

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Easter Day

March 31, 2024 10:00 AM

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



The Risen Christ and Noli Me Tangere by Giotto di Bondone

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.

Easter

Easter, the oldest celebration of the Christian year, is not a single day but an entire season: Easter lasts fifty days, from Easter Day (the Sunday of the Resurrection) through the Day of Pentecost. The season also includes the feast of the Ascension, when the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven and was seen on earth no longer. Throughout the year every Sunday — even during Lent — is considered a little Easter, a mini feast of the resurrection on what Christians have called the first day of the week. The primary theme of Easter is the resurrection: on this day Jesus was raised from the dead, overcoming the power of death and the grave. We celebrate that we, too, are raised to everlasting life with him in our baptism.

At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit in the church today. It is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the Body of Christ, the church; it is the Holy Spirit who provides the gifts and guidance needed to sustain our life. At every Eucharist we pray that the Holy Spirit will sanctify the bread and wine of communion to be "the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him." We also pray that the Spirit will "sanctify us also" so that we may receive the Eucharist with faith and serve God "in unity, constancy, and peace." It is the Holy Spirit who makes God present and alive in our hearts.

-From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

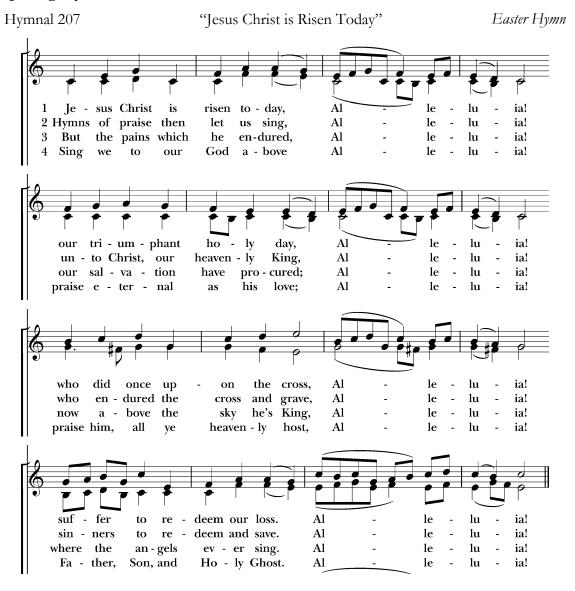
Opening Acclamation

Please stand as able.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn



Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Book of Common Prayer p.287

As a sign of the Resurrection, the Paschal (Easter) Candle is lit during worship for fifty days.

Presider

Holy God, accept the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning, the One who gives light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lit.

Gloria





Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Love divine, in raising Christ to new life you opened the path of salvation to all peoples. Send us out, with the joy of Mary Magdalene, to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may celebrate with you the banquet of your peace.

Assembly

Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Gather 84

"Let Us Rejoice!"







Choir

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever; Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures for ever."

Refrain

Choir

The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.

Refrain

Choir

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

St. Elisabeth's Choir

Anthem "Alleluia" by Andrew Miller

Alleluia.

Lift your voice to the Lord,
Give your thanks, O give your praise,
All glory and honor are yours forevermore.

Alleluia.

All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

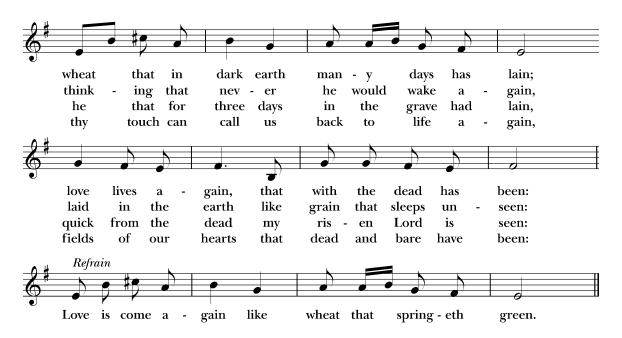
Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows.

