

# St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

# The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25 2024 10:00 AM

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



Get Thee Behind Me, Satan! James Tissot, c. 1886, Brooklyn 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.

#### Lent

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

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

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

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

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

#### Entering in ...

Taking up one's cross is not a call to patiently, passively endure, but to take hold of life and stand up against injustice even if there is a cost for doing so.

Herb Montgomery

#### **Practice: Orthopraxy**

What one injustice bothers you the most? What might you do to stand up against this injustice, even if it might be costly to you personally? Would that be life giving to you?

# Holy Eucharist

#### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

Hymnal 149

"Eternal Lord of love"

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#### A Penitential Order

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Assembly Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

#### The Decalogue

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God

who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not commit murder.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not steal.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Assembly Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Let us lay before God our regrets and sorrows.

All kneel, as able. A period of silence is kept.

Assembly God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your live and serve

only your will. Amen

#### Absolution

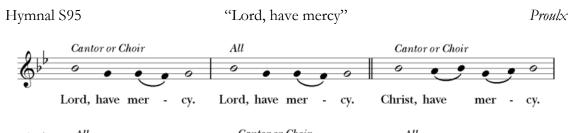
Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the

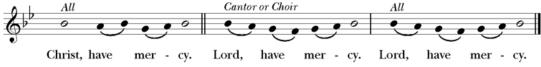
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Assembly Amen.

#### **Kyrie**





#### Collect

Presider Blessed be God who forgives our sins.

Assembly God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30



Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

# "The Kingdom of God"

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All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel Mark 8:31-38

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

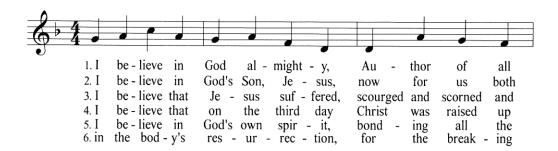
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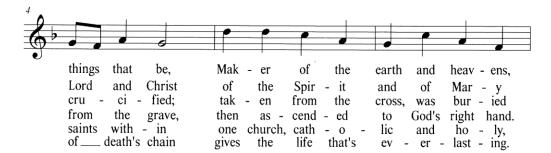
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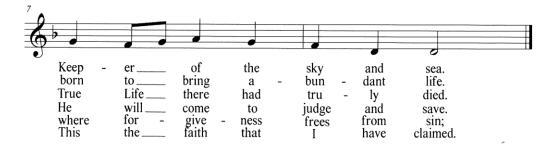
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"I Believe in God"

Arr. Aldrich/Spencer







#### Prayers of the People

Common Worship Times and Seasons

The Assembly may kneel or stand.

Intercessor We pray for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to God

this Lent.

O God, give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with

herself and to give more time to your mission in the world.

God, meet us in the silence,

Assembly give us strength and hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness, and hatred, and to

seek peace.

God, meet us in the silence,

Assembly give us strength and hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife, and jealousy in our families,

neighborhoods and communities.

God, meet us in the silence,

Assembly give us strength and hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care, and comfort to those who are sick or suffering. We pray

today especially for:

Bishop Michael Curry

Ben Whipple, Susan & Larry Whipple's son

Steve Roemer, Carol Heitman-Mazzocco's son-in-law

Viola Bradshaw

Pat Keeley, Adrienne Zimmerman's brother-in-law

Cheryl Porter, Adrienne Zimmerman's friend

Susan Chadd

Patrick, Larry Handwerk's friend

<u>Iohn</u> Arnell

King Charles III

Lisa

Anna, Ian & their unborn baby, Fred Johnston's friends

The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

All those affected by gun violence

are there others?...

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their lives.

God, meet us in the silence,

Assembly give us strength and hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and rejoice with those

who have died in faith. We pray for I who have died...

God, meet us in the silence,

Assembly give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.

