



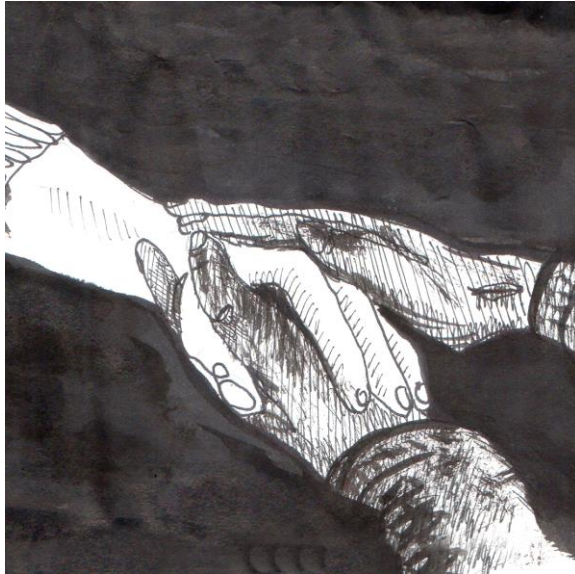
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

8:00 AM

Welcome to St. Elisabeth's Church



Holding Hands by Liz Valente

*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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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

Entering in....

Jesus clearly intends for us to see clearly, so that we can be of real help to other people. We absolutely cannot convincingly proclaim God’s love and forgiveness, while we remain unloving and unforgiving ourselves.

*-Br. John Brought
Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

Practice - Orthopraxy

What act of loving or forgiving do you need to do this week? Be specific, as to person, time and place. Share your resolve with someone else to help you on that path.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

The Prelude

The Opening Acclamation

Please stand as able.

Presider Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assembly **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 133

Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

A Reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Stand for the Gospel, as able.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as able.

Assembly

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

BCP pgs. 328-330

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our president, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Particularly:

Viola Bradshaw

Susan Chadd

Anna, Ian and their baby Raymond, Fred Johnston's friends

The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

All those affected by gun violence

The people of Baltimore

Are there others?

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Adam Spencer's friend, Brad Schaeffer SJ, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Elisabeth and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Assembly

Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Please kneel as able.

Assembly

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word or deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do

earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly

Amen.

Presider

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St. John iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John ii. 1, 2.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

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

Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Birthdays

4-12 McGavock Cline

Anniversaries

4-12 Anne & John Tuohy

The Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Collection

If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate at the back of the church, or you can use this QR code as a shortcut.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Assembly **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Assembly **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy

Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Presider

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Assembly

Amen.

The 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Assembly **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

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 Zburakhovska 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

Announcements

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.

Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wondered how we get communion set up for each of our church services or why we use different colors for different seasons in the church? Did you know that the Altar Guild has its roots in the most ancient and sacred traditions of Jesus' ministry? And it's not just for women... in fact at several churches Altar Guilds include men, women and even teenagers.



Our Altar Guild at St. Elisabeth is responsible for the preparation of the Altar including setting up communion supplies, changing of the church linens and refilling our candles. It is also an opportunity to work closely with Adam as we set up and clean up after services. It is also a relatively low time commitment and easy way to help our community.

We are now in need of new volunteers to join our small but mighty crew that help with our set up and clean up after our services. If you are interested, please reach out to Polly Baur (polly.baur@gmail.com / 773-818-3738) or Adam.

Announcements

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. At the next study, we will be reading Luke chapters 1-2. 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.

Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab and home-bound parishioners: If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

Family Promise provides free family shelter to families with children – keeping families together during a time of homelessness, unlike other homeless shelters separate families by female/male. Family Promise also offers training, budgeting and other support to help families move from homelessness to success. Because St. Elisabeth cannot house families in our church; we partner with two other churches.

We need volunteers to help cook meals, stay overnight or just help serve meals. Homeless families with children want someone to talk with and someone to interact with their children.

We help three to five times per year for one week at a time. There is a sign-up online for dinners or sleepovers. It is easy, helpful, fulfilling and very efficient. It is good to share a meal with people in need.

For more information, please contact Robert Fischer, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Mygatt or Carla Arnell.

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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



Office Hours

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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