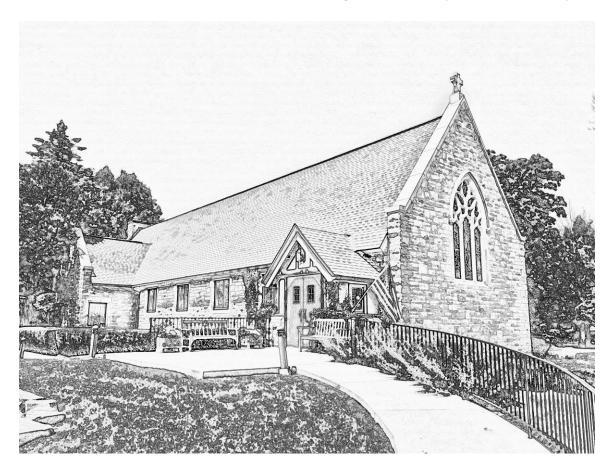


# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Feast of the Epiphany

January 12, 2025

10:00 AM

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, Forum, and Children's Sunday School

#### 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.

#### Assisting Today

First Reading	Kay Rossiter
Second Reading	Annette Johnston
Prayers	Pete Rossiter
Altar Guild	Polly Baur
Usher	John Tuohy
Coffee Hour	John Tuohy

# Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation, showing forth, revelation." This feast proclaims our faith that in Jesus, God is revealed to all people — not just to an inner circle or a chosen few, but to all people, in all places, and throughout all time. Christians believe that in the person of Jesus we see who God is, and in the words and actions of Jesus we see God at work in the world. Epiphany marks a series of occasions at which Jesus was revealed to be God's Son.

The feast of Epiphany and the weeks that follow are a time when we reflect on several "manifestations" of Jesus, as he was recognized as the Messiah (or Christ) by many different people. We hear about Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist and the visit of the magi, or wise men, who followed the star to Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. We share the amazement of the guests at the wedding party at Cana as Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into fine wine. And at the end of the season we see Jesus' glory shown to three of his disciples on the mountain as he is transfigured before them in a blaze of light.

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

### **Entering In**

Author Evelyn Waugh, who came to his religious faith later in life, reflects on the journey of the Magi following the star to the birth of Jesus. He writes, "Like me, you were late in coming... You are my special patrons and patrons of all late-comers, of all who have a tedious journey to make to the truth."

For many, the New Year offers a chance to make a new start and resolve to do some things better other things differently. Whatever your choices, note that each is led by a "star"—a hope, a love, a passion. What star(s) are we as a parish following? What star(s) are you as a person following?)

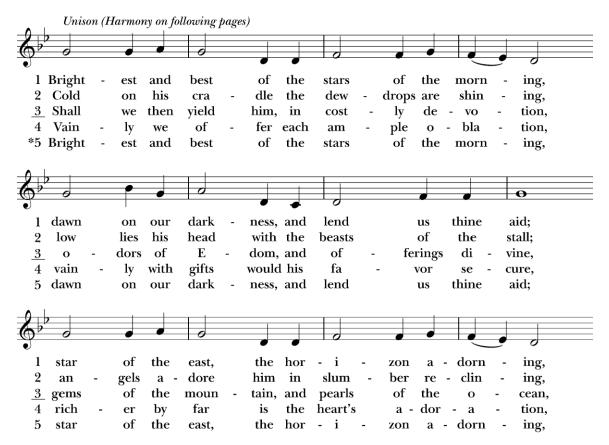
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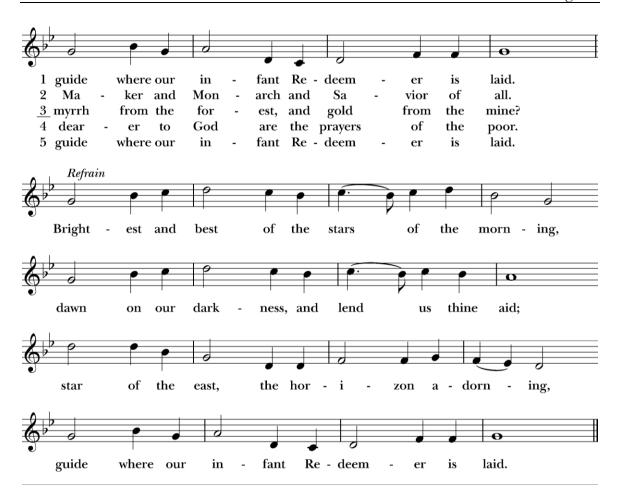
#### Prelude

