



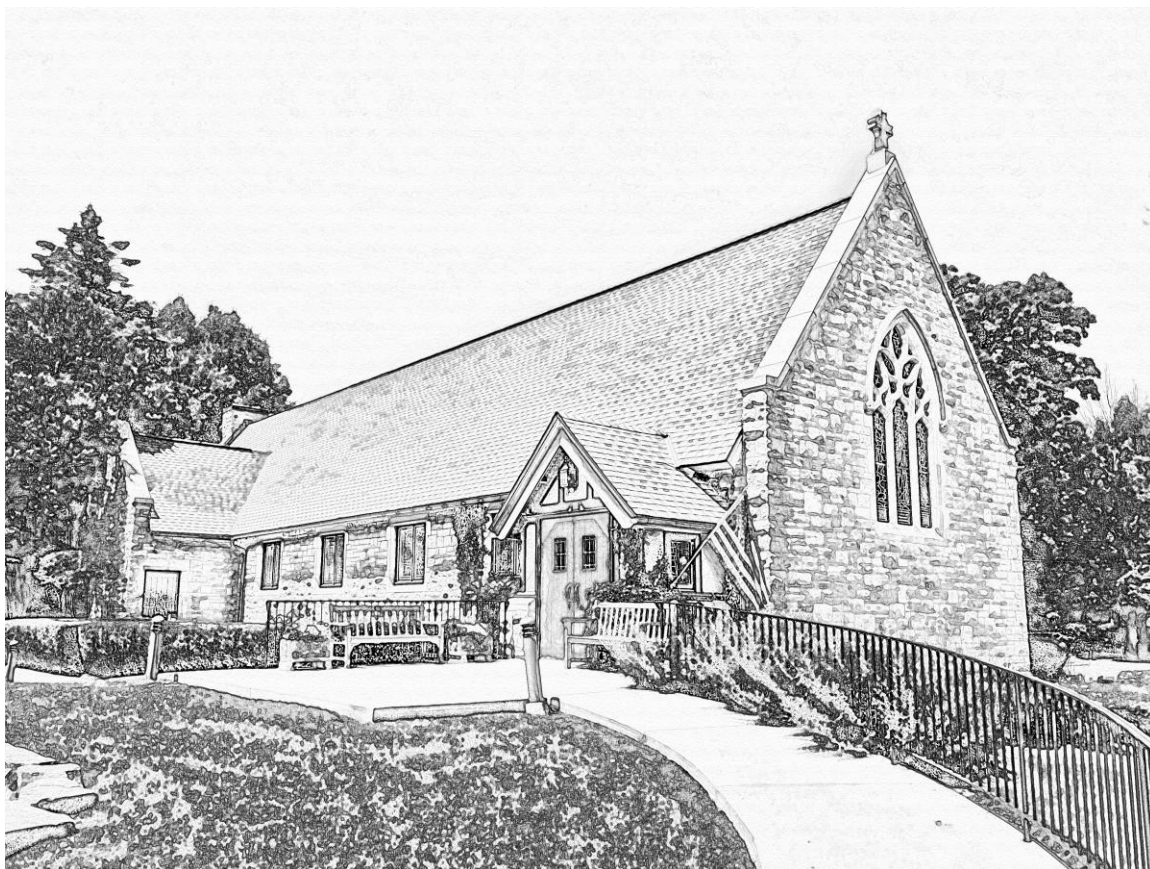
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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
 9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist
 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship & Forum
 11:00 a.m. -- Children's Sunday School
 4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper & Family Worship

Lenten Anointing for Healing

During Lent the sacrament of healing will be offered during Communion on Sundays. After receiving Communion those who wish to participate in this sacrament may go to the baptismal font where a priest will offer prayer and anoint one's forehead with Holy Oil. Anointing with Holy Oil signifies and transmits God's healing, strengthening grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

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 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 & Family Worship

Our next gathering will be held **this evening, beginning at 4:30 p.m.** Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Fred Johnston.

Assisting Today

<i>First Reading</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Second Reading</i>	Hall Healy
<i>Prayers</i>	Linda Illes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Rod Zimmerman
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Linda Illes

Lent

Figuring out how to keep a holy Lent can be a challenge, but if we move beyond the popular conceptions (and misconceptions), Lent holds the possibility for real change — or to use the church's word, conversion — in our lives, as well as for rich and lasting spiritual growth. (The word “lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*, referring to the springtime of the year when the days grow longer and warmer and brighter.)

Lent emerged in our history as a season of final preparation for those who would be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. The entire Christian community was highly invested in walking alongside those who were about to commit their lives to Christ. In time, the season took on some extra layers of meaning, and many people now associate it with listening for a deeper awareness of our own sin — how we fall short of the ideals God sets before us — and the need for ongoing repentance and amendment of life.

