

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent

February 18 2024 10:00 AM

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



The Macklin Bible: Satan Leaving Jesus Peter Bourgeois and William Bromley, 1793, Vanderbilt Library

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.

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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 *lenton*, 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...

We are constantly being enticed off the Way, off the road, onto other roads which seem very attractive or frankly a whole lot easier to walk along. Roads that often dazzle us with the prospect of comforts and riches and pleasures. Jesus, too, was enticed and tempted to go down these very same roads. So every day he needed to spend time with his Father to reorient himself, to refocus on his true destination.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

Practice: Orthopraxy...

This Lent – if you don't already do so -- set a specific time and place to be in prayer and silence to help re-orient yourself and to refocus your life, to help you get back on the road.

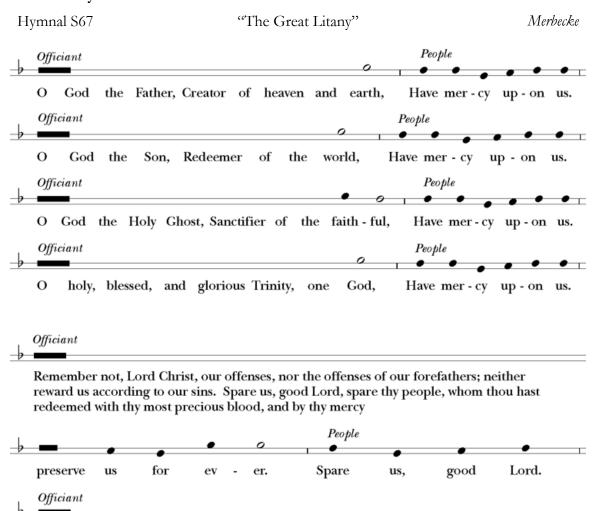
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Holy Eucharist

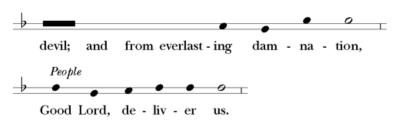
Prelude

Please kneel or stand, as able.

Great Litany



evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

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By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Assembly (Sung) Good Lord, deliver us.



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. Assembly That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. Assembly That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

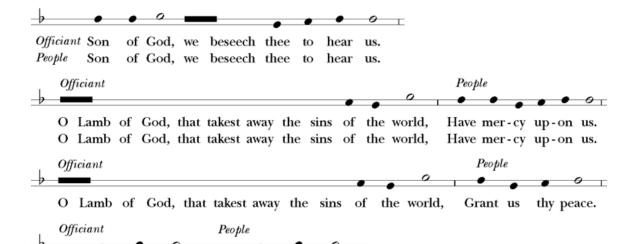
Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Elisabeth and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

Assembly (Sung) We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

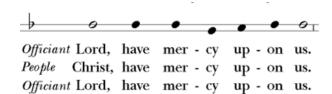
O Christ, hear

us.



O Christ, hear

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Collect

Presider Blessed be God who forgives all sins.

Assembly God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider Let us pray.

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus the Christ.

Assembly Amen.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is

the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

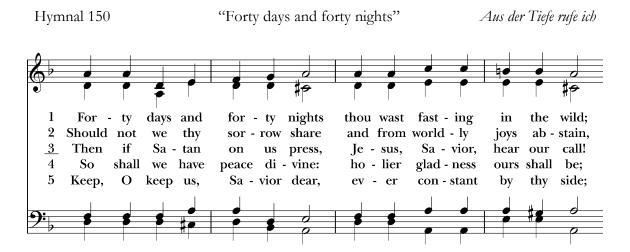
A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

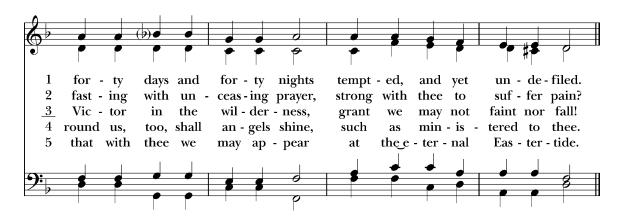
Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Gradual





All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel Mark 1:9-15

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

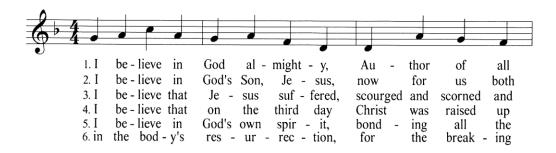
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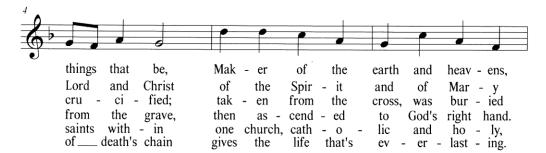
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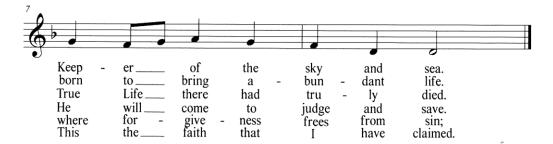
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"I Believe in God"

Arr. Aldrich/Spencer







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Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Please offer one another a sign of God's Peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and Presider Ephesians 5:2

sacrifice to God.

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.



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Offertory Anthem

"Create in Me a Clean Heart

By Matthew Culloton (2024)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, And take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Have mercy on me, O God, According to your steadfast love; Wash me from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins.