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

### **Opening Hymn**

"Brightest and Best" The Hymnal 1982 #118, Star in the East





## **Opening Acclamation**

PresiderBlessed be the one, holy, and living God.AssemblyGlory to God for ever and ever.

## **Collect for Purity**

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

Assembly Amen.

Song of Praise

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise", v. 1 The Hymnal 1982 #135, *Saltzburg* 



## The Collect of the Day

Presider	God be with you.
Assembly	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery. Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

# The First Reading

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

- your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
- because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

Isaiah 60:1-6

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They shall bring gold and frankincense,

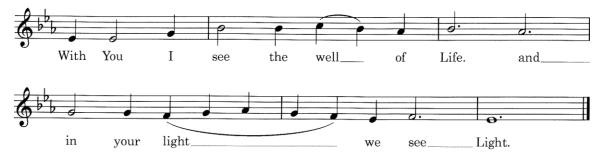
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.AssemblyThanks be to God.

### The Psalm

Psalm 72

#### Assembly Antiphon



Give the King your justice, O God, \* and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously \* and the poor with justice;

#### Antiphon

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; \* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

#### Antiphon

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* like showers that water the earth.

#### Antiphon

In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \* and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

#### Antiphon

All kings shall bow down before him, \* and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \* and the oppressed who has no helper.

#### Antiphon

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \* and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

#### Antiphon

# The Second Reading

### Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.AssemblyThanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

### Sequence Hymn

"What Child is This" The Hymnal 1982 #115, *Greensleeves* 





All face the Gospel Book.

# The Gospel

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.AssemblyGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.AssemblyPraise 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, Pleading Savior

Please stand as you are able.

We be - lieve in \_\_\_ God al - migh - ty, Au - thor\_ of all\_things that be, Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and We be - lieve that cru - ci - fied; We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing\_\_\_ all the\_saints with - in the\_ earth and heav - ens, Keep - er\_\_\_ of Mak - er\_\_\_\_  $\mathbf{of}$  $the_{-}$ 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; God's Son, Je - sus, now for\_ us both Lord and Christ We be - lieve in We be - lieve that the\_third day Christ was raised up on from the grave, res - ur - rec - tion, in the\_ bod - v's for the break - ing of death's chain born to\_\_bring a - bun - dant the\_Spir - it\_\_\_\_ and of Mar - y life. of 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

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Leader	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
Assembly	<b>That we all may be one.</b>
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
Assembly	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
Assembly	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
Assembly	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
Assembly	That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
Assembly	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader	Give to the departed eternal rest.
Assembly	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
Assembly	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Leader	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially:
	Susan Chadd Sally Graver Walter Tuohy Ben Whipple Cheryl Chuck Hillier Emily Becker Rev Kevin Goodman are there others? Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

# **Concluding Collect**

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Assembly Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

AllGod of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,<br/>opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each<br/>other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the<br/>evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our<br/>behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus<br/>Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

PresiderThe peace of Christ be always with you.AssemblyAnd 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.