Meditation

Noel nouvelet Hymnal 204 "Now the Green Blade Riseth" Now green blade from the bur - ied the ris - eth grain, In grave Love whom the they laid him. hate had slain, 3 Forth he came Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, at 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Thanksgiving for Baptism

All Creation Sings

Presider

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Assembly

Amen.

Presider

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Assembly

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

Presider

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor, and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Assembly Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Book of Common Prayer p. 304

Leader Do we believe in God the Father?

Assembly We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

Leader Do we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was

conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader Do we believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of

the body, and the life everlasting.

Leader Will we continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking

of the bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly We will, with God's help.

Leader Will we persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever we fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

Assembly We will, with God's help.

I eader Will we proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in

Christ?

Assembly We will, with God's help.

Leader Will we seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as

ourselves?

We will, with God's help. Assembly

Leader Will we strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

We will, with God's help. Assembly

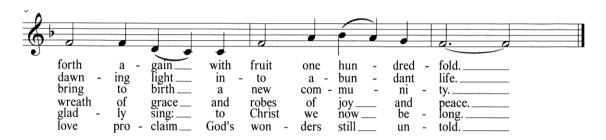
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Peace

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.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
4-2	Cody Cook	4-3	Vicki & Larry Handwerk
4-4	Mike McClurg		

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 Anthem

Choir

"I Know that My Redeemer Live"

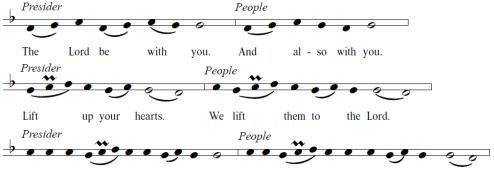
by Craig Courtney

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though my body be destroyed, Yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia!

Now we see in a glass dimly,
But then, face to face;
Now I know in part,
But then I shall know as I am known.
Alleluia!

Great Thanksgiving

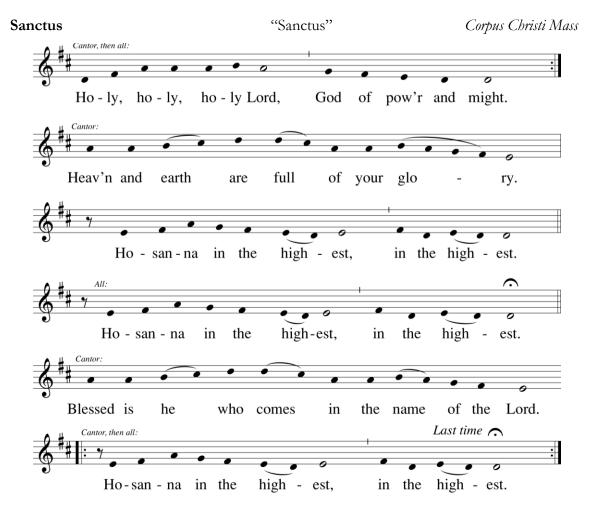
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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanksand praise.

Presider

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



Presider

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Assembly

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Presider

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Elisabeth and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Assembly

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider

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

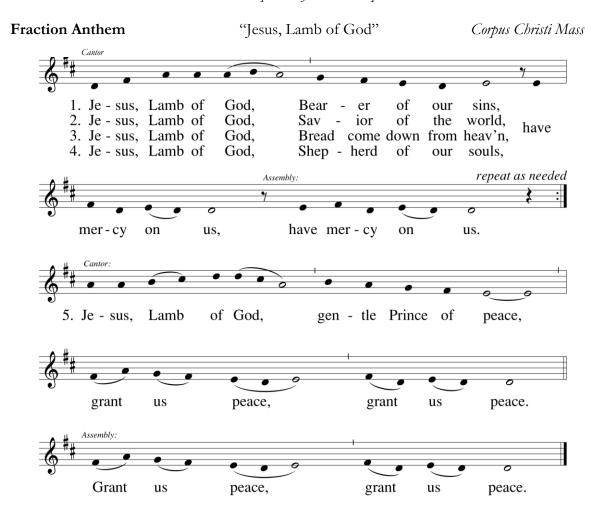
Assembly

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.



