



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

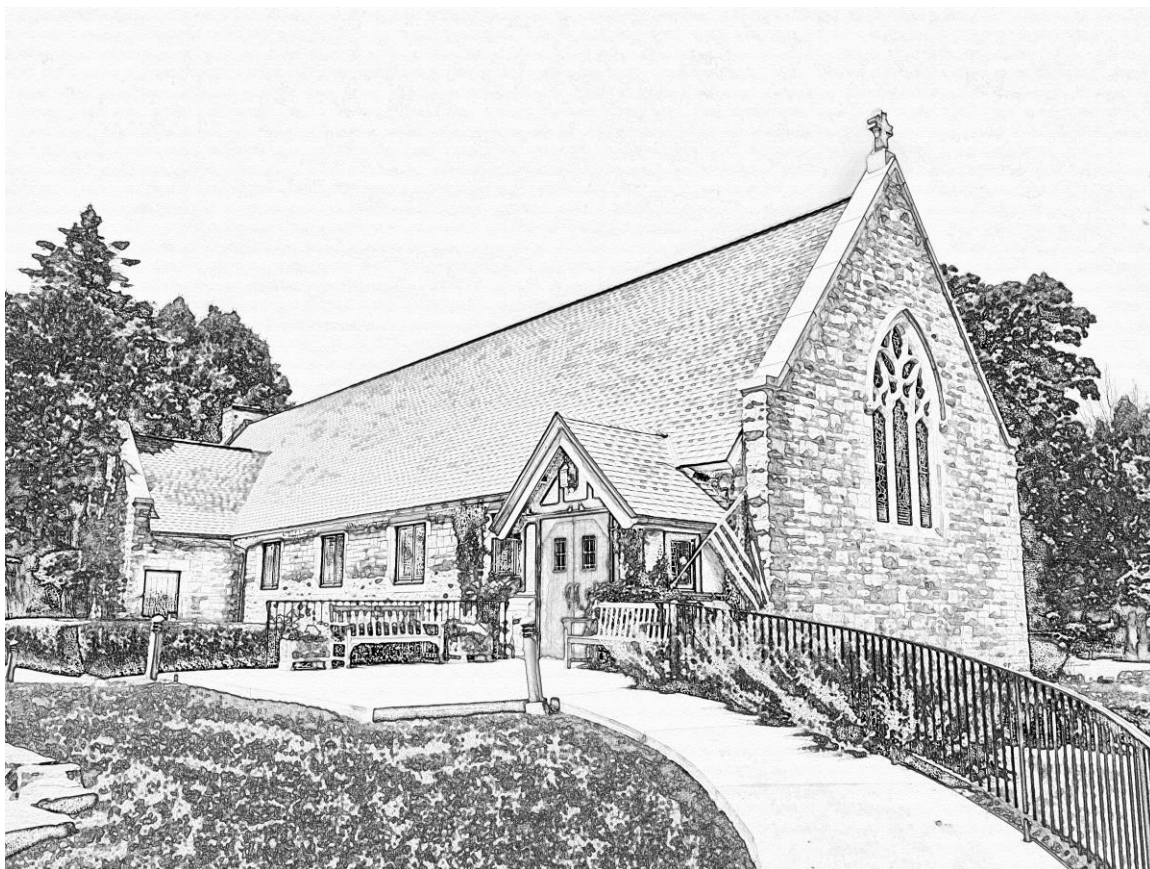
## *The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 15, 2024

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.*

## Welcome – Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship and Forum; Children's Sunday School

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper and Family Worship

### The Sunday Forum

We 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.

### Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for Children, upstairs **after the 10:00 am service every Sunday**. Children of all ages are invited to come learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation Abigail Pribble.

### Sunday Supper and Family Worship

All are welcome to join in on the fun, fellowship, and fabulous food with our faith family! This means singles, couples, empty-nesters, students, friends, children and their parents. We will gather **tonight** in the Guild Room. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m., with the service beginning at 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share at the meal following the service. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in the hallway. Questions? -- please contact Susan or Larry Whipple.

### Christmas Flowers and Music

Want to contribute to Christmas Flowers and Christmas Music? Cards are available in the back of the church on which you may record your intention. Please drop your card in the offering plate or return it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday, December 17**.

### Assisting Today

<i>First Reading</i>	Kay Rossiter
<i>Second Reading</i>	Larry Whipple
<i>Prayers</i>	Pete Rossiter
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Rod Zimmerman
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fred & Annette Johnston

## 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

Repentance often focuses on our “hot sins”, when what is means is a fundamental change of heart and mind. Repentance calls us to look at the world through the eyes of God's dream for a world of joy and thanksgiving.