Jim Newcomb – January 14 John Arnell – January 18 Hall Healy – January 18

# 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* 

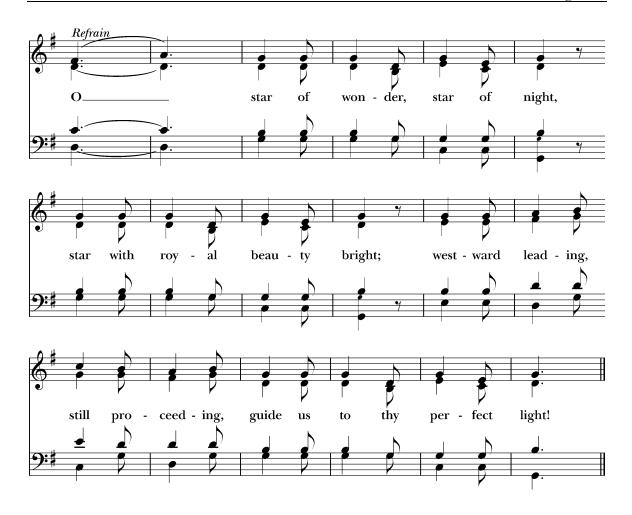
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**Offertory Music** 

"We Three Kings" The Hymnal 1982 #128, Three Kings of Orient

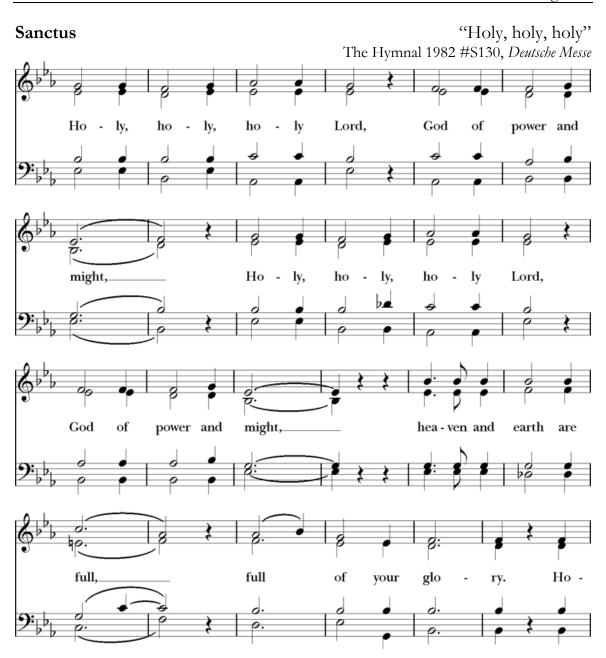
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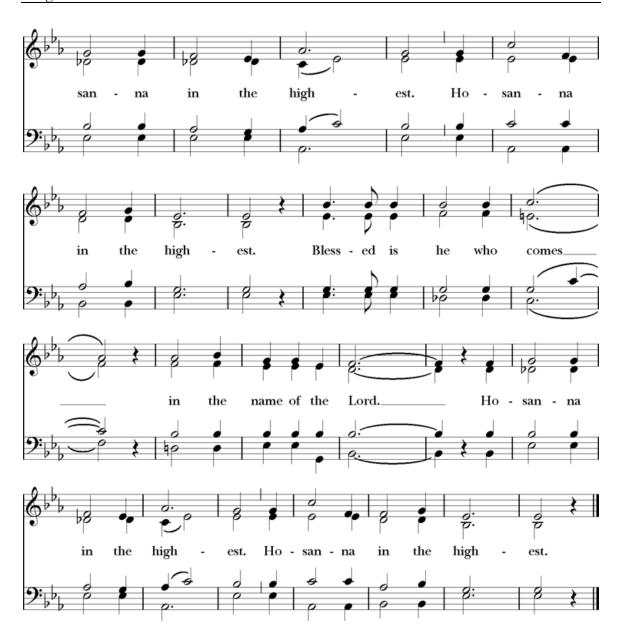


## The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2 Please stand as you are able.

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 our thanks and praise.
Presider	<ul> <li>We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.</li> <li>From before time you made ready the creation.</li> <li>Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.</li> <li>You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.</li> <li>But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.</li> <li>Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.</li> <li>And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity.</li> </ul>
	in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





