

ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21

September 29th, 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

***Faith (Songs Without Words)* by Felix Mendelssohn**

WELCOME

Opening Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Blue #645 vs 1,2,6

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 *Praise, Honor and Glory (sung twice)* **Levas #246**

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 **Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

he rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that

you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14 *Caeli enarrant*

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* by Ken Medema
Tessika McClendon, *Soprano*; Shango-Jamal Lewis, *Baritone*

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 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Levas #194

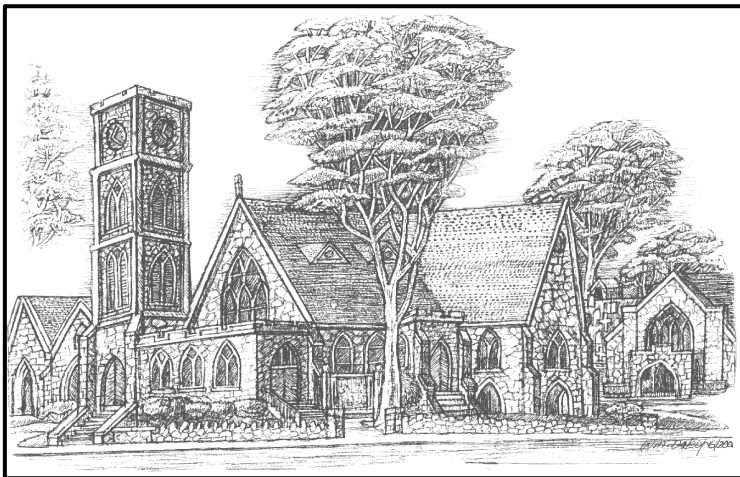
The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

The Rejoicing by Charles Callahan



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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

Songversation for Friends of Music: Sunday, September 29th, 3:00PM

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