

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 10:00 AM

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



Grain Fields, 1890 Edwin Evans, 1844-1923

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...

Nature and good [people] besides Jesus may lead us to God. They who seek God with all their hearts must, however, some day on their way meet Jesus.

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Practice: Orthopraxy

Have you met Jesus on the way to seeking God? Ask a fellow Christian, or Jew, or Muslim about their experience of seeking God, and share yours.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 495 "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!" In Babilone 1 Hail, thou Hail, thou Gal - i once de spis - ed Ie - sus! 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap point - ed, all our sins on 3 Je - sus, hail! en throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er *4 Wor-ship, bless - ing hon - or, power, and thou art wor - thy Thou didst suf - fer le King! lease us; an to re thee were laid: by al might - y love noint - ed, bide; all the heaven - ly hosts dore thee, to a a ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, to re thou didst Hail, thou free sal va - tion bring. u - ni ver - sal thou hast full a tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art right it is for give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic us to Sa - vior, bear - er of our \sin and shame! $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ mer - it thy giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the plead-ing: there thou dost our place pre for us pare; ev - er spi - rits, all your no-blest an - thems raise; help sing our find life through we fa - vor: is giv - en thy Name of hea - ven, re - con ciled are we with God. gate till in - ter ced - ing, in glo - ry we ap pear. Sa - vior's mer - its, help chant Em uel's praise! to man

A Penitential Order

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Assembly Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

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 love and serve only your will. Amen

Absolution

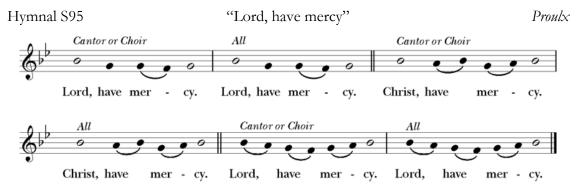
Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the

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.

God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, that in life

we may not stray from you, but may be your people.

Assembly Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Refrain

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Refrain

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Refrain

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Refrain

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

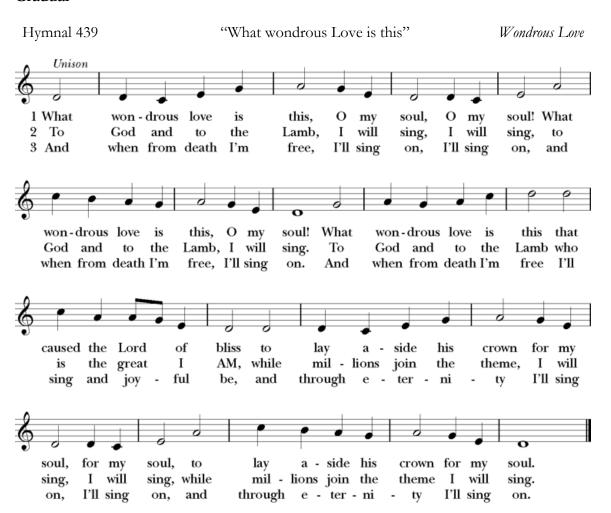
"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Gradual



All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel John 12:20-33

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows.

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"I Believe in God"

Arr. Aldrich/Spencer

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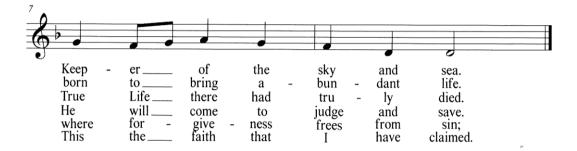
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Prayers of the People

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:

Ben Whipple, Susan & Larry Whipple's son

Viola Bradshaw

<u>Susan</u> Chadd

Carla Arnell

Paul Lucas

Hall Healy

<u>Lisa</u>

Jamie Whaley, Kara Superfine's relative

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

John Arnell

Kelli, Teresa, Buddy

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 all 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.