Putting aside your daily peccadillos – snipping at your spouse, complaining about your neighbor, passing judgement on some who voted for the one you didn't – what issues in your life really need to change to be a contributor to scripture's vision of the peaceable kingdom? Share those with a trusted friend. You may be surprised at how much they are carrying the same issues.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## The Word of God

### Prelude

Jim Baur

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

### Opening Hymn

“One Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

*The Hymnal 1982 #76, Winchester New*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next five lines. Each line of music is accompanied by a numbered list of five vocal parts. The lyrics are printed below the vocal parts.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider*

Bles-sed be God: most ho - ly, glo - rious, and un - di - vi - ded Trinity.

And bless - ed be God's reign, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## Collect for Purity

*Presider*

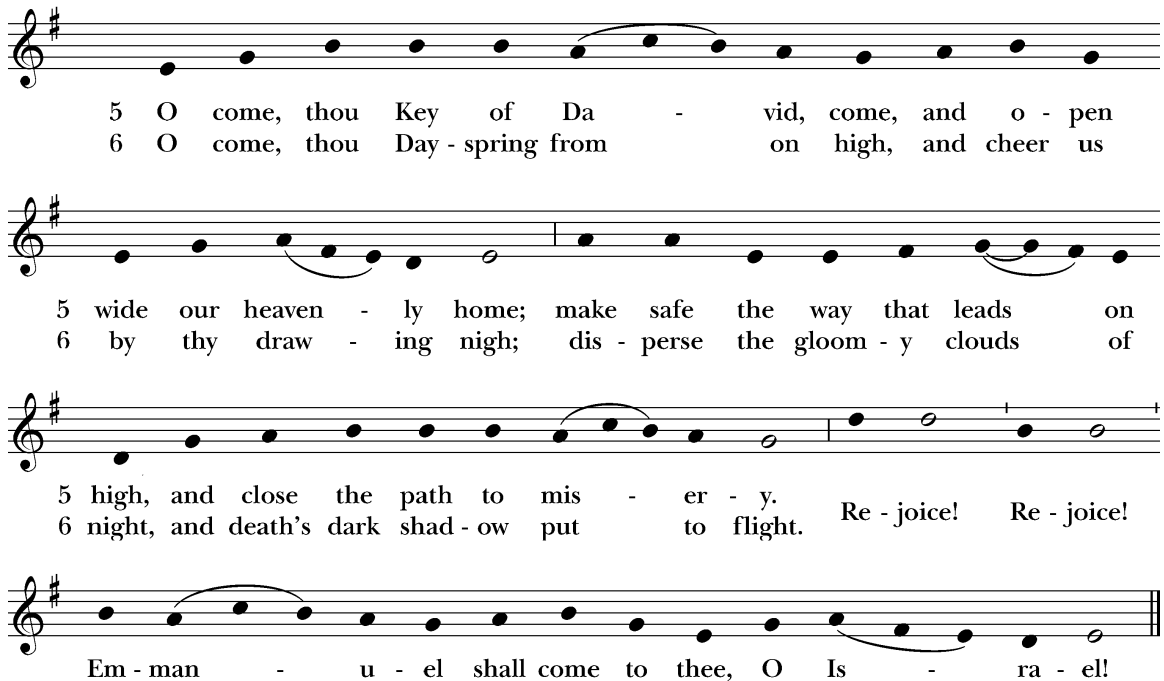
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly*

A - men.

## Song of Praise

“O come, O come, Emmanuel, vs. 5-6  
The Hymnal 1982 #56, *Veni, veni Emmanuel*



5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

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

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

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

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God of the exiles and the lost, you promise restoration and wholeness through the power of the Spirit. Give us faith to live joyfully, sustained by your promises as we eagerly await the day when they will be fulfilled for all the world to see, through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## The First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

## Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah

“Surely it is God Who Saves Me”  
The Hymnal 1982 #679, *Thomas Merton*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