I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone,
I've sinned and done evil in your sight.

Doxology

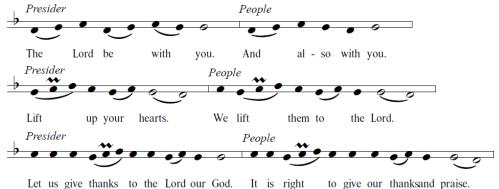
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Great Thanksgiving

Expansive Language Prayer A



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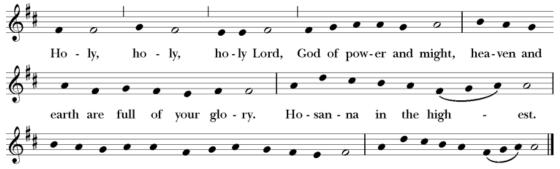
Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, O God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 S124



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Assembly

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

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever

Assembly

Amen.

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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.

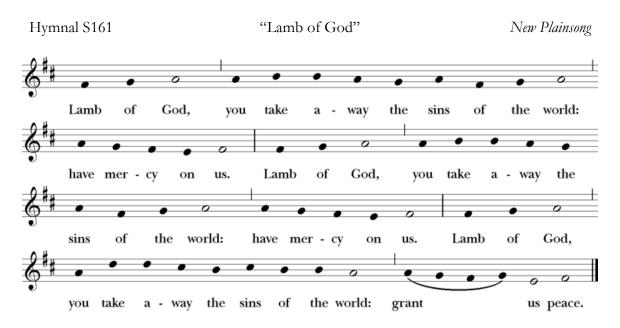
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem



Invitation to Communion

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

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Music during Communion

All Creation Sings 922 "When We Are Tested" Slane When we test ed and tle lone, are wres When in the des - ert we for re lief, cry When we are tempt - ed to bar ter our souls, When we strug - gled searched through the night, have and bread when world fers fam - ished for the of stone, plead - ing paths marked by cer - tain be lief, for the con trol, trad - ing the truth for pow'r to sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right, God, word and nour - ish by your way, us, your lift us to love you be yond sign and test, ship praise on - ly teach us to wor and you, sur with cir - cles of Say - ior, round us care, food that sus tains us by night and by day. rest. trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true seek - ing your will in the work that we do. hope, and prayer. an - gels of heal - ing, of of

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of

our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer Over the People

Presider Look with compassion, O God, upon this your people; that, rightly

observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to

serve you with more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly Amen.

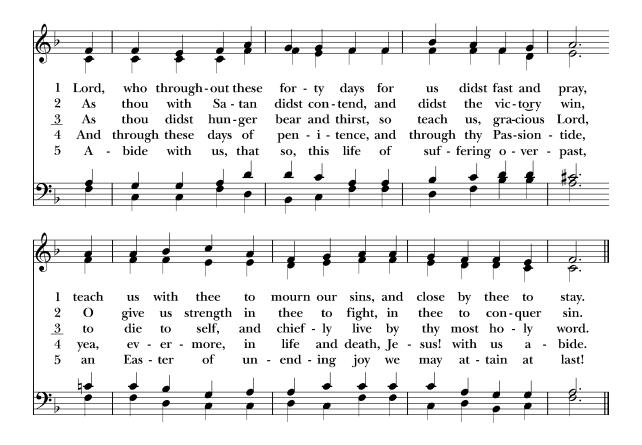
Closing Hymn

Hymnal 142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

St. Flabian

(music on the next page.)

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Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Assisting Today

First Reading Larry Whipple
Second Reading Linda Illes
Prayers Peter Rossiter

Altar Guild Susan Chadd, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Miller-Mygatt

Usher Phil Miller Coffee Hour Fred Johnston

This Week

Monday, February 19 AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Wednesday, February 21 Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)

Thursday, February 22 Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, February 23 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Saturday, February 24 Confirmation and Christianity 101 @ St. Lawrence (4:30 PM)

AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

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Up Next

Sunday, February 25 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 29 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

March 1 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

March 2 A Quiet Morning in Lent (9:00 AM)

Announcements

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 8-9. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

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

A Quiet Morning in Lent: On Saturday morning, March 2 from 9:00 am – Noon join Saint Elizabeth's rector Adam Spencer, Associate for Spiritual Wellness Elizabeth Clemmitt, and her spiritual direction colleague Deborah DeManno from Saint Lawrence, Libertyville, and Saint Augustine's in Wilmette as they offer an array of spiritual practices and quiet activities that will help still our minds and soothe our souls. Opportunities for spiritual direction, prayer, healing, confession and more will be available at this mini-retreat morning.

Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry: Last year's first ever Better Together Fish Fry was such a resounding success that we're doing it again on Friday, March 8! Join our partner congregations at 6:00 pm at Trinity (425 Laurel Ave in Highland Park) for Stations of the Cross, followed by a delicious fish fry at 7:00 pm. Adam will lead the Stations of the Cross and Walter will sing.

The Next Second Saturday Family Eucharist and Potluck Super will take place on Saturday, March 9 at 4:30 PM. We will gather for Communion around the table and then share a potluck meal and some fun and fellowship together. We will have these gatherings every Second Saturday through May. Please contact Susan Whipple or Anne Tuohy with any questions.

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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

John Tuohy, asst. Treasurer

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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