Presider	Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.
Presider	On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
	Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
	Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Elisabeth and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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** "Epiphany Carol" Gather #505, Beach Spring 1. Ev - 'ry na tion sees the glo Of ry а 2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais es Of his 3. Once a - gain may we dis cov -Word made er 4. Gath - er, God. the world to geth er In the star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the flesh sent from a - bove. In our neigh - bor, sis - ter. bright - ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for sto ry We are bathed in ra - diant light. а ges; He is Christ, our God's de - light. broth - er, In the lone ly and un - loved. Help us ev - er; walk the ho - ly way. Star sent forth from high - est heav en, Danc-ing He pro - claims with in his be ing All our May we touch him, may we hold him, May we May your jus tice rule the na tions; May all light of God's de - sign, Shine up - on the gift that's hopes. our great de - sires. He shall die to rise, re cra dle him with care As we learn to love each peo - ple live Now we as one. see our true sal giv en: Word made flesh \_ now born in time. deem ing All who fol with their lives. low oth \_ er, Bring - ing hope from out de - spair.

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#### Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

PresiderLet us pray.AssemblyGod of abundance,<br/>you have fed us<br/>with the bread of life and cup of salvation;<br/>you have united us<br/>with Christ and one another;<br/>and you have made us one<br/>with all your people in heaven and on earth.<br/>Now send us forth<br/>in the power of your Spirit,<br/>that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world<br/>and continue for ever<br/>in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### The Blessing

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

Assembly Amen.

"As with gladness men of old"

**Closing Hymn** 

The Hymnal 1982 #79119, Dix As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be hold; 1 2 As with joy - ful steps they that low - ly man - ger sped to bed; 3 As they of - fered gifts most that man-ger rude and rare at bare; 4 Ho - ly le - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar-row way; 5In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light; with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; 1 as 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a dore; we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's 3 may al - loy, so and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls last 4 at  $\mathbf{5}$ thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down: σ gra-cious Lord, may be led to thee. we er - more 1 so, most ev -2 will - ing feet seek the may we with mer - cy seat. so ev - er -3 all bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly our cost - liest trea - sures King. 4 where they need no guide, where no clouds thy hide. star to glo - ry 5 there for sing ev - er may al le - lu - ias to our King. we

#### Dismissal

PresiderGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.AssemblyThanks be to God.

### Postlude

# This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, January 13 8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

**Tuesday, January 14** 7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

**Thursday, January 16** 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17 11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, January 18 5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

#### Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharis 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Forum: Latino Congregations in the Diocese of Chicago, and Children's Sunday School

# Coming Up Next at St. Elisabeth's

#### Forum: Latino Congregations in the Diocese of Chicago

Join Adam and Luis Garcia, Chaplain to the Bishop and Interim Missioner for Multicultural Ministry for the Diocese of Chicago during our Sunday forum after the 10am service on **Sunday, January 19,** for a forum to learn about and discuss the history and work of Latino congregations in the diocese.

#### 2025 Annual Meeting of the Parish

The annual meeting of the parish will take place on **Sunday, January 26, following the 10:00 am service.** At the meeting we will hear reports about the state of the parish and its ministries, elect new vestry members and adopt the 2025 budget. Please join us!

# Living in Community

#### St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on Fridays at 11:00 am UPSTAIRS in the former parish library. We are currently reading the Gospel of Matthew. For more information, please 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 Caryl in the office at 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.

### The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

# Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

### Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Adam Spencer The Rev. Larry Handwerk Walter Aldrich Caryl Medsker Abigail Pribble Elizabeth Clemmitt Rector Priest Associate Director of Music Director of Administration Director of Children's Formation Associate for Spiritual Wellness

### 2024 Vestry

Carla Arnell Robert Fischer, *Warden* Fred Johnston Claire Lesperance Carrie Miller-Mygatt Peter Rossiter, *Warden*  Kara Superfine Mark Tilton, *Treasurer* John Tuohy, *Asst. Treasurer* 

#### Sunday Schedule

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- 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.