

ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

November 24th, 2024 9:00 a.m



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.*

The Rev. John D. Daniels, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Simpson Coriolan, Priest Associate
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Tessika McClendon, Soprano
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Holy Eucharist **The Ministry of the Word**

Prelude

Toccata in E minor
Trumpet in dialogue

by J. Pachelbel
by L. Clerambault

WELCOME

Opening Hymn *Christ whose Glory Fills the Skies* **Blue #7 vs 1,2**

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord Our God.

People: ***For ever and ever.***

Celebrant: We seek to walk the path of Christ.

People: ***May the Spirit be among us, in us, and through us.***

Hymn of Glory *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah* *Levas #243*

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

The Second Lesson Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18:33-37

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily **The Rev. John Daniels**

Our Affirmation of Trust in all that is Holy

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

(The Reader 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; break down the walls that divide us.

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Daniel, our Diocesan Bishop; for John, our Priest in Charge, for Simpson, our Priest Associate, for Jeannie, our Deacon, for David our Music Director, for Tessika and Shango-Jamal, our singers, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all people everywhere;

For all who serve in God's 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 pray for those who have died, silently or aloud.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant and 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.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God:

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace *(All stand.)*

Celebrant: 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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

by Chisholm & Runyan, arr. by D. Clydesdale
Tessika McClendon, *Soprano*

The Doxology:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Blue #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 and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up 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. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.

Celebrant: 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 gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards.
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet 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 poured out in
forgiveness. 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.

Celebrant: Remembering his death, resurrection, and ascension, 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 St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. 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.***

Celebrant: And now, let us say together the words Our Savior taught us,
Celebrant and People:

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. <i>Amen</i>

The Breaking of the Bread (*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*)

Celebrant: Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.***

Agnus Dei

Blue #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us
your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion 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 Blessing

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
be with you and with those you love, this day, and for ever more.

People: Amen.

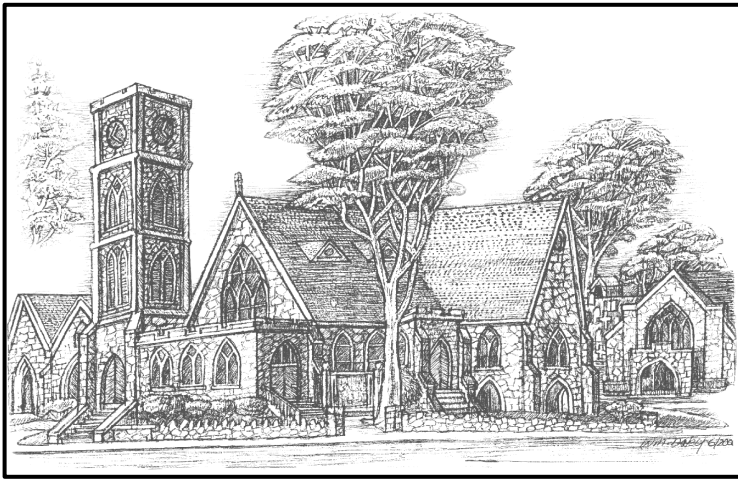
Closing Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Blue #494 vs 1,2

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude *Psalm 19* by B. Marcello



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***St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a multi-cultural community of faith
with members from all over the world.***

Sunday Service

9:00 a.m. Family Communion in the Sanctuary or on Zoom

Contemporary worship with ancient depth and great music

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Upcoming events:

December 8th, 2024 Lamentations Support Group Following 9am service

December 14th, 2024 7:30pm Friends of St. Paul's Concert Series: Making Spirits

Bright Holiday Pops Concert

December 21st, 2024 7:30pm Friends of St. Paul's Concert Series: Bach by
Candlelight

(Drawing above by William Daley)