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.

Communion Anthem

From Messiah

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

by Handel

solo by Valeria Rodriguez

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider

Let us pray.

Assembly

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Over the People

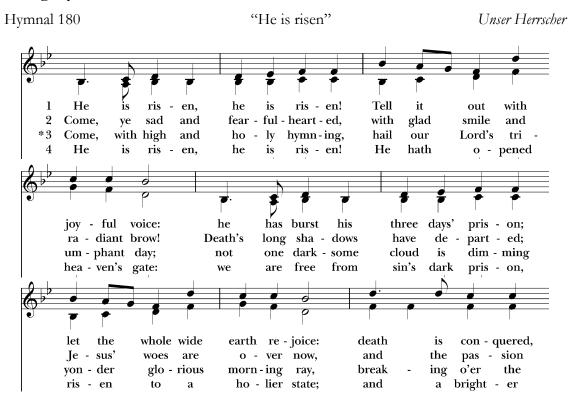
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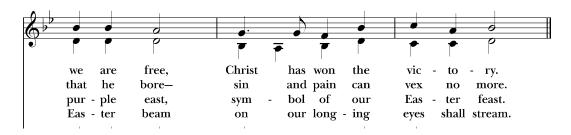
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Assembly

Amen.

Closing Hymn





Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Week

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Monday, April 1	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Wednesday, April 3	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, April 4	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, April 5	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, April 6	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, April 7	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)
April 9	St. E's Book Group (Noon)
April 11	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
_	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
April 12	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
April 13	Family Worship and Potluck Supper (4:30 PM)

Assisting Today

First Reading Duke Baur Second Reading Linda Illes Prayers Hall Healy

Altar Guild Libby Hinds, Glenna Foley

Usher Robert Fischer

Coffee Hour Vestry

Announcements

Easter Egg Hunt Today: Please join us after the service today as we celebrate Easter joy with refreshments and our traditional Easter egg hunt on St. E's Great Lawn.

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. On April 5, we will be reading Mark, chapters 15-16. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

Family Worship 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.

Volunteer with Soup Kitchen: For some 30 years we have been partnering with First United Methodist Church of Evanston to staff a soup kitchen 6 times a year. Typically, we take the second Thursday of every odd numbered month (January, March, etc.). We provide the food and the volunteers to pack and serve that food. The time requirement is not great: either 1-2 hours in the afternoon in Glencoe and/or 2-3 hours in the early evening in Evanston. We also welcome contributions to the fund to purchase the food. We typically cater to 60-80 diners, serve them a hot dinner and a sack lunch for the next day. We welcome newcomers. Just contact John Tuohy or Susan Newcomb for details, dates, directions and the like.

Easter Flowers & Festive Music

Anne & Hall Healy
In thanksgiving for Katherine, Dan Maren, Ethan, and Avery Darnell

Libby Hinds
In thanksgiving for my family

The Briggs Family
In memory of Eleanor & Bill Briggs

Kay & Peter Rossiter

In thanksgiving for the birth of our granddaughter Elling Marling Rossiter

Anne & John Tuohy
In thanksgiving for our granddaughters

Robert Seccombe
In memory of Charles Seccombe

Barbara & Jamie Ferry
In thanksgiving for Ailbhe Ferry

Phil Miller
In memory of Nancy Miller and in celebration of family

Joyce Newcomb
In memory of Michael, Charles, and Sarah Newcomb

Carol Heitman and Joyce Newcomb

In memory of Alicesnow & Norman Rickards

Vera Zhurakhovska and Ruslan Trishyn In memory of our parents

Glenna & Bud Foley
In thanksgiving for our families

Susan & Larry Whipple
In thanksgiving for friends and family

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Larry Handwerk

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Susanne Arnell Mark Tilton, Treasurer Claire Lesperance Robert Fischer Carrie Miller-Mygatt John Tuohy, asst. Treasurer

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.