



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The First Sunday of Advent*

December 3, 2023

10:00 AM

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



*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.*

## Advent

The Christian calendar begins its new year not on January 1, but on the first Sunday of Advent — which is always four Sundays before Christmas (December 25) and the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30). Our word "Advent" derives from the Latin *Adventus*, which means "coming," and originally referred just to the coming of the feast of Christmas. But over time the season of Advent took on a double meaning. Today it refers both to the "first coming" of Jesus Christ in his birth at Christmas and to his "second coming" at the end of time.

It is important to remember that Advent is not just a season in which we recall an event of the past — Jesus' birth — but also a time in which we look to the present and the future. When will Jesus come again? When will we see the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven? Of course no one knows. And so the more important questions are: What can we do as the Church, Christ's body here on earth, to welcome God's reign of justice and peace today? What can we do as individuals to reorder our lives in the light of God's love? What would it mean to live as a people who believe in Jesus as the Savior of all the earth and who expect him to come again at the fulfillment of time? Each Advent we turn to these questions anew.

*-From Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

## Entering in

The Advent cry, "Come, Lord Jesus, is not a cry of desperation, but an assured shout of cosmic hope.

## Practice

What expectations and demands of life can you let go of so that you can be more prepared for the "coming" of Jesus.



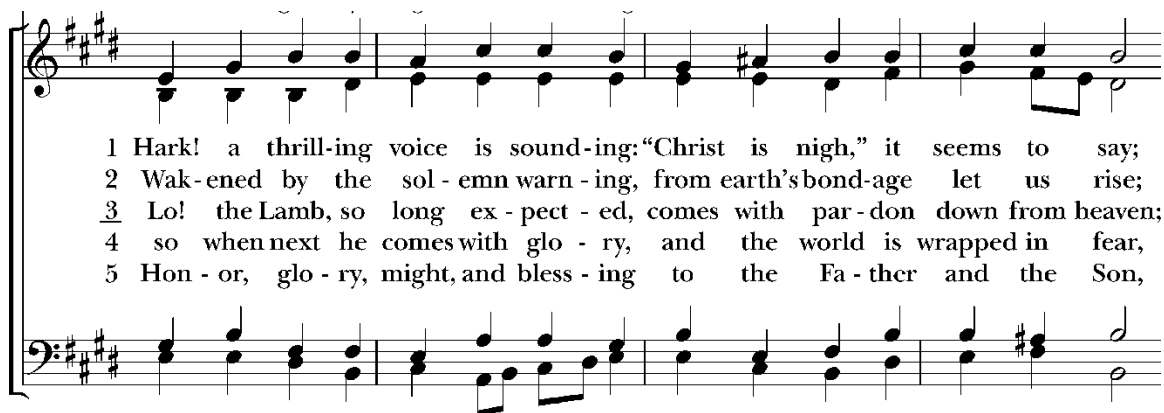
# Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

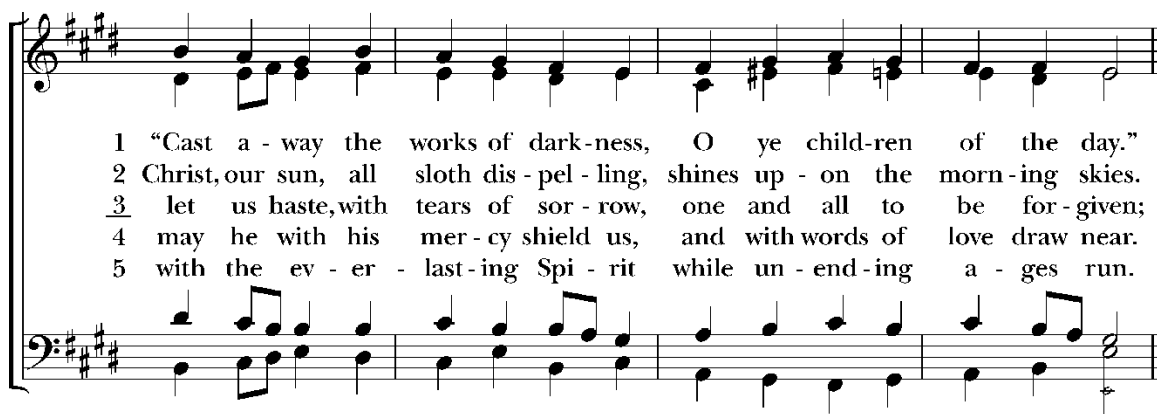
## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 59

“Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding”

*Merton*

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 “Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day.”  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Assembly* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

“Kyrie:

*Missa Emmanuel*

The musical score is written on three systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Cantor's part is on the left and the Assembly's part is on the right, separated by a vertical line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**System 1:**

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

**System 2:**

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

**System 3:**

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Creator of the world, you are the potter, we are the clay, and you form us in your image. Shape our spirits by Christ's transforming power, that as one people we may live out your compassion and justice, whole and sound in the realm of your peace, in and through Christ.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Word of God

### First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

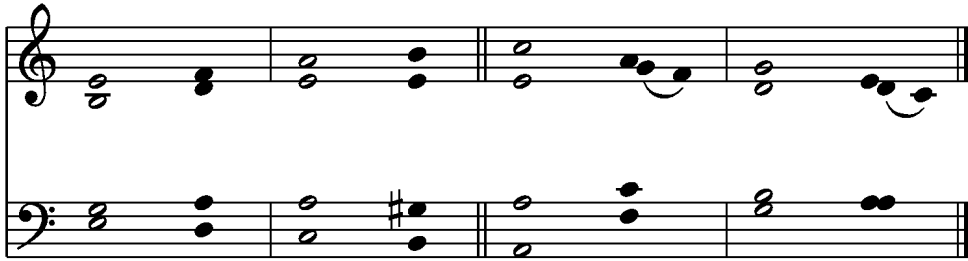
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

## Response

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



A

B

*Assembly*

- A 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- B 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- A 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- B 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- A 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- B 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- A 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- B 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- A 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- B 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the Gospel book*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hymnal 56

“O Come, O Come”  
*Verses 1 and 2 before the Gospel*  
*Verse 3 after the Gospel*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

*Music on the next page*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*



**Gospel**

Mark 13:24-37

*Gospeler  
Assembly*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Gospeler  
Assembly*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**


**Sermon**

The Rev. Larry Handwerk

*A period of silence follows*

## Creed


GTG 481




1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,  
2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.  
3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;



mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;  
He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend - ed in - to death.  
saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;



and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,  
From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;  
flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.



by the Ho - ly Spir - it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir - gin.  
now en - throned with God in heav - en, he will judge the dead and liv - ing.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

**Prayers of the People***New Zealand Prayer Book*

- Intercessor* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the church:  
Father, enliven the Church for its mission
- Assembly* **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**
- Intercessor* Breathe fresh life into your people.
- Assembly* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**
- Intercessor* We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
- Assembly* **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**
- Intercessor* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
- Assembly* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**
- Intercessor* We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
- Assembly* **That all may act with integrity and courage.**
- Intercessor* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours
- Assembly* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**
- Intercessor* We pray for those in need: and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially:  
Bishop Michael Curry  
The people of Israel and Palestine  
Isabelle Thomson  
John Arnell  
Joe Foley, Brian Green's friend  
 are there others?...
- God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
- Assembly* **May they know the power of your healing love.**

*Intercessor* Make us willing agents of your compassion.

*Assembly* **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

*Intercessor* We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

*Assembly* **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

*Intercessor* Give comfort to those who mourn.

*Assembly* **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*Assembly* **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

*Intercessor* We pray for ourselves and our ministries: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*Assembly* **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence*

### **Concluding Collect**

*Presider* Your word is a lamp for our feet. In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, O God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Assembly* **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.**

*Presider* 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.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you..

