



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Epiphany*

January 7, 2024

10:00 AM

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



*The Adoration of the Magi  
The Salerno Ivories, 15<sup>th</sup> Century*

*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.*

## 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.

*From 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.”

## Living our Faith

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?



# Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 118

“Brightest and Best”

*Star in the East**Unison (Harmony on following pages)*

- 1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
 \*5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



- 1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



- 1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



- 1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

*Refrain*



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

## Opening Acclamation

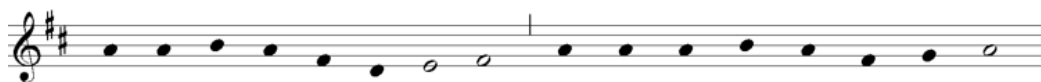
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## Gloria

Hymnal S277

"Glory to God"

*Hurd*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



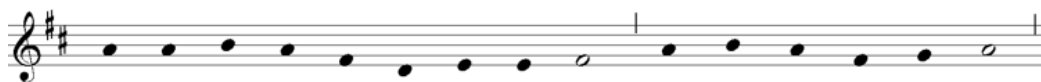
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## 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 through Christ the Giver.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Word of God

### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the book of the Prophet 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. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

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



B 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,\*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of Paul 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.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



*Choir* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Assembly* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**



*Choir* We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage.

*Assembly* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*All face the Gospel Book.*

## **The Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

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

*Assembly* **Glory 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.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

*A period of silence follows*

## Creed

*Thomas Merton*


I be-lieve in God al - might - ty, Auth - or of all things that be, Ma - ker  
I be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en  
I be-lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing all the saints with - in one church,  
5 of the earth and hea - vens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's son  
from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the  
cath - o - lic and Ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur -  
10 Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ of the Spi rit and of  
third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cen - ded to God's  
rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -  
14 Ma - ry bo - rn to bring a - bun - dant life.  
right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

*New Zealand Prayer Book**Intercessor*

Merciful God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of  
your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the church:

*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* 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* 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, Palestine, and Ukraine  
Joe Foley, Brian Green's friend  
Ginger Sully, Anne & John Tuohy's niece  
Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother  
Wayne Gutenmann, Pam Green's cousin  
Vicki Handwerk  
Linda Staubitz  
Cheryl, Pat, and Doug, Zimmerman family friends  
Liam & Nathan Farrell, Green family friends  
John Arnell  
Brooke Transue, Alter family 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.

*Assembly* **Lord, 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* 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* 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 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

1-8 Lani Miller

### Anniversaries

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

## Celebration of Birthdays

*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.**

## Celebration of Anniversaries

*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 Music

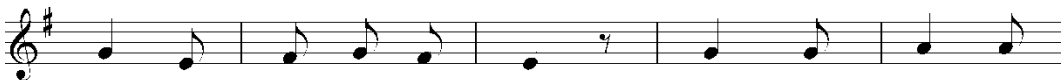
Hymnal 128

“We Three Kings”

*Three Kings of Orient*



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

**Doxology**

*Please stand as able.*

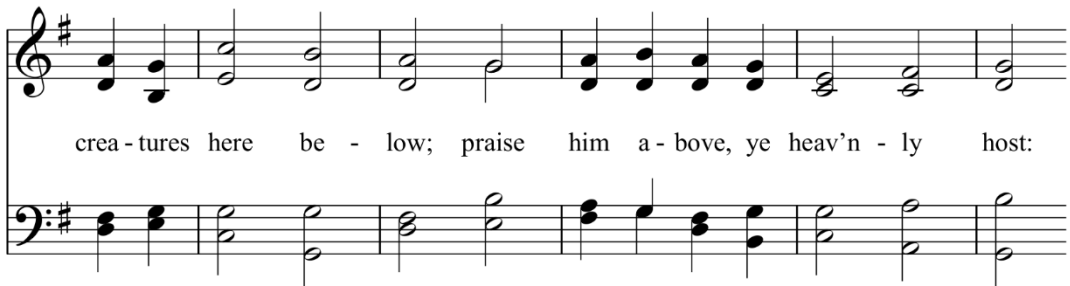
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Old 100th*