## The Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

“Wait for the Lord”  
Taizé Community

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

*All face the Gospel Book.*

## The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

*Gospeler*  
*Assembly*

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Gospeler*  
*Assembly*

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

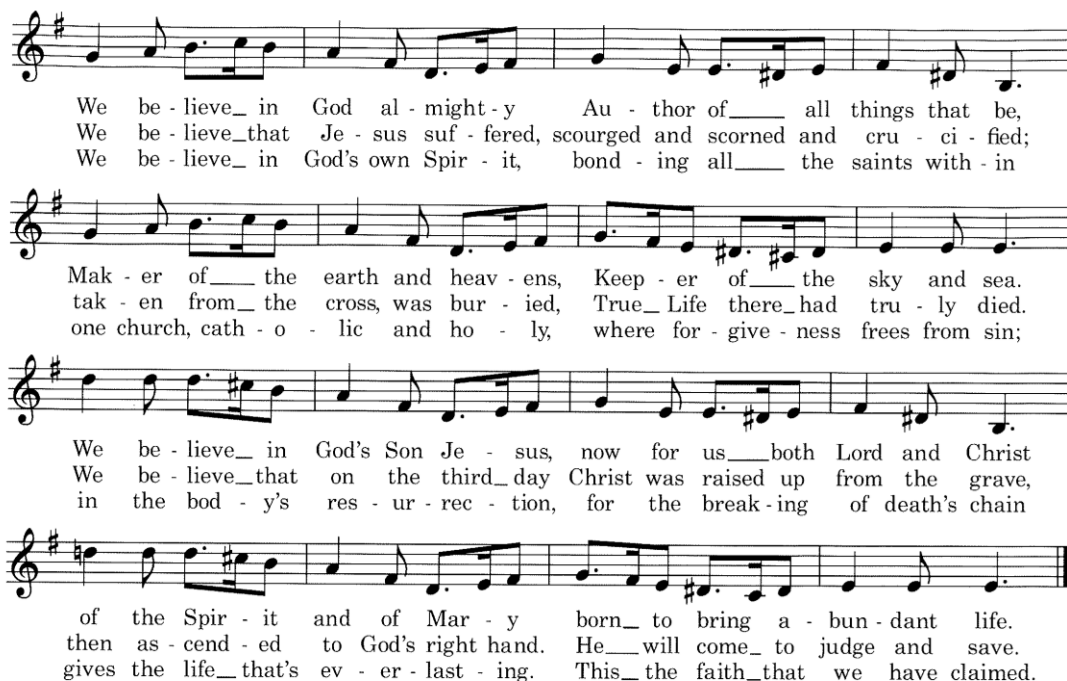
## Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

*A period of silence follows the sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.*

## The Creed

“We Believe”  
Aldrich/Spencer, *Greensleeves*



We be - lieve\_ in God al - might - y Au - thor of\_\_\_ all things that be,  
We be - lieve\_that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
We be - lieve\_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all\_\_\_ the saints with - in

Mak - er of\_\_\_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of\_\_\_ the sky and sea.  
tak - en from\_ the cross, was bur - ied, True\_ Life there\_ had tru - ly died.  
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;

We be - lieve\_ in God's Son Je - sus, now for us\_\_\_ both Lord and Christ  
We be - lieve\_that on the third\_ day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain

of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born\_ to bring a - bun - dant life.  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He\_\_\_ will come\_ to judge and save.  
gives the life\_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This\_ the faith\_ that we have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

*Common Worship Times and Seasons*

*Intervessor* In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus. We pray for the Diocese of Chicago and Paula, our bishop. Come to your Church as Lord and judge. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

*Assembly* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Intervessor* Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all nations and their leaders. Before you rulers will stand in silence.

*Assembly* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Intercessor* Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter. We pray for  
Susan Chadd,  
Sally Graver,  
Walter Tuohy,  
Ben Whipple,  
Chuck Hillier,  
Emily Becker, and  
Cheryl.

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

*Assembly* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Intercessor* Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

*Assembly* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Intercessor* Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Elisabeth and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

*Assembly* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*All* **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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **The 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.*

Andy & Zosia Wittleder – December 15

Barbara Ferry – December 19

Rene Surgi – December 19

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



Jim Baur

*The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer B*  
(Expansive Language)

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And al - so with you.

*Presider*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

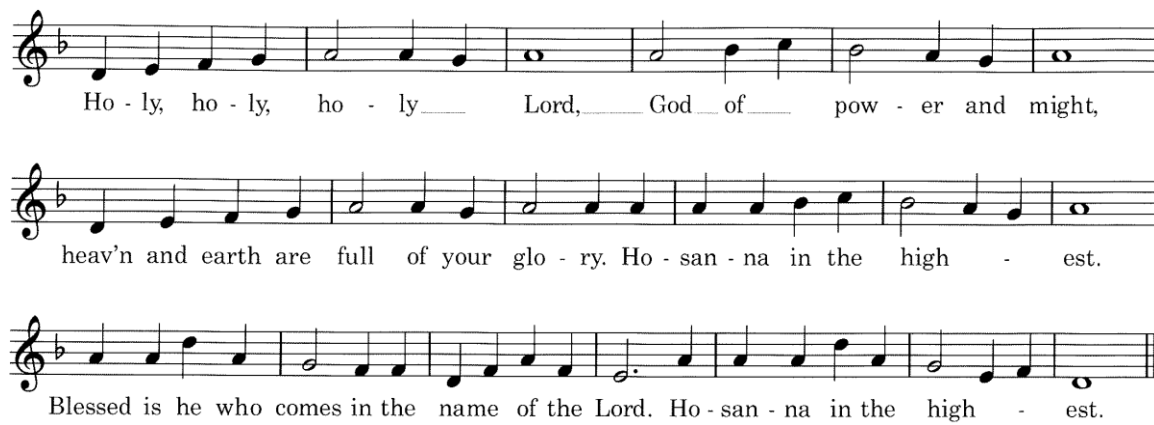
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

“Holy, holy, holy”

Setting by Aldrich/Spencer



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are  
acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the  
firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our  
salvation.

