

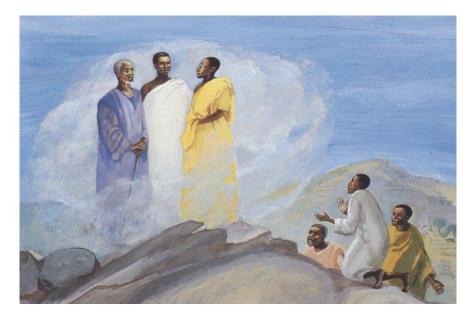
# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

10:00 AM

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



JESUS MAFA. Transfiguration, 1973 Cameroon

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:**

Church is the place where we are reminded of God's dream for our world, and we are called to follow a different way. This way is radical and challenging. It requires us to see the world as God sees the world, to see differently and therefore to act differently

## Living our Faith:

What helps you to let go of your own vision long enough to catch a glimpse of God's vision? How is Love stirring you to challenge the status quo in your life?



## Holy Eucharist

#### Prelude

#### **Opening Hymn**



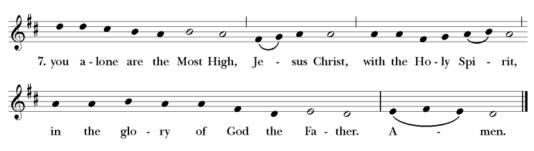
#### **Opening Acclamation**

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

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

#### Gloria





#### Collect of the Day

Presider	God be with you.
Assembly	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	Holy God, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Assembly	Amen.

## Word of God

#### **First Reading**

2 Kings 2:1-12

A Reading from the second Book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you

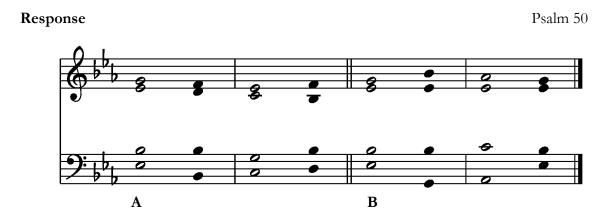
know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.



#### Assembly

А	1	The Lord, the God of gods, has <u>spoken</u> ; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its <u>setting</u> .
В	2	Out of Zion, perfect in its <u>beauty, *</u> God reveals himself in <u>glory.</u>
А	3	Our God will come and will not keep <u>silence;</u> * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging <u>storm.</u>
В	4	He calls the heavens and the earth from a <u>bove</u> * to witness the judgment of his <u>people</u> .
А	5	"Gather before me my loyal <u>followers</u> , * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with <u>sacrifice."</u>
В	6	Let the heavens declare the rightness of his <u>cause</u> ; * for God himself is judge.

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4:3-6

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

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Choir	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Assembly	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Choir	A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
	God has visited his people.
Assembly	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

## The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Gospeler	The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Assembly	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Sermon

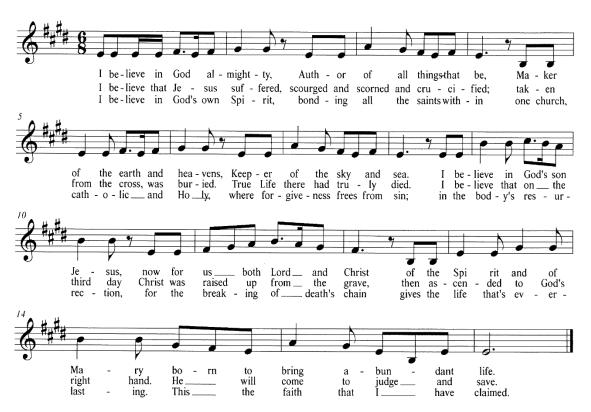
The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows

#### Creed

Thomas Merton

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#### 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	<ul> <li>We pray for those in need: and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially:</li> <li><u>Bishop Michael Curry</u></li> <li><u>Ben Whipple, Susan &amp; Larry Whipple's son</u></li> <li><u>Steve</u> Roemer, Carol Heitman-Mazzocco's son-in-law</li> <li><u>Viola</u> Bradshaw</li> <li><u>Pat Keeley, Adrienne Zimmerman's brother-in-law</u></li> <li><u>Cheryl</u> Porter, Adrienne Zimmerman's friend</li> <li><u>Susan</u> Chadd</li> <li><u>Patrick, Larry Handwerk's friend</u></li> <li><u>John Arnell</u></li> <li>King <u>Charles III</u></li> <li><u>Anna, Ian &amp; their unborn baby</u>, Fred Johnston's friends</li> <li><u>The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine</u></li> <li><u>All those affected by gun violence</u></li> <li>are there others?</li> </ul>
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. Especially Erica Sufritz, Kay Rossiter's friend.
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

#### **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.

#### Announcements

#### Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

## Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Sentence**

PresiderWalk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and<br/>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**

Lift Every Voice and Sing 64

"I Love to tell the Story"





## Doxology

Please stand as able.

