

# ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

*An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church*

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 25 October 27th, 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  
**The Rev. Jeannie Sachs**, Deacon  
**David Antony Lofton**, Music Director  
**Tessika McClendon**, Soprano  
**Shango-Jamal Lewis**, Baritone

## *Holy Eucharist* **The Ministry of the Word**

**Prelude**      *There Is a Fountain*      arr. Dan Forrest

### **WELCOME**

**Opening Hymn**    *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*    Blue #692 vs 1,3

## 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    *This Is the Day*                      *Levas #219*

### The Collect

*Celebrant:*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson        **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn..

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

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

**Psalm 126**      *In convertendo*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**The Second Lesson**      **Hebrews 7:23-28**

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Hymn**    *Be Thou My Vision*    **Blue #488 vs 1,2**

**The Gospel**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:46-52**

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Sean, our Bishop Elect, 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**      ***He's Got the Whole World In His Hand***

**by Margaret Bonds**

**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:

*Celebrant and People: Sanctus*

**Blue #S130**

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  
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:* 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.

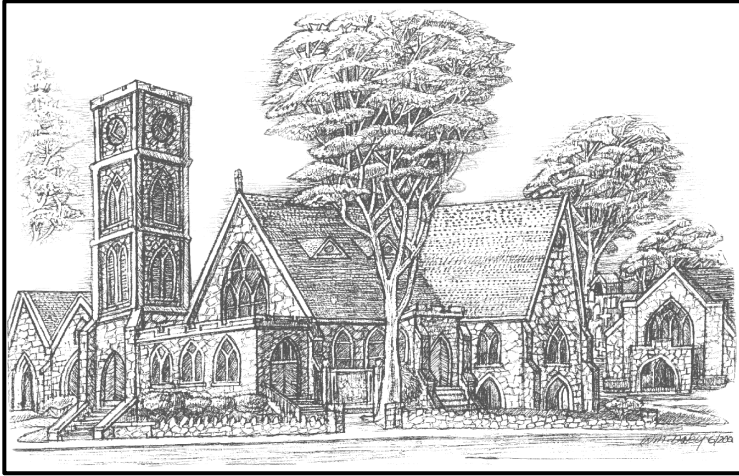
*People: Amen.*

**Closing Hymn** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*      **Blue #699 vs 1,3**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon:*      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.  
*People:*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**      *Toccata in C major* by Domenico Zipoli



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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:**

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry November 9th, 10am St. Paul's Library

St. Paul's Family Birthday Party November 9th, 4pm Location TBD

Lamentations Support Group: What it means to Grieve with God

November 10th following service, St. Paul's Library

Bright Lights Knitting Ministry November 13th, 2pm, Stitch Central, Glenside

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