors are usually asked to give a small contribution or freewill offering.

Feasts and fests around the world

While in the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries, pancakes are traditionally eaten, other countries across the globe celebrate with different dishes.

In Spain, the day is named *día de la tortilla*, or “omelette day,” and the traditional food is an omelette made with sausage or pork fat. In Madeira, Portugal, and Hawaii, malasadas —doughnut-like, sugar-coated confections— are eaten. In Iceland, people traditionally gorge on salted meat and peas on the day illustratively called *Sprengidagur* (“Bursting Day”). Green pea soup and a whipped-cream-filled pastry are the orders of the day in Finland and Estonia. Louisiana famously celebrates Mardi Gras (French for “Fat Tuesday”) on this day, a carnival that includes a giant parade through the city. Other countries, including Brazil, Belgium, the Cayman Islands, France, Russia and Ukraine, hold Mardi Gras celebrations with carnivals and festivals.

Mass and a movie on disruptive priests

Join St. Timothy’s, Massillon on March 7 for the commemoration of John and Charles Wesley, the Church of England’s most disruptive priests during the 18th century. Following Mass at 6:30 p.m., there will be a screening of the 2009 film ‘Wesley’ starring Burgess Jenkins, June Lockhart and Kevin McCarthy. The film will begin at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Compline throughout March

The Diocese of Ohio will be hosting [Compline on Sunday evenings](#) via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. from now through March 29. All are welcome to this quiet, contemplative service of prayer and scripture, offering a peaceful close to the day.

We hope you will join us today, Feb. 15. When we pray together, our hearts and souls are more centered, and we draw closer to God; when life feels like too much, praying together is a balm. We hope you will come and rest in God's presence as we pray for the world.

Special services and other offerings through Lent

The Lenten season begins this week, and St. Paul's is embracing this time of reflection and renewal in several ways. Mark your calendars.

- Our monthly Courageous Conversations on Race Relations gathering will be this Tuesday, Feb. 17. And because that's also Shrove Tuesday, we'll be sharing the special Episcopalian take on the day with a traditional pancake supper. It's been a while since Shrove Tuesday and CCORR coincided, but the last time we did this, it was a lot of fun (and a little bit sticky). Everyone, of course, is welcome.
- St. Paul's will offer two services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, one at noon and one at 7 p.m. Both will include Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes.
- Fr. Joe and Mother Kay will also be celebrating special Wednesday noon services throughout Lent, following our morning Bible study.
- We will be offering a short time of reflection at 5:30 p.m. each Friday with Stations of the Cross.
- And special confirmation classes will be offered following services for four Sundays in March.

Our prayers are with the people of St. James

Today, we are celebrating with Liturgy of the Word instead of Holy Eucharist because the Ashbys are sharing in the final service at St. James, Boardman, with Bishop Anne Jolly presiding. St. James was founded in 1809, making it the oldest Episcopal Church in Ohio, and the diocese notes "the decision to close this parish was made with deep care, prayer, and discernment, grounded in love for the congregation and gratitude for its long and faithful witness."

A lot to share today

Our Liturgy of the Word service at St. Paul's today will be followed by the Daughters of the King bake-sale launch of our Lenten "Share the Love" campaign. And that will be followed by our Discernment Committee meeting. So stick around!