

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Canton, Ohio



Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth 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.

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Readings and Psalm

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 130

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Prelude: Meditation: *Love Unknown* by Francis Jackson

The Word of God

SILENT PROCESSION

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People His mercy endureth forever

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

The Celebrant says

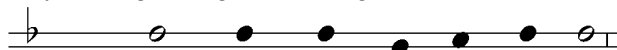
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.

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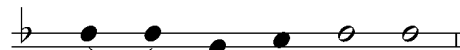
The following is sung, all standing



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

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

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

or

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

Remain seated.

¹Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
²If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
³For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
⁴I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
⁵My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
⁶O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
⁷with him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

Remain seated.

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

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "In Deepest Night, in Darkest Days" (VF 97)

All stand.

1 In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are hung, no
 2 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus wept, God
 3 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us pain, a -

songs we raise, when si - lence must suf - fice as praise, yet
 was be - reaved; so with us in our grief God grieves, and
 round us death: deep calls to deep, a sav - ing breath, and

1, 2 | 3
 sound - ing in us qui - et - ly there is the song of God.
 round a - bout us mourn - ful - ly there are the tears of God.
 found be - side us faith - ful - ly there is the love of God.

1, 2 | 3

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GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

All stand.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord Christ.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her

privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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 our Presiding Bishop Michael; our Bishops Mark, Bill, and Arthur; our Bishop-elect Anne; our Deacon Robin; for Christopher our assisting clergy and for 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 and for all the nations of the earth. 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, Kathy McDonald, David Lewis, Lynn, Ron, Enid Mackie, Lee, Isabella Swope, Lynsee Hoisington, Jessica, Kelly, Laurie, Holly, Sandy, Mary Lou, Rosie, Rev. Lewis Macklin, Beth Paynter, Andy, Ron and Stephen 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 Mike Paynter, Elizabeth Mapp.

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

Your petitions and thanksgivings are invited at this time

Leader: We pray for those who have died, especially Arlegus Tate Jr., John McCall, 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.

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: “My Song is Love Unknown” James Kirkby



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.

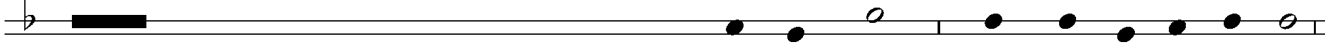
The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei



Officiant

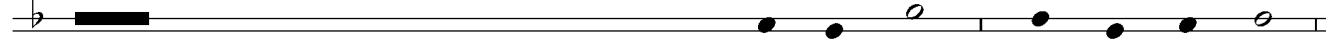
People



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Officiant

People



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

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: "I Am Thirsty"

Leader Assembly Leader Assembly

I am thirst-y; I come to Je - sus, I be-lieve; I come to drink.

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From the rock came life-giv - ing wa - ter; from the well, wa-ter for all.

From my heart, wa-ter is flow-ing; from my heart, out-ward to all.

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 Music: Marilyn Haskel

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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: “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” (Old 124th) (H 149)

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)
 Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

SILENT RECESSION

POSTLUDE: "*Fughetta No.1*" by Josef Rheinberger

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
Greeters:	M.L. Schultze
Lector:	Valerie Frear
Eucharistic Minister:	Karl Roshong
Crucifer:	Karl Roshong
Camera/Audio:	David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Douglas Colmery, Karen Swope
Counters:	Valerie Frear, M.L. Schultze

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today at 3:00 p.m. the Spring Student Musical Recital for the Violin and Piano will be held in the Sanctuary. Please come and support our youth.

Social Justice Book Club

The next gathering is on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. We are reading "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones. Books can be picked up at the StarkFresh Market located on Fourth and Cherry. You can attend in person in the Guild Hall or via Zoom. Interested persons, please call the Church Office for more information on the books and Zoom login, 330-455-0286.

Wednesday Small Group Study

The last Lenten Session Five: "Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus" will be held on March 29th in the Library at 10:00 a.m.

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!

Easter Flower Orders: DEADLINE IS APRIL 2ND!!!

