



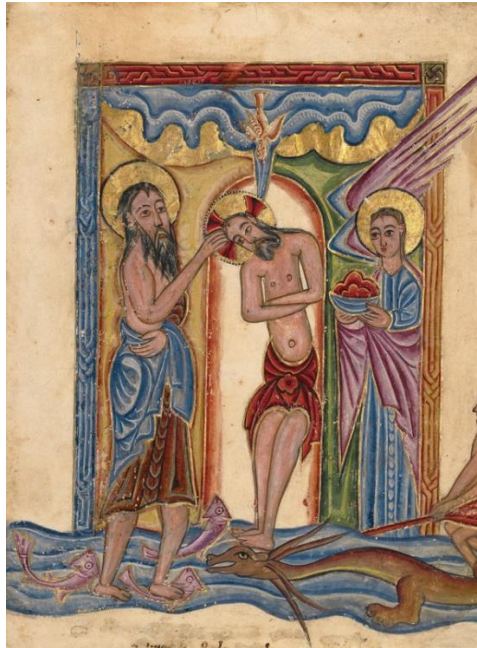
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Baptism of our Lord

January 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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



*Baptism of Christ, by Mesrop of Khizan, 1615
J. Paul Getty Museum*

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

"This is the power of Baptism – that God has opened come to meet us where we are and as we are...all in order that we might know that we, too, are beloved children of God and that God is well-pleased also with us." —David Lose

Living our Faith

There are many people around us who need to hear that they are beloved of God. How might you tell someone that they are beloved of God without saying so? A letter, a phone call, an invitation to lunch, a present . . . whatever you come up with, do it this week.



Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 381

"Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

Ton-y-Botel

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - cous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung c - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Rc -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

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”

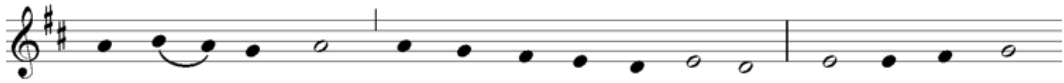
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1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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.

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 29

Glory To God 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad.
 light.
 y.
 cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
 The wil - der - ness can -
 A se - cret wrapped in
 Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Second Reading

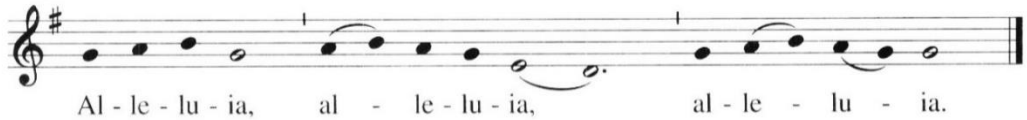
Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Assembly **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Choir John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Assembly **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Handwerk

A period of silence follows

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Presider moves to the Baptismal Font. The Assembly stands as able.

Presider Let us together renew our baptismal promises.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Asperges

Presider God, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

Presider May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder of their own Baptism.

Music During the Asperges

Hymnal 516

“Come down, O love divine”

Down Ampney

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come down, O love divine". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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
All those affected by gun violence
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
John Arnell
Brooke Transue, Alter family friend
Ben Whipple, Susan & Larry Whipple's son

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

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.

Birthdays

1-14 Jim Newcomb
1-18 Hall Healy
1-18 John Arnell
1-19 John Tuohy

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

My Heart Sings Out 59


“Longing for light”



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
 pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
 bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. _____
 shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. _____
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. _____

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

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 consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all".

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

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:". The treble staff shows a melodic line with some grace notes, and the bass staff provides harmonic support.

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The third system of music concludes the doxology. The lyrics are: "praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.". The treble staff features a melodic line that ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

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

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

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

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

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in 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

“The Kingdom of God”

Taizé


The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and


This block contains the first line of musical notation for the hymn. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and".

joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and

This block contains the second line of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and".

o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

Last time 

Last time 

This block contains the final line of musical notation. The melody concludes with a fermata. The lyrics are: "o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom." The word "Last time" is written above the final measure of both the treble and bass staves, indicating a repeat sign with a fermata.

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.