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

*All*

**Amen.**

## **The 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.**



## The Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*Assembly* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## 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.*

## Communion Music

Jim Baur

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

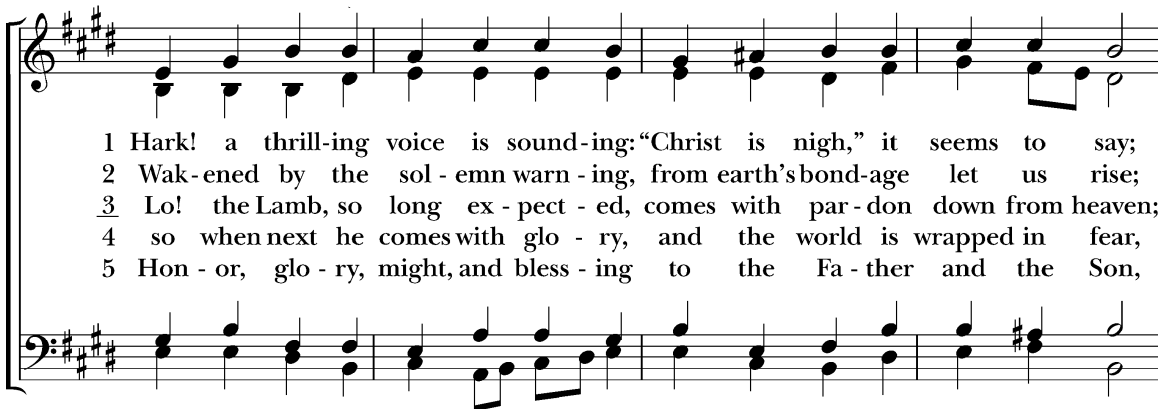
## The Blessing

*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.

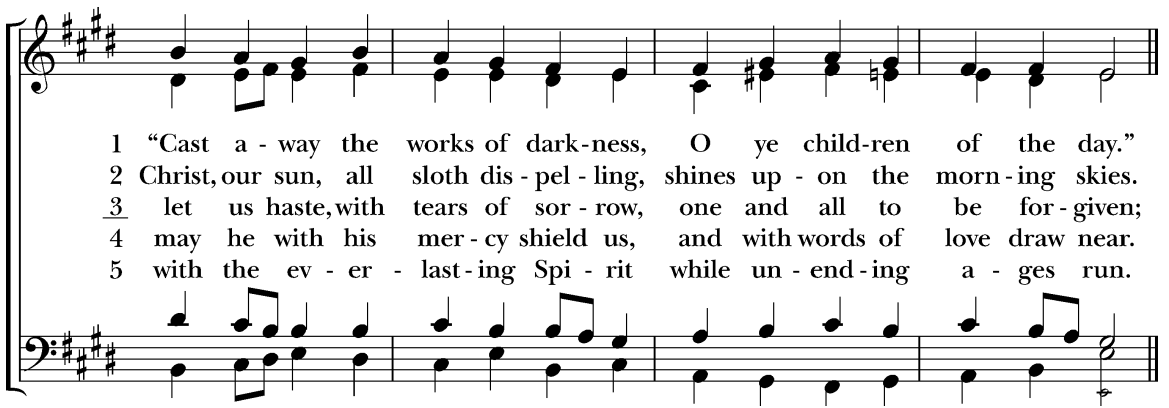
*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”  
The Hymnal 1982 #59, *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.

## Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Assembly* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Jim Baur

## **This Week at St. Elisabeth's**

### **Monday, December 16**

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

### **Thursday, December 19**

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, December 20**

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

### **Saturday, December 21**

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

### **Sunday, December 22**

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Forum, and Children's Sunday School

### **Tuesday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. – Family Eucharist with Pageant

9:00 p.m. – Sung Eucharist with Sermon

### **Wednesday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist with Carols

## **Living in Community**

### **St. Elisabeth's Bible Study**

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 am in the room formerly known as the Baehr Library**. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

### **Prayer List**

After the last Sunday of each month, the prayer list is reset. Submit prayers and thanksgivings by the first of each month to Caryll in the office at [office@steglencoe.org](mailto:office@steglencoe.org)

### **Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab & 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](mailto:rector@steglencoe.org).

## The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

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#### Sunday Schedule



8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

#### Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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