Orders for Easter flowers are now being taken. Please complete the form provided on page 22 of the bulletin, or in the 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.

Palm Sunday Service, April 2nd, 10:30a

Please join us for the procession around the Church. We will gather in the Guild Hall at 10:15a.

March Birthdays



26th-Mike Paynter
31st-Elizabeth Mapp



April Birthdays

9th-Hilary Powell, Victoria Simpkins
10th- Matthew Johnson
13th- Douglas Colmery, Carol Sutek

Anniversaries

8th-Richard & Marcia Enslen



Special Worship Service Schedule

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday Service, 10:30a
Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00p
Friday, April 7th, Good Friday Service, 7:00p

**Saturday, April 8th, Easter Vigil Service, 8:00p @ Trinity Cathedral,
Cleveland**

Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30a

Upcoming Commemorations

**Richard Allen: First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831
Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929
Monday, March 27, 2023**

**[James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935]
Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

**John Keble, Priest and Poet, 1866
Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

**Innocent of Alaska: Bishop, 1879
Thursday, March 30, 2023**

**John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631
Friday, March 31, 2023**

Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872: Saturday, April 1, 2023

April 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Mar 26 9 am Lenten Formation 5 10:30 am Service Rev. Christopher Hofer 3 pm Piano Recital</p>	<p>Mar 27</p>	<p>Mar 28 7:00 pm Social Justice Book Group</p>	<p>Mar 29 10 am Lenten Formation 5</p>	<p>Mar 30 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p>Mar 31</p>	<p>Apr 1 10 am Making of Palm Crosses 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p>Apr 2 PALM SUNDAY 10:30 am Service Rev. Brian Wilbert</p>	<p>Apr 3 HOLY WEEK</p>	<p>Apr 4</p>	<p>Apr 5</p>	<p>Apr 6 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p>Apr 7 12 noon Stations 7 pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>Apr 8 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p>Apr 9 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 am Service Rev. Brian Wilbert</p>	<p>Apr 10 6 pm Communications Mtg Robin Vacation</p>	<p>Apr 11</p>	<p>Apr 12 10 am Bible Study Group 6 pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>Apr 13 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p>Apr 14</p>	<p>Apr 15 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p>Apr 16 BAPTISM 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield 12 noon Anniversary Mtg</p>	<p>Apr 17 6 pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>Apr 18 6 pm Courageous Conversations</p>	<p>Apr 19 10 am Bible Study Group</p>	<p>Apr 20 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p>Apr 21</p>	<p>Apr 22 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>
<p>Apr 23 10:30 am Service Rev. Chris Hofer Robin Vacation</p>	<p>Apr 24</p>	<p>Apr 25 7 pm Social Justice Book Group</p>	<p>Apr 26 10 am Bible Study Group</p>	<p>Apr 27 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)</p>	<p>Apr 28</p>	<p>Apr 29 11 am Bishop Consecration 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)</p>



The Ordination Express!!!

St. Paul's has teamed up with St. Timothy's, and St. Mark's churches to provide bus transportation for those in the SE Mission Area to attend the historical **Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly** on Saturday, **April 29, 2023**, at 11:00 a.m. at Public Auditorium in Cleveland.

Where to Gather: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
226 3rd Street SE ~ Massillon 44646

When: Saturday, April 29th @ 8:00a....The bus pulls out at 8:30a!! The approximate return time is 4:00p.

Cost: \$20 per person

PLEASE NOTE: a head count is needed in order to plan properly. This trip is not limited to St. Paul's parishioners only. Please feel free to invite family members and friends who would like to be a part of this historic occasion. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or you may contact the Church Office to make your reservation. Payment is needed by Friday, April 21st. Please see Deacon Robin for questions.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Modified Biography of Anna "Pauli" Murray



Anna Pauline "Pauli" Murray was born to William and Agnes (Fitzgerald) Murray in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 20, 1910. By the time Murray reached adolescence, she had lost both her parents and was raised by her maternal grandparents (Robert and Cornelia Fitzgerald) and her maternal aunt (Pauline Fitzgerald Dame) in Durham, North Carolina. After graduating from Hillsdale High School, a historically Black school in Durham, Murray moved to New York City to continue her education and improve her chances of getting into college.

