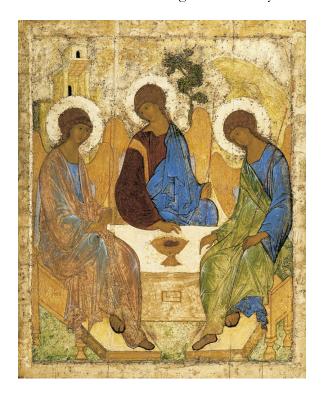


St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

May 26 2024

Welcome to Saint Elisabeth's. We are delighted to have you with us this today.



The Holy Trinity, ca. 1420

Andrei Ruhley Moscow

This faith community invites all persons to all levels of participation, leadership and decision-making within the church regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, socioeconomic and marital status. We seek to establish meaningful connections with one another through work and play and worship as we strive to understand God's purpose for us in the church and in the world.

Ordinary Time: Creation

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a season with a single common focus, but is simply the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. It is often called "Ordinary Time." These weeks hold both the slower pace and peaceful quality of summer months and the quicker pace and flurry of activity in the early fall. These are our "ordinary" days, in which we live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

During these weeks, as the liturgical scholar Leonel Mitchell puts it, we celebrate "the time in which we actually live — the period between the Pentecost and the Second Advent." Two thousand years after the first Pentecost, the church still lives in this "in between" time before the fulfillment of time in Christ's second coming. You might also hear these weeks called "the long, green season," referring both to the green color of the vestments and altar hangings for these weeks as well as to the summertime of year in which many of the weeks fall in the northern hemisphere.

After Pentecost we settle into the growing season, nourishing the seeds planted at Easter and putting down roots in our faith.

From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering in

The doctrine of the Trinity reminds us that in God there is neither hierarchy nor inequality, neither division nor competition, but only unity in love amid diversity."

Catherine LaCugna

Practice (Orthopraxy)

If we are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27) our lives should reflect that image in unity in love amid diversity not in hierarchy or inequality, division or competition. In what ways do you express that image in your life? What helps you in that expression? What hinders you?

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

Opening Hymn



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us

and all of creation.

Assembly Amen.

Song of Praise





Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is full of the glory of your love. May we your children, born of the Spirit, so bear witness to your Son Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, that all the world may believe and have life eternal through the One who saves, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

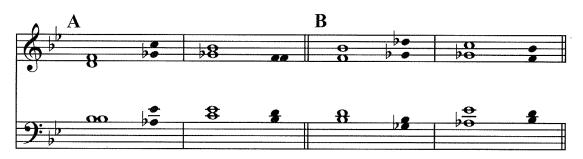
The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29



- A 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

 B 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

 A 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- B 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- A 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the <u>cedar trees;</u> * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- B 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a <u>calf</u>, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild <u>ox</u>.
- A 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- B 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees <u>writhe</u> * and strips the forests <u>bare</u>.
- A 9 And in the temple of the <u>Lord</u> * all are crying, "<u>Glory!</u>"
- B 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the <u>flood</u>; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever<u>more</u>.
- B 11 The Lord shall give strength to his <u>people</u>; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of <u>peace</u>.

Second Reading Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to God 635 "Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord" Laudate Dominum

(music on the next page)



All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel John 3:1-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

Creed

"We Believe in God Almighty"

Aldrich/Spencer

Please stand as you are able.



Prayers of the People

Common Worship, adapted

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the

Father. Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it

that unity which is your will.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Enlighten Paula our bishop and all your ministers with knowledge and

understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim

your word.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Guard and strengthen your servant Joseph our President, that he may put

his trust in you, and seek your honor and glory.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Endue Congress of the United States and all serve in public office with

wisdom and understanding.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Bless whose who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty,

and truth.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the

good of all creation.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed

Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry,

and the destitute. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this

congregation, especially:

Susan Chadd

Anna, Ian and their baby Raymond, Fred Johnston's friends

Benjamin Whipple and family

The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

are there others?... (Silence)

Let us pray.

Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both

those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you

alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

New Zealand Prayer

Presider Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I

will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence.

God forgives and heals us.

Assembly We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some

sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve your.

Presider God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Through Christ, God

has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

Assembly Amen.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the peace of God. Please be seated for the announcements.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Those traveling and those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

5-27	Robert Fischer & Eve Thornton
5-29	Susan & Larry Whipple
5-30	Susan & Jim Newcomb

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Collection

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Elisabeth's church. You can leave a donation in the offering plate or use your phone to scan the QR code to donate online.