That said, joy in the new life we have found in the Christian faith should never be overwhelmed by our struggles to live out that faith or our awareness of the ways we fall short. We can see Lent as an opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives. In Lent we step back and consider the ways we need to repent, to turn around — to be converted.

During Lent we as individual Christians and as a church — the Body of Christ — consider our spiritual health. How are we living the gospel in our lives, our homes, our churches, our towns, our schools, our places of work? What areas of growth or signs of renewal should we celebrate with gratitude and joy? In what ways have we fallen short, grown stagnant or cold-hearted, or failed to love God by embracing new life when we encounter it? These are the kinds of questions we ask ourselves during the weeks of Lent. ~ *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Entering in...

Mature religion is about transforming history and individuals so that we don't keep handing the pain on to the next generation. For Christians, we learn to identify our own wounds with the wounding of Jesus and the sufferings of the universal Body of Christ (see Philippians 3:10-11), which is Deep Meaning that always feeds the soul. We can then see our own suffering as a voluntary participation in the one Great Sadness of God (Colossians 1:24). Within this meaningful worldview, we can build something new, good, and forever original, while neither playing the victim nor making victims of others. We can be free conduits of grace into the world. – *Richard Rohr*

Where do you see pain being handed on to the next generation in your own life? How might you begin to build something new and good?

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Prelude

Ethan Brown, *cello*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

“Not Here for High and Holy Things”

The Hymnal 1982 #9, *Text: Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, Tune: Morning Song*



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Assembly **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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 **Amen.**

The Kyrie

David Hurd, *New Plainsong*

Sung three times, the choir introduces it the first time, & the congregation joins on the second and third times.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have_ mer - cy. Lord_ have_ mer_____ cy.

The Collect

Presider Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness and your grace waters the desert. Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of our love for all, and its presence in Jesus Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 126

Assembly Antiphon



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,*
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Assembly Antiphon

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,*
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Assembly Antiphon

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in

order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God 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.

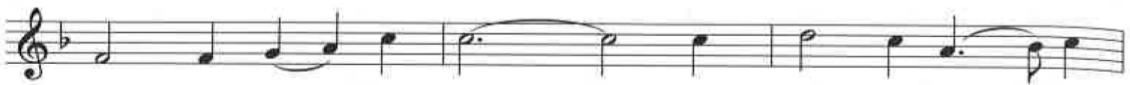
Sequence Hymn

“From Ashes to the Living Font”

Gather #529. *Land of Rest*



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
 2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
 3. *See below*



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
 voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
 ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.

3. When we self-righteously condemn,
 You ask: “Who has no sin?”
 We hear you say “Go, sin no more.”
 New life in you begins.

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel

John 12:1-8

Gospeler
Assembly

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Gospeler
Assembly

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

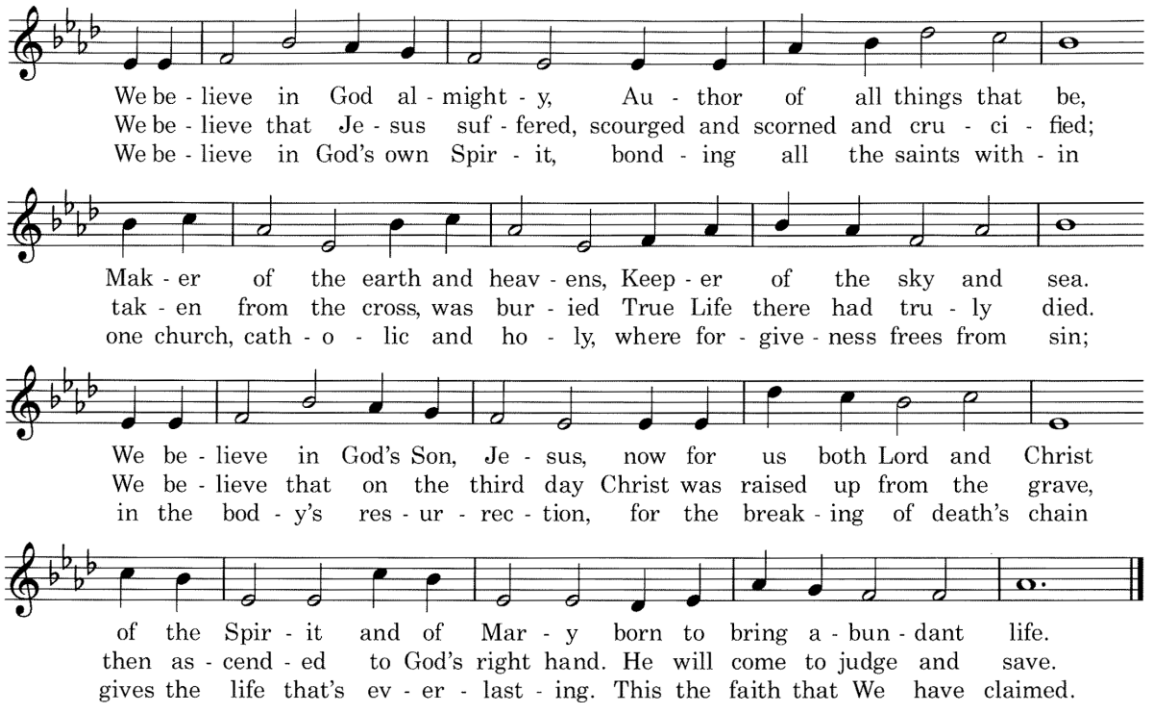
A period of silence follows the Sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

