

**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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