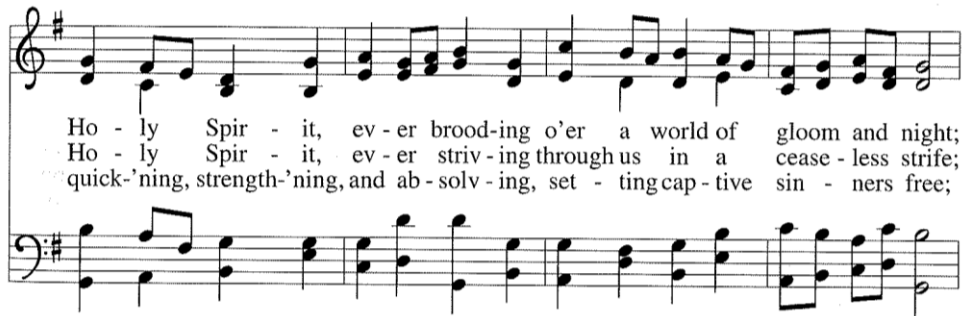
Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

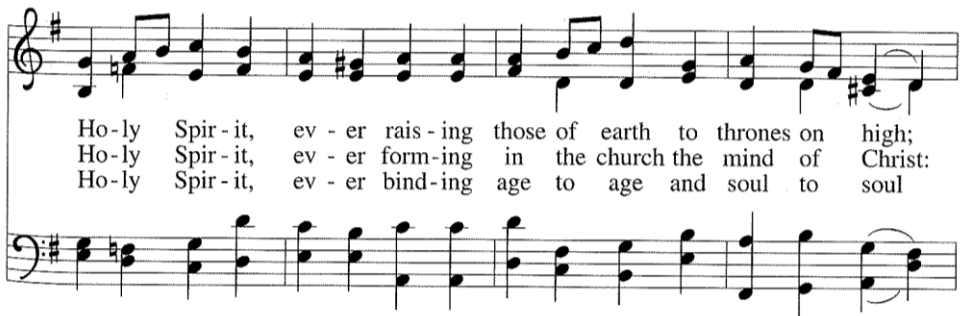
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“Holy Spirit, ever dwelling”

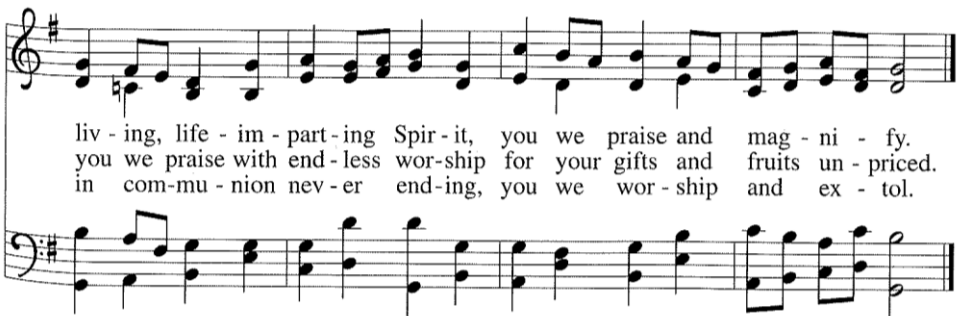
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Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Assisting Today

First Reading	Duke Baur
Second Reading	Susan Whipple
Prayers	Hall Healy
Altar Guild	Polly Baur
Usher	John Tuohy
Coffee Hour	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

This Week

Monday, January 15	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Wednesday, January 17	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, January 18	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, January 19	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, January 20	AA Meeting (5:00 PM) Confirmation Class/Christianity 101 at St. Gregory's (4:30 PM)

Up Next

<u>Sunday, January 21</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM) Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM) Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM) Coffee Hour, Forum, & Sunday School (11:00 AM)
January 25	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
January 26	Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Announcements

Forum TODAY: 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 today** 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.

Annual Meeting: The 2024 Annual Meeting of the parish will take place on **Sunday, January 28**. We will hear reports about the state of the parish and its ministries, elect new vestry members and adopt the 2024 budget. This meeting will take place in person and via Zoom at the same time. The link for this meeting will be on the St. E's web page.

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 22-32. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

Save the Date: February 10, 2024 – for our very first **Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper** starting at 4:30 PM.

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

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The Rev. Larry Handwerk	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
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Sunday Schedule

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

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 to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*