Because she was female, she could not attend her first choice, Columbia University (the first women wouldn't receive diplomas from Columbia's undergraduate program until 1987).

During the Great Depression, Murray worked with both the Women's Auxiliary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). She became a member of the peace and justice organization, Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), and in 1940, fifteen years prior to Rosa Parks' protest of Alabama's bus segregation law, Murray and fellow FOR member Adelene McBean were arrested for refusing to give up their seats on a segregated bus in Petersburg, Virginia. Inspired to study law as a means to address injustice, Murray applied to the University of North Carolina School of Law but was denied admission on the basis of her race. Following in her father's footsteps, Murray enrolled at Howard University's law school in 1941, becoming the only woman in her class. At Howard, Murray experienced sexism and coined the term "Jane Crow" to describe the discrimination she faced as a woman.

In her 1951 book, *States' Laws on Race and Color*, Murray offered a definitive framework for challenging state segregation laws. Thurgood Marshall, then the head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, cited her book as critical to attorneys working on civil rights cases; it was of particular value to Marshall's team in preparation for the landmark *Brown v Board of Education* school desegregation case in 1954..

Murray left the United States to teach law at the University of Ghana in 1960. She returned to the United States to earn a J.S. D. (doctor of juridical science) at Yale University in 1965, the first African American to achieve that degree at Yale.

Murray fully recognized the problem of gender discrimination, not only within the civil rights movement but also within society as a whole, noting that "Black women, historically, have been doubly victimized by the twin immoralities of Jim Crow and Jane Crow." Due to her work on gender issues, President John F. Kennedy appointed Murray to the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Murray became a co-founder of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

After her years at Brandeis University, Murray switched paths and embarked on a new career in the Episcopal Church. Murray began her studies at General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1973 and earned a Master's degree in Divinity in 1976. The following year, Murray was ordained (at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.) as an Episcopal priest, a first for an African American woman.

As the nation's acceptance of the LGBTQ community grows, we are now able to learn more about the full and rich lives lived by members of that community who, like Murray, made important contributions to American history.

<https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/pauli-murray/>

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 for making our Sanctuary special this Eastertide!

Name: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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Quantity	Type	Price	Donate *	Purchase **
_____	Easter Lily (7.5"/double)	\$17.00 ea.	_____	_____
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_____	Majesty palm plant (4 needed)	\$25.00 ea.	_____	_____

*Flowers donated will be distributed to shut-ins when the chancel area is cleared, and are tax-deductible.

**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: Sunday, April 2



City of Canton Mayoral Forum

*Kimberly D Bell ~ Roy Scott DePew
Willis Gordon ~ William V Sherer II
Bill Smuckler ~ Thomas Edward West*

Thursday, April 13 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Timken Commons
(former Timken H.S.)
521 Tuscarawas St W
Parking & Entrance
off 4th St NW

FREE
*open to
the public*



Canton Area League of Women Voters
Education Fund
cantonlww.org



APRIL 18

No cost to attend &
participate

Courageous Conversation on Race Relations
CURRICULUM & DINNER

**LESSON 3: MICRO-AGGRESSIONS
CODE-SWITCHING**

This curriculum was adapted from our original Courageous Conversations held 2019-2020 among the three founding groups, StarkFresh, Mt. Olive Baptist Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It has been field-tested and is designed to take place in a social gathering where food is provided as a common currency to make people feel welcome. A warning of sorts, proper use of the curriculum will create situations of extreme emotion from participants as it creates a safe format for one to look inward and assess their own beliefs. This curriculum has been known to create strong, personal bonds with other participants and propel you on a journey of soul and information seeking opportunities



425 CLEVELAND AVE SW,
CANTON, OH

DINNER AT 6 • CURRICULUM AT 6:30

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



REGISTER ONLINE WWW.CCORRHIO.ORG OR SCAN QR CODE

Sermon Notes

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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