#### 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.

**Anniversaries** 

## Birthdays

2-26 Luis Baranco

2-27 Anna Lesperance

# **Holy Communion**

## **Offertory Sentence**

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

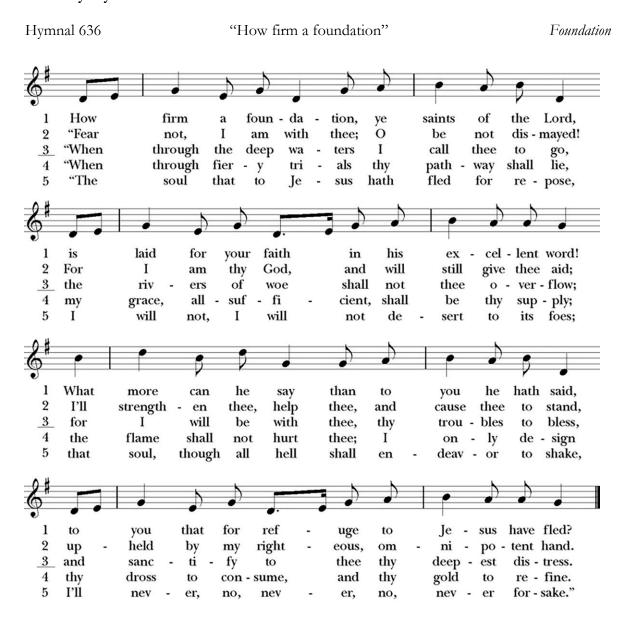
Ephesians 5:2

#### 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 Hymn



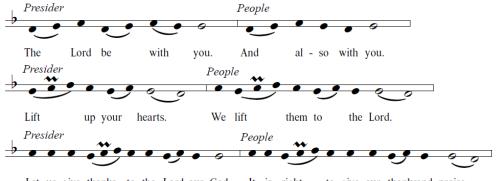
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Please stand as able.



#### Great Thanksgiving

#### Expansive Language Prayer A



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanksand praise.

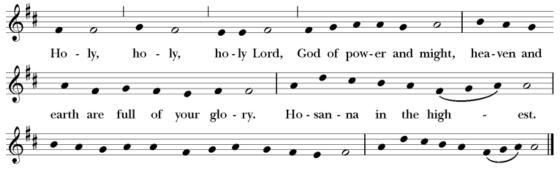
Presider

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.

#### 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,

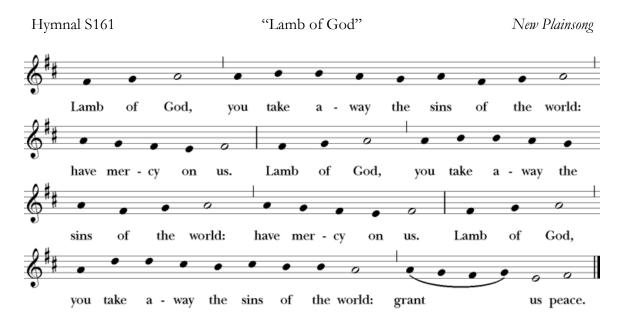
and the power, and the glory,

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

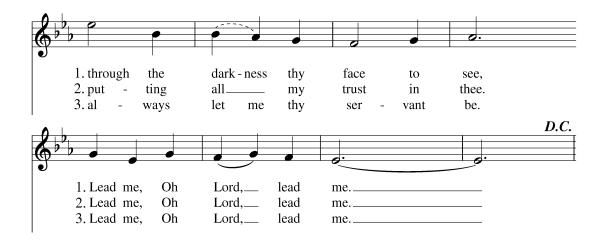
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

## **Music during Communion**





#### 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.

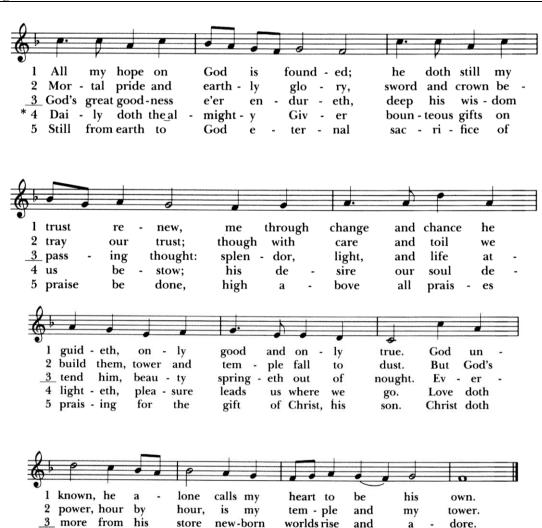
Assembly Amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

Hymnal 665 (music on the next page)

"All my hope on God is founded"

Michael



#### Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Assembly Thanks be to God.

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#### **Postlude**

# **Assisting Today**

First Reading Kay Rossiter
Second Reading Anne Tuohy
Prayers John Tuohy

Altar Guild JoAn Anderson, Barb Ferry, Kara Superfine

Usher Robert Fischer

Coffee Hour

## This Week

Monday, February 26 AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Wednesday, February 28 Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)

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

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, March 1 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

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

AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

# Up Next

Sunday, March 3 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)

March 7 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

March 8 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Stations of the Cross at Trinity HP (6:00 PM)

Fish Fry at Trinity HP (7:00 PM)

March 9 Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper (4:30 PM)

## 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 10-11. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

Sunday Forum: 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 Supper 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.

### The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

# Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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### Sunday Schedule



Robert Fischer

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.