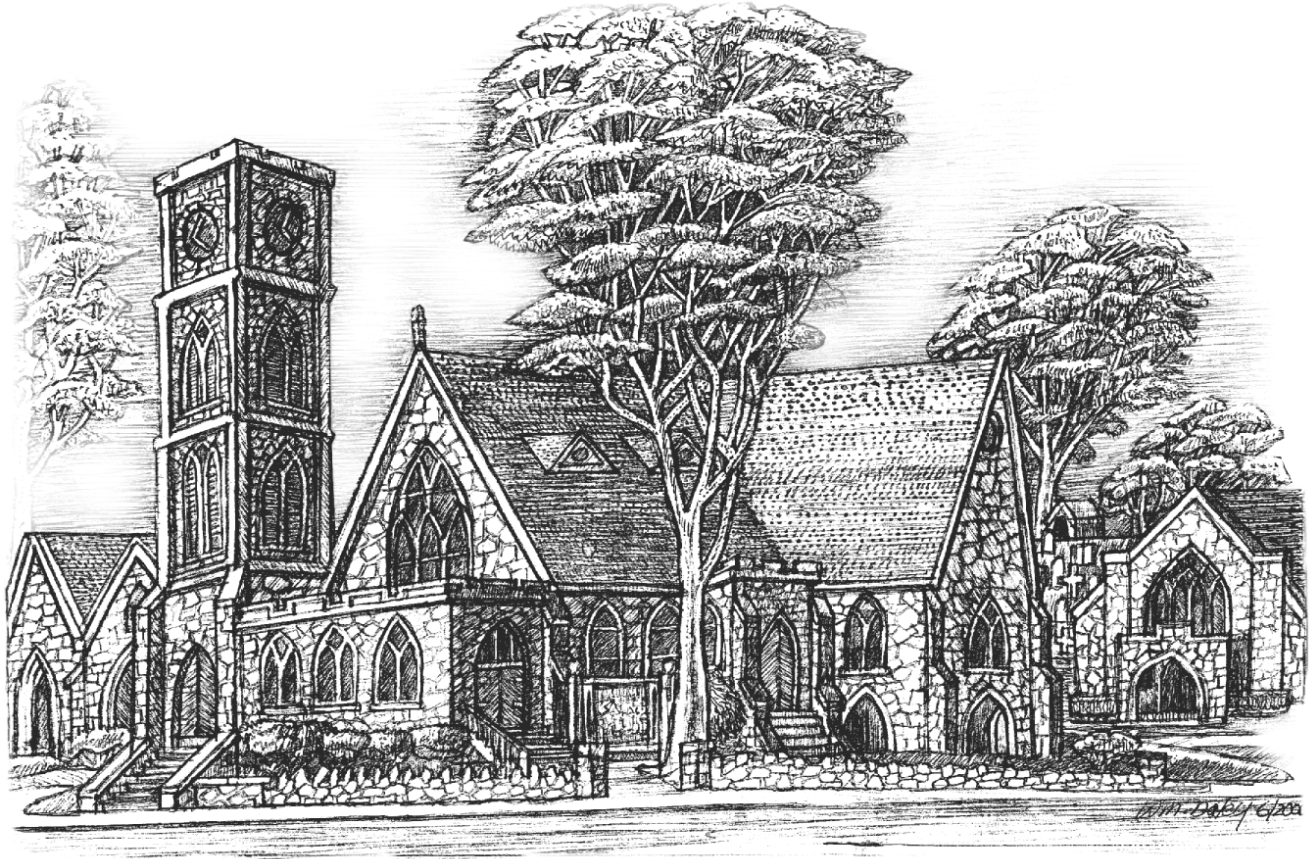


# ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

*An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church*



*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 7, 2022 10:00 am*

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*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.*

*We are a very interesting and articulate group of people  
who want to grow in the Spirit, and who seek to follow Christ's path  
of compassion and service.*

*We'd love to get to know you!  
Please feel free to join us for Sunday worship.  
You will be most welcome!*

## **Sunday Service**

10:00 AM ZOOM Family Communion  
Contemporary worship with ancient depth, with all kinds of music.

## **Tuesday Service**

10:00 AM ZOOM Spoken Morning Prayer  
Start your day with beauty and devotion with this 15-minute service.  
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**Tessika McClendon, soprano, St. Paul's Music Minister**  
**Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone, St. Paul's Music Minister**

***The Holy Eucharist***  
***The Word of God***

**Prelude: *Nocturne*** by Edvard Grieg

**Opening Hymn**

*Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us*

**Blue Hymnal #559**

**Join our soloists and sing along at home!**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing  
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
All our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Yet unfeared, persevering  
To thy passion thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.

**Opening Sentence**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

## Hymn of Praise

*This is the day.*

**Lift Every Voice #219**

*Join our soloists and sing along at home!*

This is the day, this is the day.

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says* The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners

on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 33:12-22**

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven, \*

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*

on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them \*

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*

for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*

on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, \*

and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; \*

he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*

as we have put our trust in you.

### **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where

no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

**Homily      The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid**

### **The Affirmation of Faith (*Creed*)**

Let us affirm our faith using the words from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

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 Book of Common Prayer*

## **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***

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

*Words of Welcome and Announcements*

# The Holy Communion

## Enriching Our Worship

### Eucharistic Prayer I

*The Celebrant says:*

Remember the words of our Lord that it is more blessed to give than receive.

### **Offertory Anthem**

*He is Able* by Wintley Phipps  
**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. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 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 join hands as we 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,  
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 Invitation**

*The Celebrant invites the People with the following words*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

*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 Gives a Blessing.***

## **Closing Hymn**

**Lead Me, Guide Me**

**Lift Every Voice #194**

*Join our soloist and sing along at home!*

[Refrain]

Lead me, guide me along the way,  
For if you lead me I cannot stray.  
Lord let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power  
to help me over my weakest hour  
lead me through the darkness thy face to see  
lead me oh lord lead me  
[Refrain]

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee:  
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.  
[Refrain]

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord just always to me thy servant be,  
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.  
[Refrain]

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

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

People        *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Postlude**    *Fantastic Dance*    by Dimitri Shostakovich



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## **The Vestry**

Godwin Anyanwu  
Veronica Flemings  
Gretchen Hammond  
Gil & Laurinda Hoffer (Job Share)  
David Kary  
Sarah Krause  
Shango-Jamal Lewis  
Robert Lockyer  
Candace Majors  
Doug Martin  
Laura Pillsbury  
Janet Starwood

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