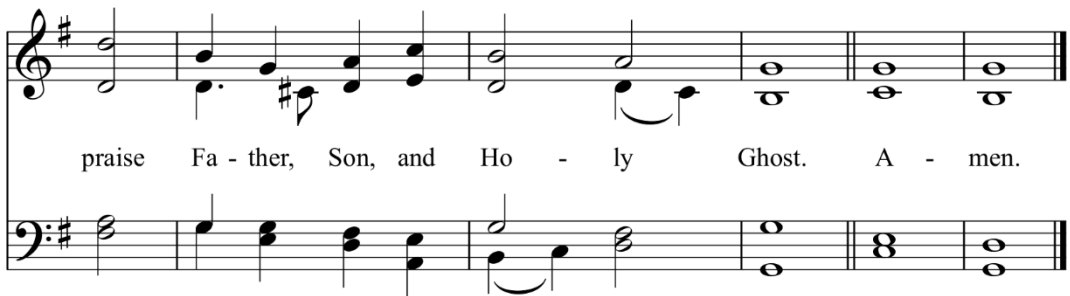
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5, followed by a half note G5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.



praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The final system concludes the doxology. The treble staff melody includes quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, followed by a half note C5. The piece ends with a double bar line. The bass staff accompaniment concludes with a final chord.



**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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Hymnal S130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.



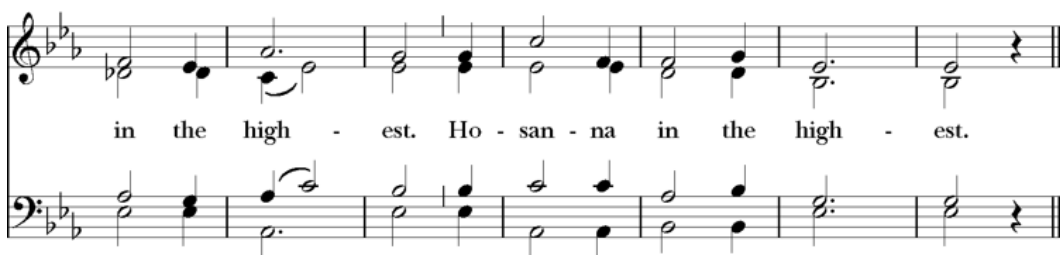
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The second system continues the melody. It includes a measure with a whole note rest in the treble staff, followed by a measure with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

The third system continues the melody. It includes a measure with a whole note rest in the treble staff, followed by a measure with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.



in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. It includes a measure with a whole note rest in the treble staff, followed by a measure with a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

