

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Reflections for St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia

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Sunday, October 24, 2021: Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost, Year B

(Via Conference Call)

### Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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 for ever.

*(Thanks be to God).*

### Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 (*Glory to you Lord Christ.*)

<sup>46</sup> They 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. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>49</sup> 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.' <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> 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.' <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*(Praise to you Lord Christ.)*

**Ideas for discussing the application of this lesson to our daily lives:**

- 1. In the Epistle, v. 25, what is your understanding of Jesus' "always lives to make intercession for them?"**
- 2. In the Epistle, v. 28, should we hold our priests to the same standards as our High Priest Jesus?**
- 3. In the Gospel, how are the symbols of poverty and blindness significant to us today?**

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