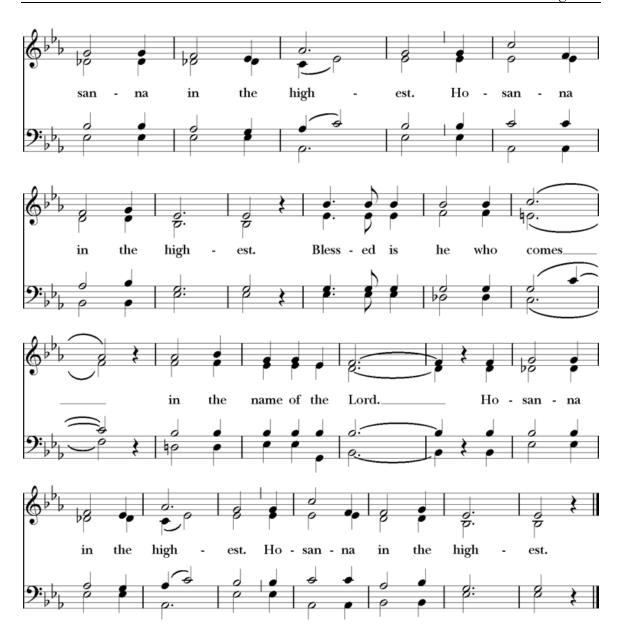


# Great Thanksgiving

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:





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.

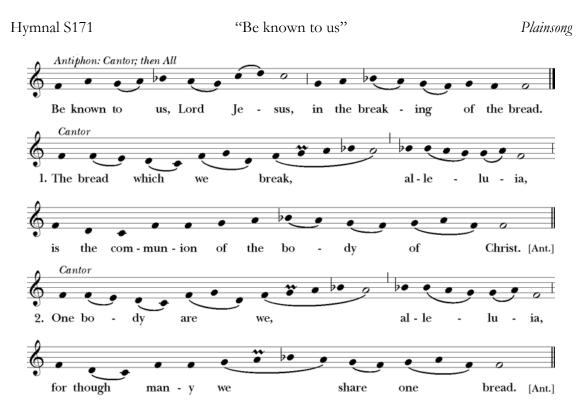
## Lord's Prayer

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



#### 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**



#### Post Communion Prayer

Common Worship

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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 Hyr	nn

Hymnal 420	"When in our music God is glorified"	Engelberg

(music on the next page.)



#### Dismissal

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

# Assisting Today

First Reading	Kara Superfine
Second Reading	Anne Tuohy
Prayers	Peter Rossiter
Altar Guild	Polly Baur
Usher	Andrew Wittleder
Coffee Hour	Volunteer Needed

# This Week

Monday, February 12	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, February 13	St. E's Book Group (12:00 Noon)
	Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM)
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity (12:00 Noon)
	Ash Wednesday Service at St. E's (7:00 PM)
	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, February 15	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, February 16	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, February 10	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

# Up Next

<u>Sunday, February 18</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)
February 22	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
February 23	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
February 24	Confirmation Class and Christianity 101 at St. Lawrence (4:30 PM)

## Announcements

**St E's Book Group** will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the parish guild room to discuss Eagan Borland's essay "Lava Cameo," from his book, OBJECT LESSONS. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Newcomb.

Sunday School for Children, upstairs after the 10 o'clock service. This is a weekly offering.

**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 Mark chapters 8-11. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

**Sunday Forum Format:** We will gather **weekly during Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM service** in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

Ash Wednesday: We enter the Lenten season on Wednesday, February 14 with two services of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes - our usual 7:00 pm service here at Saint Elisabeth's and a joint service at Noon with our Better Together partners at Trinity Church in Highland Park.

# Loss & Grief:

#### a weekend of education and exploration

Hosted by St.Lawrence Episcopal and Grace Lutheran Churches with Jessica Field, MPS, Spiritual Wellness Coach Learn more about Jessica at YourSpiritualWellnessCoach.com/about-jessica

> All are invited to attend workshops and prayer stations. This weekend is for everyone, of any or no religion. Childcare available during Saturday workshops.

#### Sign up by Feb 19.

Adult Session sign up: http://tinyurl.com/yc53rez9 Kids and Youth Session sign up: http://tinyurl.com/ya9hckwp

#### Sat, Feb 24, Workshops @ Grace Lutheran, 501 Valley Park Dr.

#### Adult session: 10-11:30a.m

During this workshop, will we discuss all types of loss, you will learn about the different names for grief and how they manifest, you will be given a chance to explore your relationship with grief, understand accompanying emotions, get insight into how to live with grief, and you will learn how to help your grieving child.

#### Kids and Youth Session (parents welcome): 4:30-6p.m., with dinner at 6p.m.

In this hands-on and playful session, kids and teens will be able to express and better understand their emotions, learn about losses and normalize grief, have a spiritual reflection that touches on hope and love, and participate in an art project that illustrates how our shattered hearts can come together to make something beautiful.

#### Sun, Feb 25, Prayer Stations @ St. Lawrence, 125 W Church St., 4:30-5:30p.m.

A contemplative place for the whole community to use art, music, and the senses to express prayers creatively. Rotate around the stations as you feel moved, or stay at one station. We will close as a community at one hour's time.

Hosts: StLawrenceChurch.org and GraceLutheranLibertyville.org The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop* 

# Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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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 АМ	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.

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