*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.*

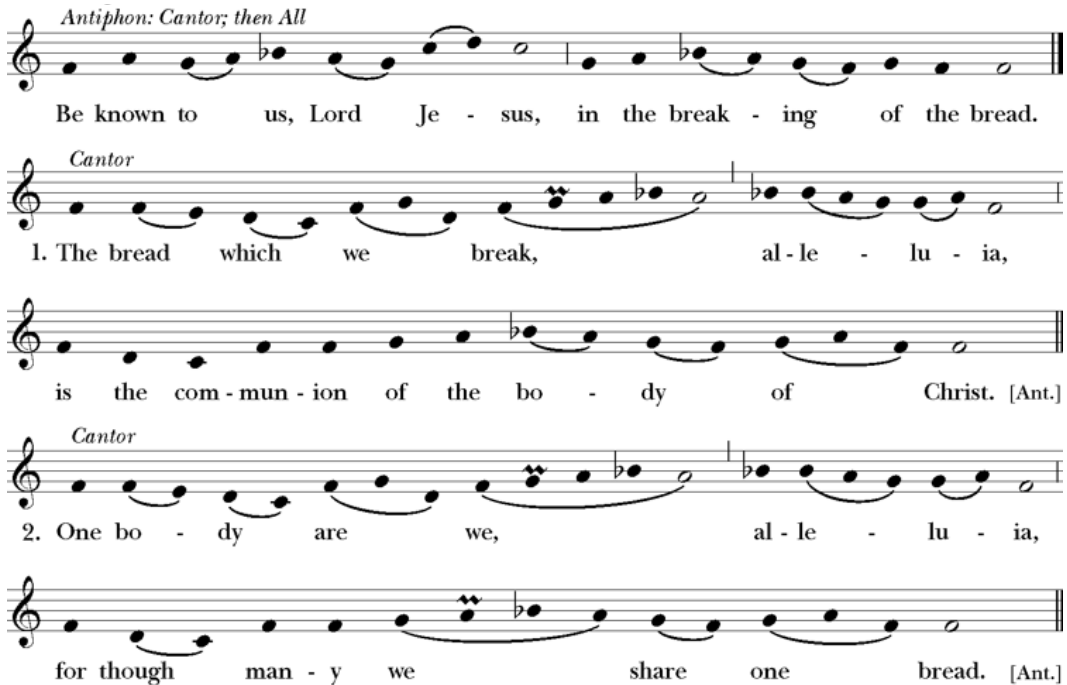
## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S171

"Be known to us"

*Plainsong*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

## 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 115

"What child is this?"

*Greensleeves*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.



**Post Communion Prayer***Common Worship**Presider* Let us pray.

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

**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.

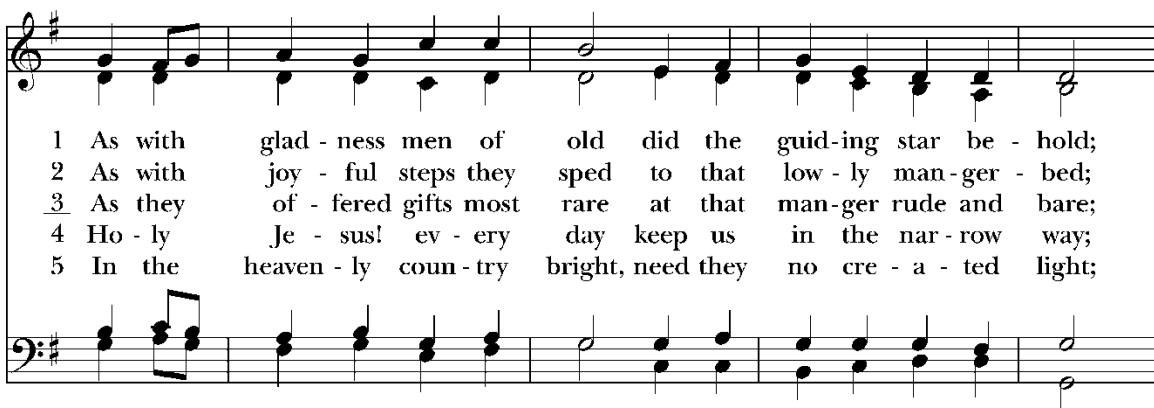
*Assembly* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