Offertory Anthem

St. Elisabeth's Choir.

"Holy"

By Craig Courtney

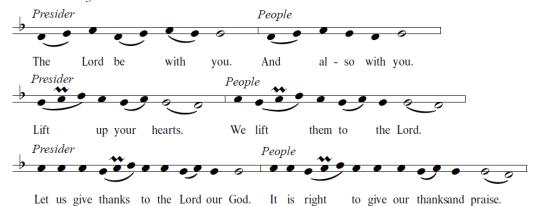
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in excelsis.

He is blessed who comes in the name of God. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in excelsis.

The Great Thanksgiving

All Creation Sings

Please stand as you are able.



Presider

Please remain standing or kneel, as you are able.

Presider

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

Sanctus

All Creation Sings 1089

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Argentine Santo

(Music on the nxt page)



Presider

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song;

Assembly The earth is full of your glory.

Presider

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat' this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song;

Assembly

The earth is full of your glory.

Presider

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this holy meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

Assembly

The earth is full of your glory. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Assembly

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.

Breaking of the Bread

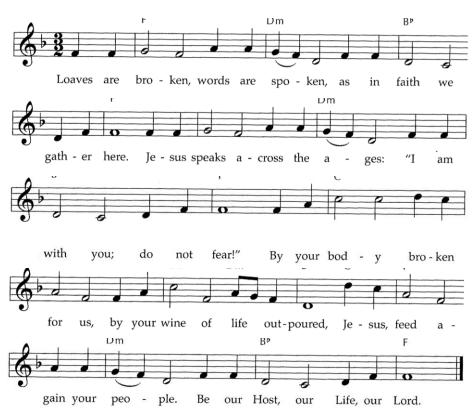
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Glory to God 498

"Loaves Were Broken"

Beach Spring



Invitation to Communion

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing at this time.

Gluten-free host available upon request.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, simply cross your arms over your chest.

If you are unable to come forward for any reason,

please inform an usher so our clergy can bring communion to you in the pew.

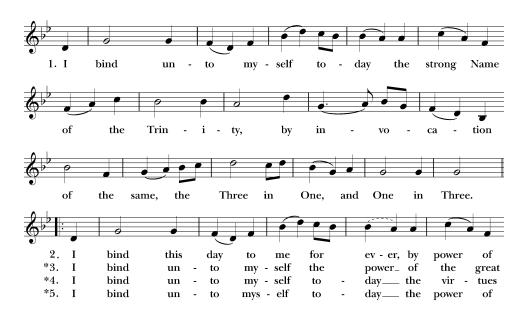
Music during Communion

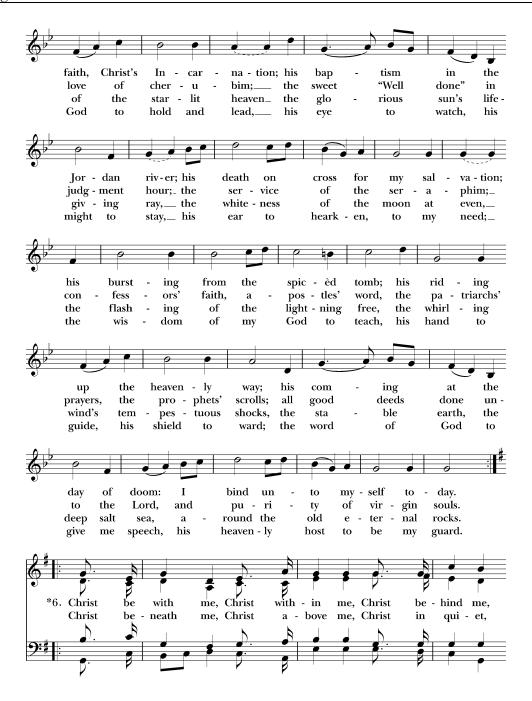
All are invited to sing.

Hymnal 370

"I bind unto myself today"

St. Patrick's Breastplate







Post Communion Prayer

All Creation Sings

Please stand as you are able.

Presider

Let us pray.

Assembly

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Assembly

Closing Hymn

Hymn 381

"Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

Ton-y-Botel

(music on the next page)

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to come forward to listen to the postlude. If you need to leave before the conclusion, please do so quietly.

