

ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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 *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is* Irish Melody, arr. Dan Forrest

WELCOME

Opening Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus* Blue #158 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.***

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13***Miserere mei, Deus***

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Gospel Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Blue # 474 verse 1,2,4

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:20-33

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily The Rev. John D. 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 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.

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.***

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

Lamb of God

By Twila Paris

Shango-Jamal Lewis, *baritone*

The Doxology

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 #S124

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: 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 #S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us 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

Glory Be to Jesus

Blue #479 vs 1,2,4

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Lowell Mason, arr. Jan Sanborn

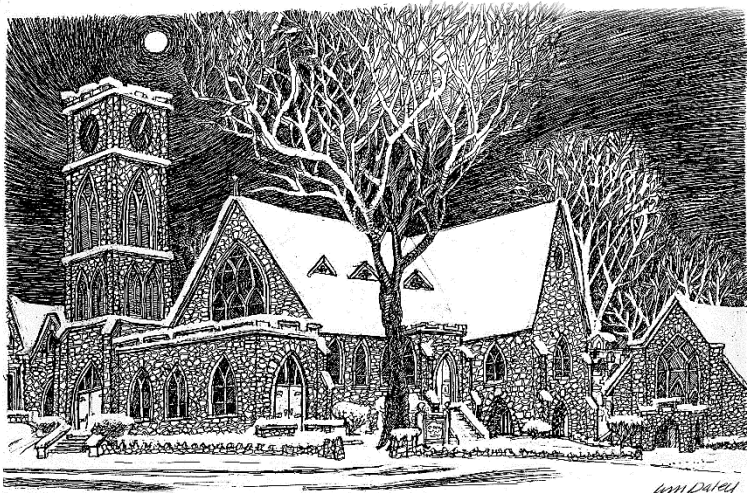
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multi-cultural community of faith
with members from all over the
world.*

Sunday Service

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

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