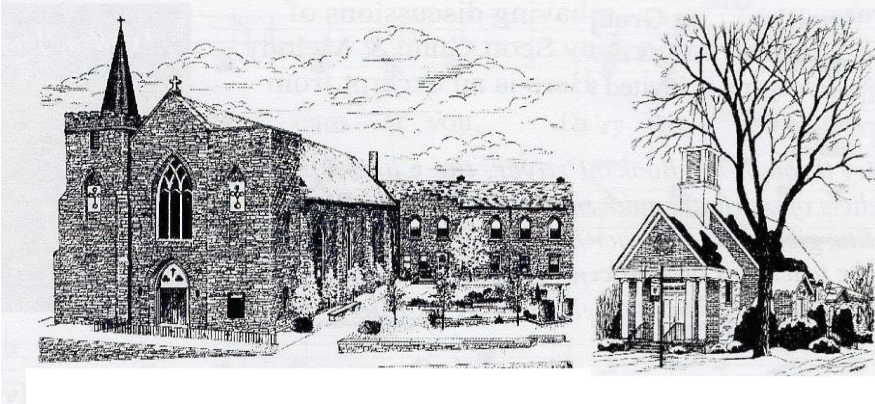


# THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



**St. Paul's Church**  
**10 E. Third St.**  
10:30 a.m.

**Trinity Chapel**  
**1901 State St.**  
8:15 a.m.

November 19, 2023

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Admin. Assistant Office Hours – Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing.

*\*Asterisk is sung service music at St. Paul's Church only*

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

*BCP p. 355*

**Prelude**                    *'Salzburg'*

*arr. P. Lehenbauer*

**Hymn #290**                *Come, ye thankful people, come*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Glory to God:** *Gloria in excelsis*

*S280 The Hymnal 1982\**

**The Collect of the Day**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**The Lessons**    *Please be seated*

*BCP p. 357*

**A reading from Zephaniah**

*Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.  
The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.  
That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.  
I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## Psalm 90:1-8, 9-11, 12

*Domine, refugium*

*The people respond with the verses in bold italics*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
***from one generation to another.***
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
***from age to age you are God.***
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
***"Go back, O child of earth."***
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
***and like a watch in the night.***
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
***we fade away suddenly like the grass.***
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
***in the evening it is dried up and withered.***
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
***we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.***
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
***and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.***
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
***we bring our years to an end like a sigh.***
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
***yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.***
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
***who rightly fears your indignation?***
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
***that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.***

## A reading from 1 Thessalonians

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Hymn #291

*We plow the fields, and scatter*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Please stand if you are able*

## The Gospel

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy

slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Jim Cravens+

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

*BCP p. 358*

## **The Prayers of the People: Form III**

*BCP p. 387*

## **Confession of Sin**

*BCP p. 360*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem** (duet: Robbie and Roy) *Thanks be to Thee*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*BCP p. 372*

*Lift up your hearts: Sursum Corda*

*S120 The Hymnal 1982\**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

*S128 The Hymnal 1982\**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*BCP p. 364*

*S119 The Hymnal 1982\**

*Jesus Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

*S164 The Hymnal 1982\**

***All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.***

***If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.***

**Communion Anthem**

*'Ash Grove'*

arr. G. Martin

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*BCP p. 366*

**The Blessing**

*BCP p. 366*

**Dismissal**

*BCP p. 366*

**Hymn #397**

*Now thank we all our God*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Postlude**

*'Nun danket alle Gott'*

arr. S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

**SERVING TODAY**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Trinity:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Cravens+

Organist: Gay Anderson

Lector: Lurna Hutchinson

Intercessor: Lurna Hutchinson

CB/Acolyte: Lurna Hutchinson

Altar Guild: Lisa Springman

The Rev. Jim Cravens+

Gay Anderson

Linda Dunnagan

Linda Dunnagan

Jeff Dunnagan

Sue Goers

**St. Paul's:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Cravens+

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Organist:	Gay Anderson	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Chuck Drennan	April Drennan
Acolyte:	Meg Dorris	Marie Drennan
Altar Acolyte:	April Drennan	Destiny Drennan
Chalice/BB:	Marti LoRusso	Chuck Drennan
Lector:	Elizabeth Foley	Chuck Drennan
Intercessor:	Elizabeth Foley	Chuck Drennan
Altar Guild:	N. Weiss-Hayes, A. Bromaghim	D. Cook, J. Cook

### **Calendar & Announcements for the week of November 19, 2023**

- Sunday, Nov 19**      Thanksgiving Harvest Feast – following church at St. Paul’s
- Tuesday, Nov 21**      No Morning Prayer or Bible study
- Thursday, Nov 23**      Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)
- Friday, Nov 24**      Office closed
- Sunday, Nov 26**      8:15 a.m. Mass – Trinity Chapel  
                                  10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Paul’s  
                                  2:00 p.m. Celebration of Alvin Elkins Life – Johnson’s Corner

**The annual Thanksgiving Harvest Feast is today after church at St. Paul’s in Heneghan Hall.** All parish members are invited.

**ECW is now taking orders for our roasted pecans.** We have decided not to sell our pecans at 3 Charming Chicks in December. Information about our sale of pecans, along with the order form, has been posted on Facebook. Please tell your friends, neighbors, etc! They make great hostess, teacher, hairdresser, mani/pedi technician, etc. gifts. Order forms are available in the Narthex.

**The United Thank Offering (UTO) collection will conclude today.** UTO envelopes are provided in the church narthex. Gifts may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the Church office. Please designate “UTO” in the memo if you are submitting a check.



**Bible Study will return on Tuesday, November 28th**, and will be led by Fr. Gene Stormer at St. Paul's. Following Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:30 a.m., Bible study will begin at 10:15 a.m. and last approximately an hour. All are welcome – be sure to bring your Bible! **We will begin the study of The Gospel of Mark.**

**A Celebration of Life for Alvin Elkins will be held Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Johnson's Corner. We hope to see you there.

**In preparation for Christmas, we will once again be accepting donations for parishioners to order flowers** that will beautify our altar in Thanksgiving or memory of loved ones and friends. Order forms will be provided Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> with the orders being accepted through Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.

**If you are interested in joining the weekly walking group**, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at [diamondzoe@charter.net](mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net) or 618-581-5756. We have been meeting on Friday mornings with the time and location determined on a weekly basis.

**Please help out Parish Life by taking a turn at hosting Coffee Hour at St. Paul's** after the 10:30 a.m. service. A sign-up sheet can be found in Heneghan Hall.



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Richard, Judy, Tori, John, Jeanie, K-Lou, Fr. Kip, Claudette, Marie, Charles, Robin, Bianca, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Mother Jane, Terry, Kay, Barb, John, Don, Tony, Dan, Nolan, Helen, Greg, Don, Irene, Katie, Judy and those known only to us.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Prayers of the People, we use **Form III, found on page 387.**

**Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;**

*That we all may be one.*

**Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;**

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

**We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jim, priest with us today; that priest who is to become our next Rector; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;**

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

**We pray for Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; the Congress, Legislatures, and the Courts; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

**Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;**

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

**We pray for: Richard, Judy, Tori, John, K-Lou, Fr. Kip, Jeanie, Claudette, Marie, Charles, Robin, Bianca, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Mother Jane, Terry, Kay, Barb, John, Don, Tony, Dan, Nolan, Helen, Greg, Don, Irene, Katie, Judy, Mary, all those in harm's way around the world; those known only to us, and those we name now.**

**(pause) Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;**

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

**Give to the departed eternal rest.**

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, and all your saints who have entered into joy;**

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.**

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**