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Please offer one another a sign of God's Peace.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Birthdays**

### **Anniversaries**

*None on record this week*

*Those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## **Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Presider* God, thank you for the days of our lives: Look with joy, we pray, on N. and all celebrating birthdays as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*Presider* God of our strength and joy, we thank you for the love we witness between two people because through their love for each other we get a glimpse of the love you have for each and every one of us. Through the power of your spirit may N.& N. live in fidelity and peace and obtain those

eternal joys prepared for all who seek and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly*

**Amen.**

## 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

*If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate online.*



### Offertory Anthem

“But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming”

*From Messiah  
by GF Handel*

Solo by Walter Aldrich

But who may abide the day of his coming?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
For He is like a refiner's fire.

**Doxology**

*Please stand as able.*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

The first line of the doxology is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the accompaniment uses chords and single notes.

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

The second line continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and the accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third line concludes the doxology. The melody ends with a half note and a quarter note, and the accompaniment ends with a whole note chord. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**Great Thanksgiving***Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*Assembly*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly*      **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

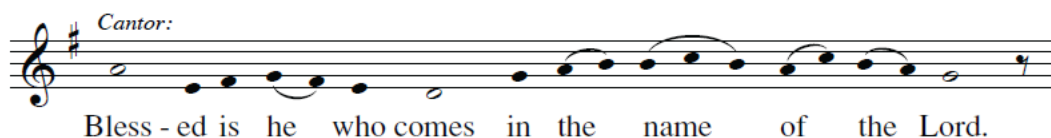
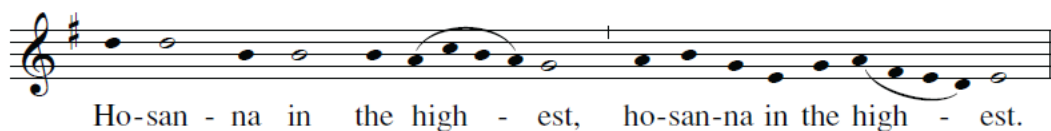
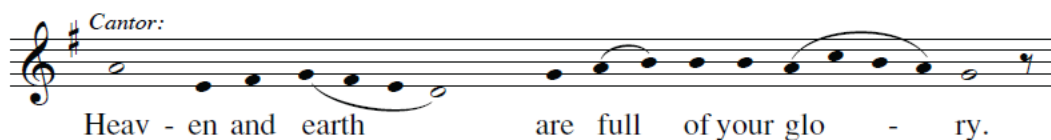
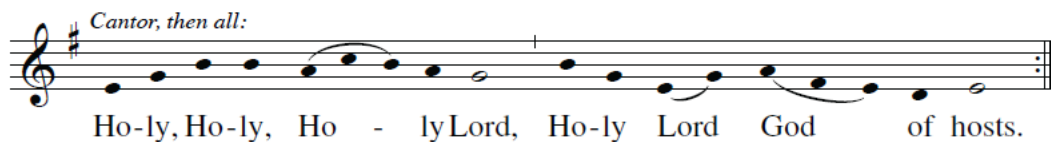
*Presider*        It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## Sanctus

*Missa Emmanuel*

*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Assembly*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Elisabeth and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**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**

“Agnus Dei”


*Missa Emmanuel*

*Cantor:*




Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

*Assembly:*




world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor:*



Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

*Assembly:*



world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**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, please cross your arms over your chest.*

**Music during Communion**

Hymnal 655

"O Jesus I have promised"

*Nyland*

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

## Blessing

*Common Worship*

*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.

*Assembly* Amen.

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 57

“Lo! He comes”