Birthdays		Anniversaries
3-19	Chase DuBose	
3-20	Lily Generes	
3-22	Carrie Miller-Mygatt	

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

Aldrich/Spencer

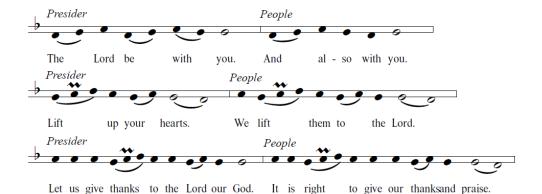
"Christ is the life of all that is"

Kingsfold



Great Thanksgiving

Expansive Language Prayer A



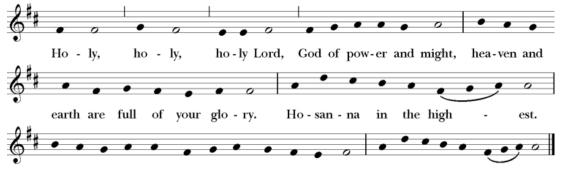
Presider

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.

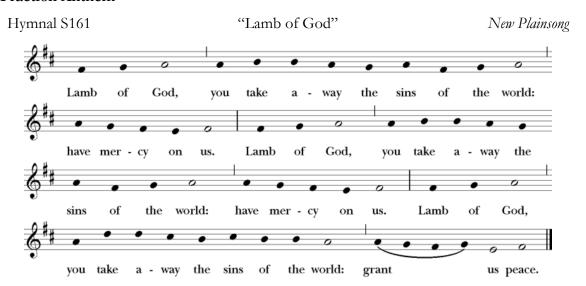
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

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

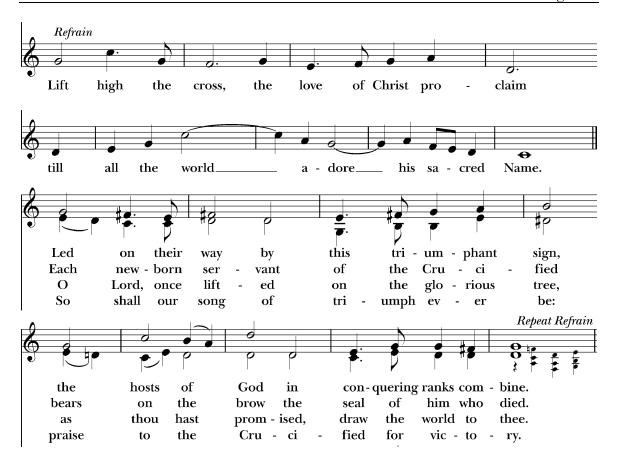
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 473 (music on the next page.)

"Lift high the cross"

Crucifer



Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Assisting Today

First Reading Robert Fischer
Second Reading Kara Superfine
Prayers Anne Tuohy

Altar Guild Laren Edelston, Carrie Miller-Mygatt, Polly Baur

Usher John Tuohy Coffee Hour Fred Johnston

This Week

Monday, March 18
AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, March 19
Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM)
Wednesday, March 20
Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, March 22 Bible Study (11:00 AM) Saturday, March 23 AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, March 24 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 28 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar (7:00 PM)

March 29 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Good Friday Service (7:00 PM)

March 30 Easter Vigil at St. Lawrence (7:00 PM)

Announcements

Easter Flower & Music Donations: Please consider donating to the Easter Flower and Music Fund. Forms and payment are **due** to the office **Today**, **March 17**. Forms are at the back of the church, in the March issue of the Voice newsletter, or you can click the link below to download the page and mail it along with your check to the office.

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. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

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.

The Next Second Saturday Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper will take place on Saturday, April 13 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.

Sing for Easter! All are invited to join our festival choir on Easter Sunday! We'll be rehearing Sundays at 9:00 AM and Thursdays at 7:30 PM from now until Holy Week – make what you can, every voice is welcome.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Elisabeth's

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24 8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II

Maundy Thursday

March 28 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at St. E's

Good Friday

March 29 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy at St. E's

Holy Saturday

March 30 7:00 PM Easter Vigil at St. Lawrence, Libertyville

With our Better Together Partner Parishes

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day

March 31 8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II

Refreshments follow the 10:00 AM Service.



Due Today



Easter Flowers & Music

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Please write "Easter Flowers & Music" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

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Sunday Schedule



Spoken Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II

Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School 11:00 AM

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.