Please stand as you are able.

The Creed

“We Believe”

Aldrich/Spencer, *Raquel*



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.

The Prayers of the People

Common Worship Times and Seasons, adapted

Intercessor

We pray for courage to give up other things
 and to give ourselves to God this Lent.
 Give your Church the courage, O Lord,
 to give up her preoccupation with herself
 and to give more time to your mission in the world.

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus
 bring forgiveness to your people
 and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.
 Lord, meet us in the silence,
give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give your world the courage
to give up war, bitterness and hatred,
and to seek peace.

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus,
once scourged by soldiers,
bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.
Lord, meet us in the silence,
give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy
in our families, neighbourhoods and communities.

May the presence of the risen Jesus,
his body once broken and now made whole,
bring peace and direction as we live with one another.
Lord, meet us in the silence,
give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage
to give up our selfishness as we live for others,
and to give time, care and comfort to the sick and all those who suffer.

We pray for:

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Annette Johnston

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Kris McKinnon, sister of Kay Rossiter

David & Jane Barry, Lydia Kutko's parents

Margaret Barry, Lydia Kutko's sister

Are there others?

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch,
and the light of his presence fill our world.
Lord, meet us in the silence,
give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death
and to rejoice with those who have died in faith, especially Nancy Larsen,
grandmother of Walter Aldrich.

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross,
walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony,
and walk with us and all your Church
through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,
**give us strength and hear our prayer,
here and in eternity. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask
only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not,
or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Common Worship Times and Seasons, adapted

Presider Make our hearts clean, O God;
Assembly **and renew a right spirit within us.**

All **O God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **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.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

John & Anne Tuohy – April 12

McGavock Cline – April 12

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

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*

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 Music

Ethan Brown, *cello*

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation of Gifts

“Spirit Open My Heart”

All Creation Sings #1043, Text: Ruth Duck, Tune: *Wild Mountain Thyme*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

The Great Thanksgiving

Common Worship Prayer E, adapted

Presider

God 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 thanks and praise.

Presider

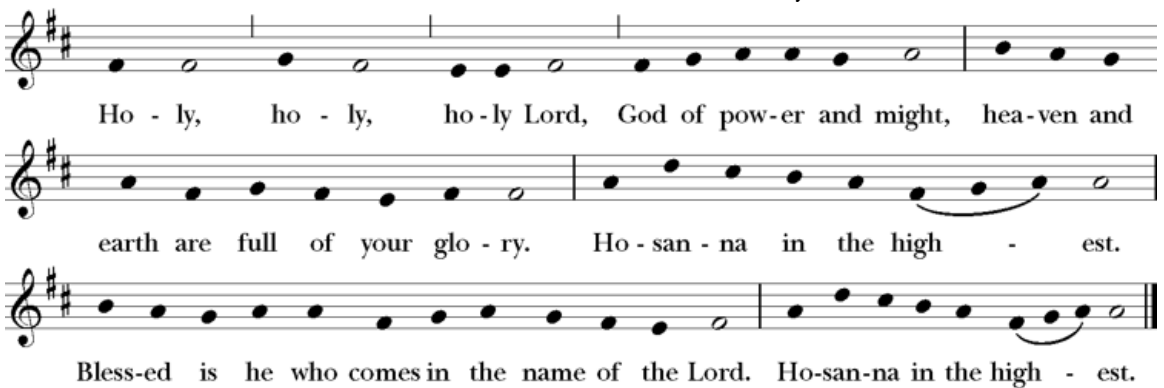
It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

The Hymnal 1982 S124, *David Hurd*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider

We praise and bless you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died Jesus had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
‘Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, O God, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Presider

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Presider

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with Elisabeth and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory are yours, O loving God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.

The Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

The Hymnal 1982 #S161, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: 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.

The Sacrament of Healing is available at the baptismal font at the back of the church.