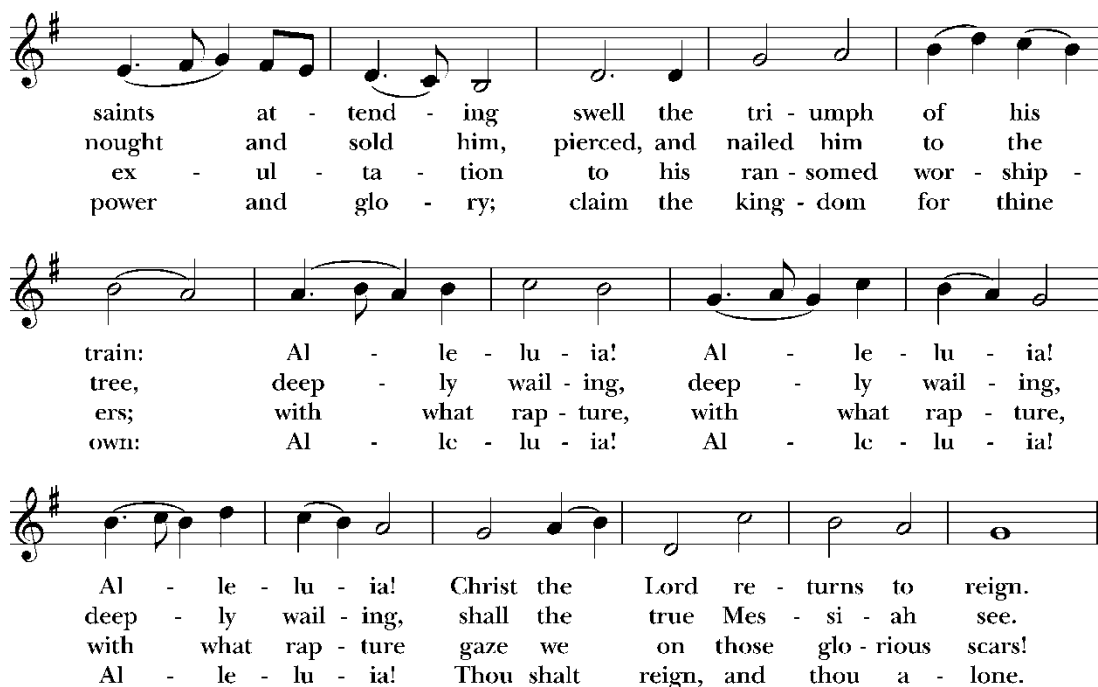
*Helmsley*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services: Bishop Anderson House; Cathedral Counseling Center; ReVive Center; Lawrence Hall; The Church Home at Montgomery Place; Primo Center for Women & Children; And for organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

## Assisting Today

First Reading	Duke Baur
Second Reading	Anne Tuohy
Prayers	John Tuohy
Altar Guild	JoAn Anderson, Barb Ferry, Kara Superfine
Usher	Rod Zimmerman
Coffee Hour	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>



## This Week

Monday, December 4	Boy Scout Troop #28 (7:15 PM) AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Thursday, December 7	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
Friday, December 8	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, December 9	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

## Up Next

<u>Sunday, December 10</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM) Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM) Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM) Forum: Intro to Mark (11:30 AM)
December 12	St. E's Book Group (NOON) Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM)
December 14	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
December 15	Bible Study (11:00 AM)

## Announcements

**ReVive Christmas Baskets:** The boxes are **due back to the church by 9:00 AM on Friday, December 8.**

**Advent Wreath Making:** Come One, Come All to join in a wonderful St. Elisabeth's holiday tradition of making Advent wreaths. This year we'll be gathering **after the 10:00 AM service TODAY.** We will request that you donate \$20 for each wreath.

**Christmas Flower & Music Dedications.** If you would like to make a donation and dedication for the flowers and/or music for Christmas, there are forms at the back of the church, please print legibly. To ensure you are included in the Christmas bulletin, return the form with your donation check to the church office no later than **Friday, December 15.** Please write "*Christmas Flowers & Music*" in the memo line of your check.

**Sunday Forum - An Introduction to Saint Paul:** We begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent on **December 3.** During this upcoming liturgical year, Adam has decided he will be preaching (usually) on the second reading rather than the Gospel - a sort of yearlong Bible study of the rest of the New Testament. Since many of those lessons will come from the Letters of Paul, Adam will be offering a Sunday forum **TODAY at coffee hour** to provide an Introduction to Saint Paul. Grab a cup of coffee and head over to the Guild Room as we learn a bit about the person who is quite possibly the second most important figure in Christian history after Jesus himself!

**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. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.



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Robert Fischer	Susan Newcomb	John Tuohy, <i>asst. Treasurer</i>

**Sunday Schedule**

8:00 AM	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist: Rite II

**Office Hours**

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
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to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*