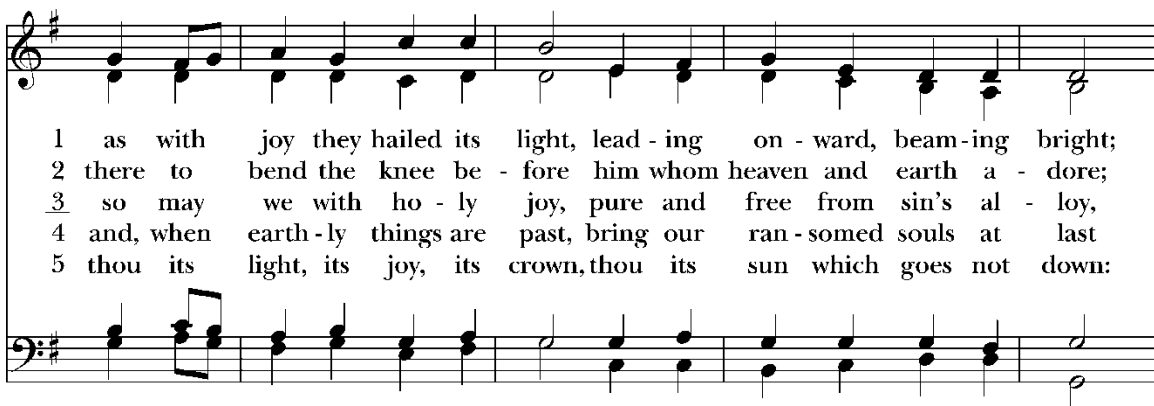
Hymnal 119

“As with gladness men of old”

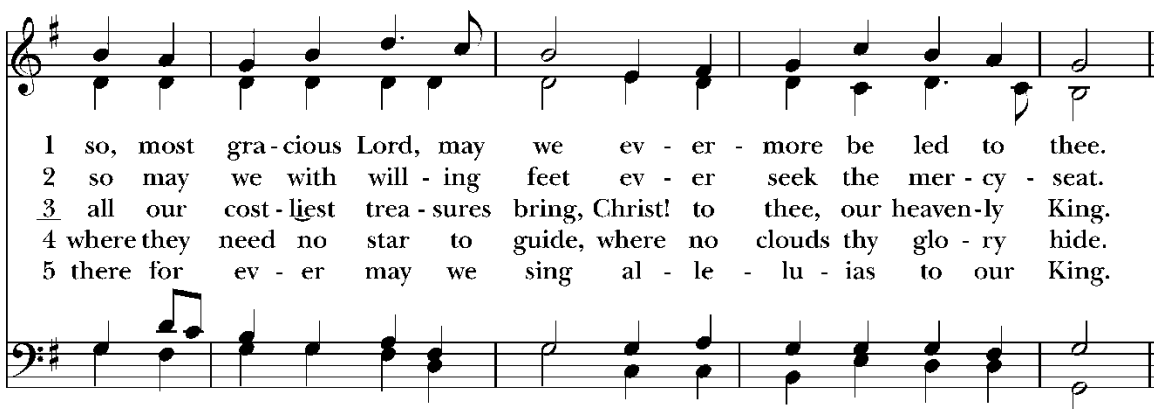
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1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King,  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude****Assisting Today**

First Reading            Zuzu Arnell

Second Reading        Carla Arnell

Prayers                  Peter Rossiter

Altar Guild              Libby Hinds, Glenna Foley

Usher                     Robert Fischer

Coffee Hour             *Volunteer Needed*

## Announcements

**Climate Forum:** Our seminarian, **Seán Hansen**, recently attended the United Nations' COP28 at Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's request. Join us in the Guild Room after the 10:00 AM service **Today** to hear Seán speak about his experiences, the outcome of the conference, and our moral duty as Episcopalians to care for God's creation.

**Forum:** The Gospel of Mark "keeps me consistently off balance," says Amy Jill Levine, Jewish New Testament (sic) scholar. The earliest of the Gospels perhaps between the late 60's to the early 70s, Mark is the foundation of Matthew and Luke. Mark has no birth story and no resurrection appearance other than an empty tomb. Mark seems to be targeting people who have experienced persecution. They are waiting for Jesus to come back to bring in the a time of peace. Mark challenges us to hold on in our imbalance. Join our Assisting Priest Larry Handwerk **at coffee hour on Sunday January 14** to begin to explore Mark's unique challenge to be people of the Way.

