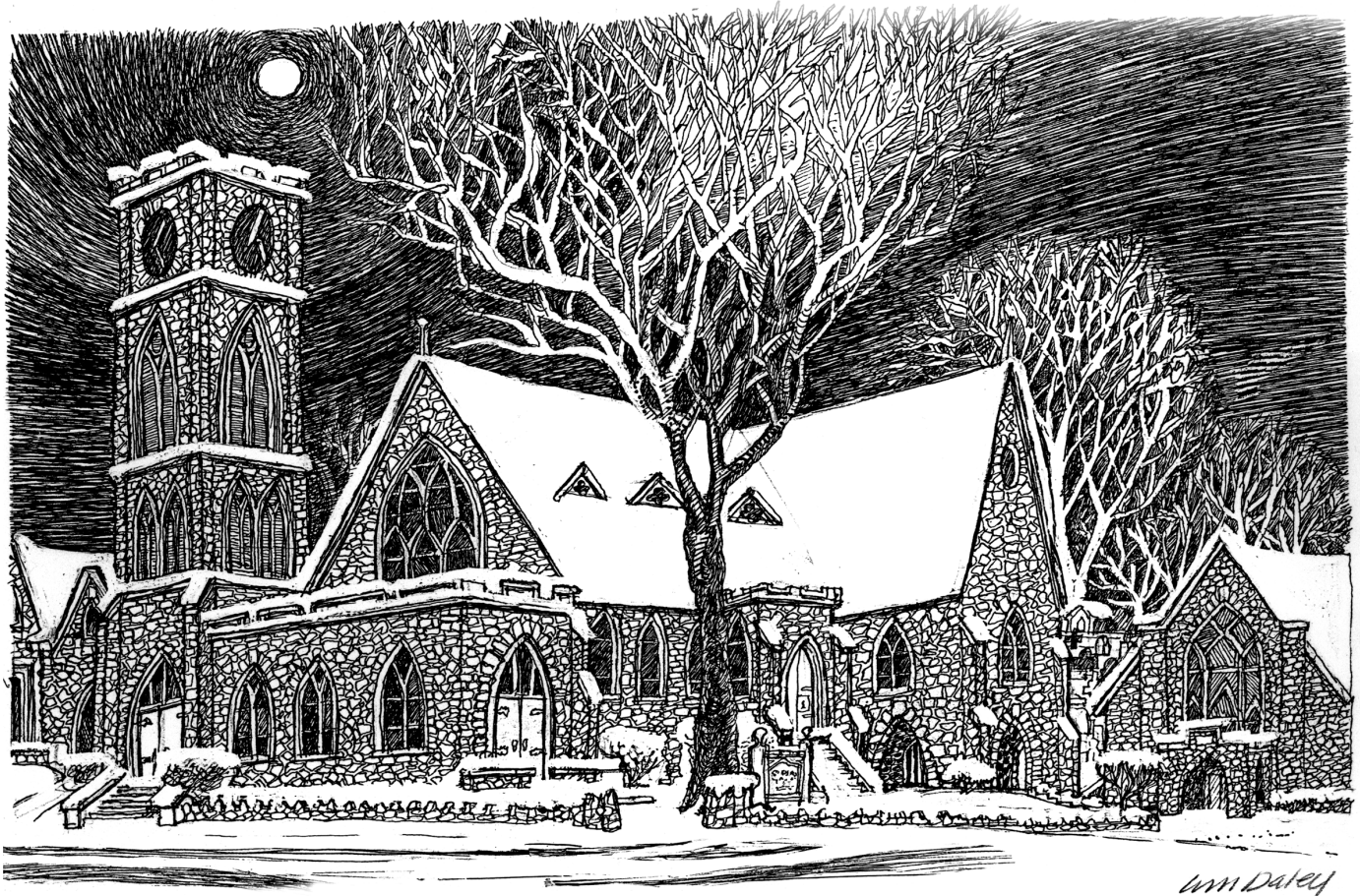


# ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

*An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church*



*The First Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Baptism of Christ*

*January 10, 2021 10:00 am*

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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.***

## **Sunday Service**

**10:00 AM ZOOM Family Communion**  
**Contemporary worship with ancient depth, with 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

**The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid**, Rector  
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*Prelude: When Morning Gilds the Sky/In the Light of God*

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

*Baptized in Water*

**Lift Every Voice #121**

*Join our soloist and sing along at home!*  
Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise -  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven  
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
Born of one Father, we are his children -  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*People* Blessed be the Lord, our God.  
For ever and ever. Alleluia.

## Hymn of Praise

*Angels we have heard on High  
Join our soloist and sing along at home!*  
Angels we have heard on high  
Singing sweetly through the night  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brave delight  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Blue Hymnal #96 vs. 1

## 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*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*The people sit.*

*A reading from Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.  
The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace..

## The Second Lesson

*The people sit.*

*A reading from Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark 1:4-11

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Homily**

**The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid**

### **Our Affirmation of Trust in all that is Holy**

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**

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Congress and the President, for peace among the nations, for all those in uniform now serving in harm's way, and for those who suffer for the sake of conscience.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Give us hope in this time of uncertainty. Strengthen those who are afraid and give us courage in the face of violence and hate. Open our hearts and the hearts of our enemies to your ways of peace;

*Make us instruments of reconciliation and show forth your love.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishops; for Paul, our Rector, for Simpson, our Priest-associate, for David our Music Director, for Tessika and for Shango-Jamal, our singers, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation,

(The People may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud)

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(The People may add their own petitions for those who have died.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*People*

**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 your Son 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

Offertory Anthem

*Jesus, the Light of the World* by Charles Wesley and George D. Elderkin

David Antony Lofton, piano

Tessika McClendon, soprano

Pascale Spinney, mezzo-soprano

Matthew White, tenor

Shango-Jamal Lewis, bass-baritone

Vivian Barton, cello

Gregory Teperman, violin

Karen Whitney, organ



Celebrant     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*  
Celebrant     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give us knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

**Spoken**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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 which is given for you.  
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 of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
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.

And now, let us say together the words our savior taught us,

*People and Celebrant*  
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.

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Agnus Dei*

**Spoken**

*Celebrant:* Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*People:* Have mercy upon us.

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*People:* Have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant:* Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*People:* Grant us your peace.

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **The Celebrant pronounces a blessing**

### **Closing Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #7**

*Christ whose Glory fills the skies*

*Join our soloist and sing along at home!*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Christ, the true, the only Light,

Sun of Righteousness, arise,

Triumph o'er the shades of night;

Dayspring from on high, be near,

Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till Thou inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

### **The Dismissal**

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

The People respond        *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude: *Allegro*            by Henry Purcell

Hymn (After Coffee Hour) - *God Be With You*    Lift Every Voice #234  
***Join our soloist and sing along at home!***

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you  
Until we meet again. (Repeat)