Communion Anthem

“Have You Not Heard”

Craig Courtney, sung by St. Elisabeth’s Choir, Ethan Brown, *cello*

*Who tends to His children like a shepherd
And who gently gathers them as lambs?
Whose breath blew the stars across the heavens
From the palm of His almighty hand?*

*Whose wisdom defies our understanding?
Whose mind knows our secret thoughts and plans?
Who is and will ever be eternal,
And who was before all time began?*

*Do you not know?
Have you not heard who spoke you into being with a word?
That word endures forevermore:
The Everlasting God, he is the Lord!*

*Like grass, you will wither and fade.
Without Him, you will stumble, fall and faint.
But all those who wait upon the Lord,
Will be renewed, their strength will be restored.*

*We will run and we will not grow weary.
We hope in the Sov'reign God of all.
He who watches will not sleep or slumber.
He steadies our feet against the fall.*

*It was told to us in the beginning:
One day we will rise to meet the Lord,
He will lift us on His wings like eagles.
We will walk, we will run, we will soar. Amen.*

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Common Worship Times and Seasons, adapted

Presider May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness this Lent,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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

“When from bondage we are summoned”
Aldrich/Spencer; tune: *Ton-y-Botel*



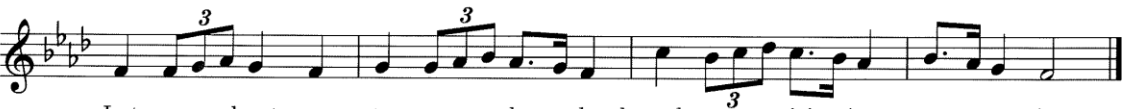
1 When from bond - age we are sum-moned out of dark-ness in - to light,
2 When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand
3 Through the stag - es of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day,
4 We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss,
5 See the prize our God has prom-ised: end - less life with Christ our Lord.



we must go in hope and pat-ience, walk by faith and not by sight.
through a lone - ly, bar - ren des - ert to a great and glo - rious land.
with com - pas - sion for our weak-ness ev - 'ry step a - long the way.
who, for joy of love un - meas-ured, dared em - brace the shame-ful cross.
Now we fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.



Let us throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win!



Let us hast - en to our home-land and, re - joic - ing, en - ter in.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Ethan Brown, *cello*

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Sung Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing & Stripping of Altar

8:00 pm - Keeping Watch with Jesus Overnight Vigil

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 am – Vigil Ends with Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:30 am - Holy Saturday Service in the Chapel

7:00 pm - Great Vigil of Easter @ Christ Church, Winnetka

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. – Festive Eucharist, Rite II, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist
 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship &
 Forum
 11:00 a.m. -- Children's Sunday
 School
 4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper &
 Family Worship

Monday, April 7

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

Thursday, April 10

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 12

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist
 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship &
 Forum: LGBTQ+
 11:00 a.m. -- Children's Sunday
 School

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Next *Family Promise* Opportunity

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. **Our next dates to help are Sunday, April 6 - Saturday, April 12.** There is a sign-up online for dinners or sleepovers. Please scan the QR code to the right, or click on the button in the e-News, to sign up to help. 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, or Carrie Mygatt.

Easter Flowers

Please pick up a card in the back of the church to donate to the Easter Flower and Music funds. The form is also available in *The Voice*. The form is to due the church office by **Tuesday, April 15**, for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

LGBTQ Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday

Please join Team LGBTQ for a special Coffee Hour **after the 10:00 am Palm Sunday service on April 13** to celebrate our multiyear initiative to promote welcome and

understanding of diversity in our world. This is a good time to take stock and celebrate what we've accomplished as the parish reevaluates the church's mission and considers where our energy and spirit and faith are guiding us. We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration followed by a forum led by team members. Thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts over the years!

St. Elisabeth's Discernment Process

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish mission discernment retreats these past few weeks! If you participated, you should expect a follow-up email from Adam in the next couple of weeks with immediate next steps.

And please **everyone** mark your calendars for an **all-parish meeting on Sunday, May 11th following the 10 am service**. We will process the results of the retreats and will continue our discernment together. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Living in Community

Volunteers Needed for Parish Life and Fundraising Teams

It's time to start planning the St. Elisabeth's social calendar for the year ahead and the vestry would love for more member involvement in planning for such events. If you'd be interested in helping out, please contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir – no experience, background, or skill is required. Rehearsals are on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. Hope to see you there!

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. on the second floor**. We are studying the book of Daniel. 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 Caryl in the office at office@steglencoe.org

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 the office at 847-835-0458. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

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Fred Johnston
Jamie Kim

Carrie Miller-Mygatt
Warden

Kara Superfine
Mark Tilton, *Treasurer*
John Tuohy, *Asst. Treasurer*

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 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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