**Reflecting on Our Personal Epiphanies** An epiphany may be defined as a moment of sudden revelation or insight. Desmond Tutu said, "An epiphany is God seeking to draw us to God." Elizabeth Clemmitt, our Associate for Spiritual Wellness, invites us to consider our own epiphanies and how they have been meaningful for us. Join Elizabeth for the Sunday Forum on January 21, as she facilitates a discussion about epiphanies, including time for reflection and group sharing.

**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. This week we will be discussing Numbers chapters 13-21. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

**Save the Date: February 10, 2024** – for our very first **Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper** from 4:30 PM to 7:00 (ish) PM.

## This Week

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| Monday, January 8     | AA Meeting (8:00 PM)   |
| Tuesday, January 9    | Deadline for Annual Reports to the office<br>St. E's Book Group (12:00 Noon)<br>Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM) |
| Wednesday, January 10 | Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)  |
| Thursday, January 11  | Soup Kitchen<br>Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)<br>Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)                          |
| Friday, January 12    | Bible Study (11:00 AM)   |
| Saturday, January 13  | AA Meeting (5:00 PM)   |

## Up Next

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|---------------------------|--|
| <u>Sunday, January 14</u> | Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)<br>Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)<br>Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)<br>Taizé Service at Christ Church Winnetka (5:30 PM) |
| January 18                | Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)<br>Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)   |
| January 19                | Bible Study (11:00 AM)   |
| January 20                | Confirmation Class/Christianity 101 at St. Gregory's (4:30 PM)   |

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & FESTIVE MUSIC

In thanksgiving for our family Katherine, Dan, Maren, Ethan, and Avery  
Darnell

*By Anne & Hall Healy*

In memory of Charles Seccombe

*By Robert Seccombe*

In memory of Eleanor & Bill Briggs

*By the Briggs family*

In thanksgiving for the Morley and Whipple families.

*By Susan and Larry Whipple*

In memory of Michael and Charles Newcomb

*By Joyce Newcomb*

In memory of Alicesnow & Norman Rickards

*By Joyce Newcomb and Carol Heitman-Mazzocco*

In thanksgiving for our families

*By Glenna & Bud Foley*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & FESTIVE MUSIC

In Memory of Karen J. Samuelsen

*By Margaret Samuelsen*

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

*By Anne & John Tuohy*

In Memory of Dr. Marshall & Ruby Cook

*By Elaine (Cook) Rand*

In memory of Helen & Don Reid

*By the Green family*

In thanksgiving for our incredible and loving family both near and far

*By James & Barbara Ferry*

In memory of Paula Y Arnell and Ted & Jean Lucas

*By the Arnell-Lucas family*

In memory of Dorothy & Harry Richardson, and Wanda & Henry Youngren

*By Lesle Alter*

*The Handwerk family*

**The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop***Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church****Clergy & Staff**

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|-------------------------|---|
| The Rev. Adam Spencer   | <i>Rector</i>                           |
| The Rev. Larry Handwerk | <i>Assisting Priest</i>                 |
| Walter Aldrich          | <i>Director of Music</i>                |
| Pam Green               | <i>Director of Administration</i>       |
| Elizabeth Clemmitt      | <i>Associate for Spiritual Wellness</i> |
| Seán Hansen             | <i>Seminarian</i>                       |

**Vestry**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Leslie Alter, <i>Warden</i> | Tasker Generes, <i>Treasurer</i> | Ross Shanley-Roberts               |
| Carla Arnell                | Robin Lake, <i>Warden</i>        | Kathy Svetina, <i>Treasurer</i>    |
| Lizzy Arnell                | Carrie Miller-Mygatt             | Mark Tilton                        |
| Robert Fischer              | Susan Newcomb                    | John Tuohy, <i>asst. Treasurer</i> |

**Sunday Schedule**

|          |                                       |
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| 8:00 AM  | Spoken Eucharist: Rite I              |
| 9:00 AM  | Choir Rehearsal                       |
| 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist: Rite II             |
| 11:00 AM | Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School |

**Office Hours**

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 Pastoral Care Number: 847-786-3082

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