

ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church



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Welcome to St. Paul's Elkins Park!

***We are on a mission to know Christ;
to make Christ known in our community;
and to follow His Way of compassion and service to others.***

**Summer Sunday Service
In the Sanctuary or on Zoom
www.stpaulselkinspark.org/other/servicesconcerts/**

**10:00 AM Family Communion
Contemporary worship with ancient depth,
and all kinds of music!**

***St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a multi-cultural community of faith
with members from all over the world.
We welcome all at the Holy Table in our church,
without exception, wherever you are in your spiritual journey.***

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

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Tessika McClendon, soprano, St. Paul's Music Minister
Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone, St. Paul's Music Minister

Prelude: *When the Morning Comes* by Charles A. Tindley
arranged by Mary McDonald

Opening Hymn

What does the Lord require?

Blue Hymnal #605

Join our soloist and sing along at home!

What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire,
or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

Still down the ages ring
the prophet's stern commands.
To merchant, worker, king
he brings God's high demands.
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

How shall my soul fulfil
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.

Then justly, in mercy
we'll humbly walk with God.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be the Lord, our God.

People

For ever and ever. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise

Expression of Life

Lift Every Voice #53

Join our soloists and sing along at home!

Glory to God in the highest

He is the the Mighty King, Master of everything

The captain of my soul, the universe control,

God is the one true expression of life.

He's the Creator, The Great Creator,

Heaven and earth His greatness proclaim.

The captain of my soul, the universe control,

Honor and Majesty second to none.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray

The Celebrant says the Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

The people sit.

A reading from Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days *

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to **Mark 10:17-31**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit

adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Homily

Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid

The Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcame death.
You are God. We worship you.

Taken from the New Zealand Prayerbook

The Prayers of the People

Reader

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died.

(Please pray for those who have died.)

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Words of Welcome

Celebrant

Remember the words of our Lord who told us it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer

The Offertory

Anthem

All Good Things Will Be Added Unto You by Shelton Becton
Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone

The Doxology

Blue Hymnal #380 verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: 'Take, eat: This is my Body. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: 'Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.'

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again;

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. Send your Spirit on these gifts and on us. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and

sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

And now, let us say together the words our Savior taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread
and the one cup.*

The Presider invites the People.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

The Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Priest blesses the people.

Closing Hymn

The Right Hand of God

Lift Every Voice #61 vs. 1,2,3,4 + 1

Join our soloists and sing along at home!

The right hand of God
is writing in our land,
Writing with power and with love;
Our conflicts and our fears,
Our triumphs and our tears,
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is pointing in our land,
Pointing the way we must go;
So clouded is the way,
So easily we stray,
But we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is striking in our land,
Striking out at envy, hate and greed;
Our selfishness and lust,
Our pride and deeds unjust,
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much,
When we're healed
by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;
In these many-peopled lands,
Let his children all join hands,
And be one with the right hand of God.

Dismissal

Presider

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: How Great Thou Art Traditional Swedish melody