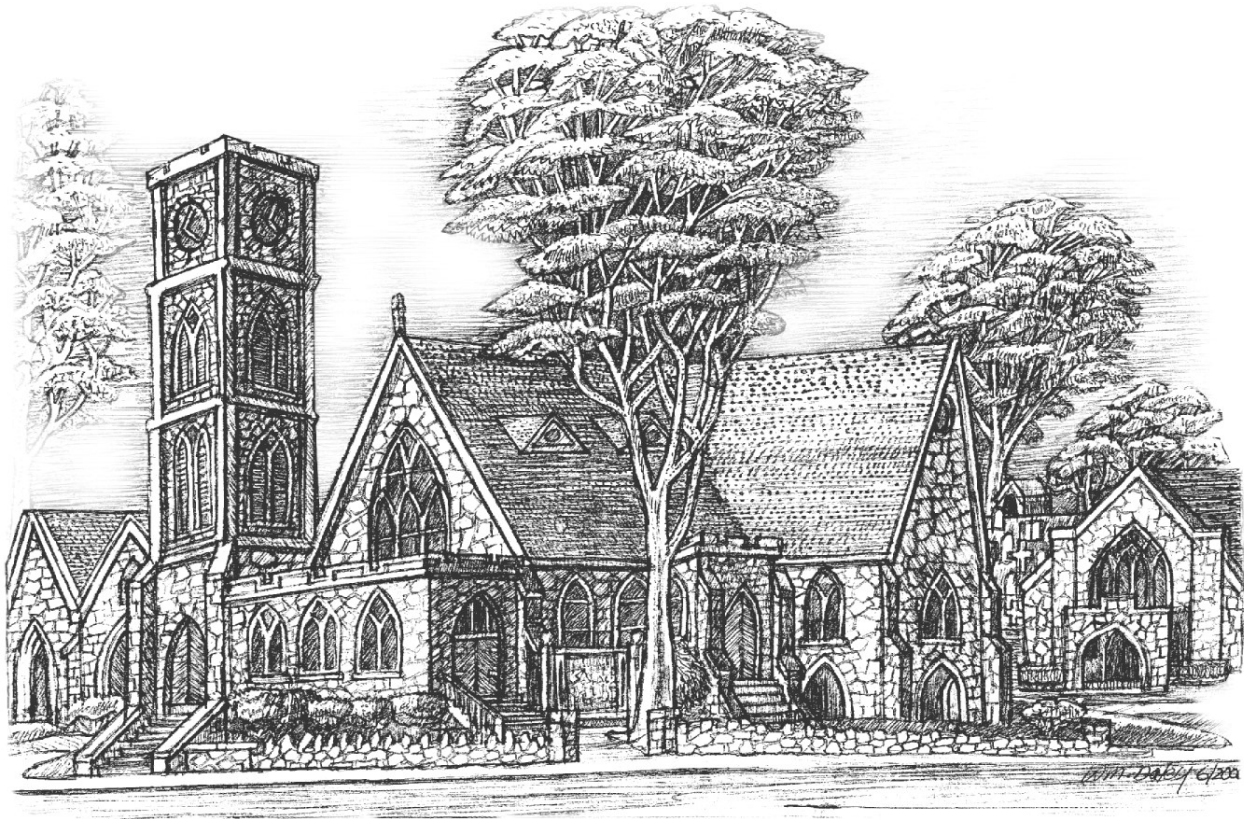


ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023 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 in the Sanctuary or on ZOOM Family Communion
Contemporary worship with ancient depth, with many kinds of music.

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

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Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid, Rector and Preacher

The Rev. Simpson Coriolan, Priest Associate

David Antony Lofton, Music Director

Tessika McClendon, Soprano Music Minister

Shango-Jamal Lewis, Baritone Music Minister

Jody Kidwell, Guest Mezzo-Soprano

Perry Brisbon, Guest Tenor

The Ministry of the Word

Prelude: Christians We Have Met To Worship. HOLY MANNA arranged
by Howard Helvey

WELCOME

Opening Hymn

Singing Songs of Expectation

Blue Hymnal #527

Singing songs of expectation,
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Trusting God we march together
Stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Bright'ning all the path we tread:
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord Our God.

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

Hymn of Glory

Glorious is the name of Jesus

Lift Every Voice # 63

Glorious is the name of Jesus

Praises to his Name

Oh, glorious and righteous and Holy is His Name

Oh, glorious is his name

I feel his presence in this place,

His Spirit has control,

Can't you feel his warm embrace

And all the joy within your soul.

Oh, Glorious is His Name [Repeats]

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast
to those that shall endure; 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

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson

A reading from Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of

suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Be Thou my vision

Blue Hymnal #488

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be naught to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, Thine own may I be,
Thou in my dwelling, and I one with Thee.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won;
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun;
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

The Gospel

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mathew 20:1-16**

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and

he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid

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 Daniel, our Diocesan Bishop; for Paul, our Rector, for Simpson, our Priest Associate, 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 add their own petitions 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.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors:

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.*

The Priest says;

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. 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 Offertory

All Good Things Will Be Added Unto You, by Shelton Becton

Shango-Jamal Lewis, Baritone

The Doxology

The 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 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.

The Celebrant continues:

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:

The Blue Hymnal #S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

heaven and earth are full; full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, 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.

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 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.

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: 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

Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal #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.

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

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

Come, Labor On

Blue Hymnal #541 vs. 1,3,4,5

Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
By feeblest agents, may our God fulfill
His righteous will

Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Servants, well done!"

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude: The Gift of Love Traditional/Hal Hopson arranged by John Carter



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