All are invited for coffee hour and conversation down the hall in the dining room immediately following the service. Sunday school for children is offered on the second floor.



Assisting Today

First Reading Susan Whipple

Second Reading Anne Tuohy

Prayers Peter Rossiter

Altar Guild Libby Hinds, Glenna Foley

Usher Larry Whipple

Coffee Hour Choir

This Week

Monday, May 27 AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Wednesday, May 29 Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)

Thursday, May 30 Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, May 3 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Saturday, June 1 AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Summer Office Hours Begin

Up Next

Sunday, June 2 Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)

Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)

Coffee Hour, Forum, & Sunday School (11:00 AM)

June 6 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

June 7 Zoom Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Announcements

Save the Date for the Annual Parish Picnic June 9th at 11:00 AM on the Lawn.

Pride: Mark your calendars for Tuesday evening June 11 as St E's LGBTQ Team joins forces with the Glencoe Public Library for a Pride month event focusing on Trans and Non-binary questions and issues. With our support, the library will feature our favorite facilitator Lizzy Appleby, Pride/Share Director of Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, to host a panel discussion in honor of Transgender Day of Visibility aka TDOV, whose official date fell on Easter Sunday. Lizzy has put together a Transgender and Non-binary panel to engage the community in open and deeper conversation around these timely and relevant issues. The event will take place at 7:00 PM at the library. We hope to see you there. More details to follow!

St. Elisabeth's Pride Sunday is June 23!

Please join us for the 10:00 AM service featuring special prayers and music followed by fun and games and a sumptuous picnic hosted by Team LGBTQ. For ten years, St Elisabeth's has been working to create a place of welcome and understanding for all regardless of gender or sexual orientation in the belief that God created us in myriad diversity. Pride Sunday is our day to celebrate that diversity by proudly flying the rainbow flag and inviting everyone to join in from the Better Together churches, houses of worship in Glencoe and the community around us. We hope you'll come and help us celebrate this festive occasion!

Announcements

Weekday Worship: Come join Adam before work or school at 7:30 AM every Thursday for a short service of Holy Communion with a brief homily on the readings assigned for the day.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room. At the next study, we will be reading Luke chapters 15-16. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

Sunday Forum We will gather weekly at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM service in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab and home-bound parishioners: If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

Announcements

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed: Have you ever wondered how we get communion set up for each of our church services or why we use different colors for different seasons in the church? Did you know that the Altar Guild has its roots in the most ancient and sacred traditions of Jesus' ministry? And it's not just for women... in fact at several churches Altar Guilds include men, women and even teenagers.

Our Altar Guild at St. Elisabeth is responsible for the preparation of the Altar including setting up communion supplies, changing of the church linens and refilling our candles. It is also an opportunity to work closely with Adam as we set up and clean up after services. It is also a relatively low time commitment and easy way to help our community.

We are now in need of new volunteers to join our small but mighty crew that help with our set up and clean up after our services. If you are interested, please reach out to Polly Baur (polly.baur@gmail.com / 773-818-3738) or Adam.

Volunteer with Soup Kitchen For some 30 years we have been partnering with First United Methodist Church of Evanston to staff a soup kitchen 6 times a year. Typically we take the second Thursday of every odd numbered month (January, March, etc.). We provide the food and the volunteers to pack and serve that food. The time requirement is not great: either 1-2 hours in the afternoon in Glencoe and/or 2-3 hours in the early evening in Evanston.

We also welcome contributions to the fund to purchase the food. We typically cater to 60-80 diners, serve them a hot dinner and a sack lunch for the next day. We welcome newcomers. Just contact John Tuohy or Susan Newcomb for details, dates, directions and the like.

Family Promise provides free family shelter to families with children – keeping families together during a time of homelessness, unlike other homeless shelters separate families by female/male. Family Promise also offers training, budgeting and other support to help families move from homelessness to success. Because St. Elisabeth cannot house families in our church; we partner with two other churches. We need volunteers to help cook meals, stay overnight or just help serve meals. Homeless families with children want someone to talk with and someone to interact with their children. We help three to five times per year for one week at a time. There is a sign-up online for dinners or sleepovers. It is easy, helpful, fulfilling and very efficient. It is good to share a meal with people in need. For more information, please contact Robert Fischer, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Mygatt or Carla Arnell.

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Sunday Schedule



8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II

11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Summer Office Hours June, July and August

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, and Thursday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Pastoral Care Number: 847-786-3082

We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.

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