



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27*

November 12, 2023

10:00 AM

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



*The Wise and Foolish Virgins*  
*James Tissot, 1836-1902*

*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.*

## Ordinary Time: Creation

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a season with a single common focus, but is simply the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. It is often called “Ordinary Time.” These weeks hold both the slower pace and peaceful quality of summer months and the quicker pace and flurry of activity in the early fall. These are our “ordinary” days, in which we live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

During these weeks, as the liturgical scholar Leonel Mitchell puts it, we celebrate “the time in which we actually live — the period between the Pentecost and the Second Advent.” Two thousand years after the first Pentecost, the church still lives in this “in between” time before the fulfillment of time in Christ’s second coming. You might also hear these weeks called “the long, green season,” referring both to the green color of the vestments and altar hangings for these weeks as well as to the summertime of year in which many of the weeks fall in the northern hemisphere.

After Pentecost we settle into the growing season, nourishing the seeds planted at Easter and putting down roots in our faith.

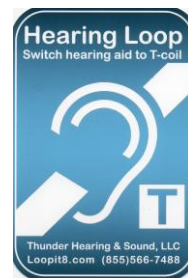
*From Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

## Entering in...

Religion helps us let go of illusions and pretenses so we can be more and more present to what actually is. That’s why the Buddha and Jesus both say with one voice, “Be awake.” Jesus talks about “staying watchful” and “Buddha” literally means “I am awake.”

## Practice

Take time to be watchful every day this week. Start with a few minutes. Just watch. Make no judgements good or bad on what you are seeing. Just watch and breathe. At the end of the week, ask yourself what you saw that you might not have seen had you not been just watching.



# The Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

*Please stand as able.*

Hymnal 61

“Sleepers, wake!”

*Wachet auf*

1 “Sleep - ers, wake!”      A      voice      a -      stounds      us,      the  
2 Zi - on      hears      the      watch -      men      sing -      ing;      her  
3 Lamb      of      God,      the      heavens      a -      dore      you;      let

shout      of      ram -      part -      guards      sur -      rounds      us:      “A -  
heart      with      joy -      ful      hope      is      spring -      ing,      she  
saints      and      an -      gels      sing      be -      fore      you,      as

wake,      Je -      ru -      sa -      lem,      a -      rise!”      Mid -      night’s      peace      their  
wakes      and      hur -      ries      through      the      night.      Forth      he      comes,      her  
harps      and      cym -      bals      swell      the      sound.      Twelve      great      pearls,      the

cry      has      bro -      ken,      their      ur -      gent      sum -      mons      clear -      ly      spo -  
Bride-groom      glo -      rious      in      strength      of      grace,      in      truth      vic -      to -  
ci -      ty’s      por -      tals:      through      them      we      stream      to      join      the      im -      mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*Assembly*

Glory to God forever and ever.

## Gloria

Hymnal S280

"Glory to God"

*Powell*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Brighten your Church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom, and waken our hearts to its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom's return and join the wedding feast. We ask this through Jesus the Christ.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

## Word of God

### First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

*Reader*

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

*Assembly*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 1

*Antiphon*

O LORD, make haste to help me.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

*Antiphon*

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the LORD!"

*Antiphon*

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

*Antiphon*



**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the Gospel, as able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia, alleluia"

*Alleluia*

*Cantor* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
*Assembly* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**  
*Cantor* Stay awake and stand ready,  
 because you do not know the hour  
 when the Son of Man is coming.  
*Assembly* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*All face the Gospel Book.*

**Gospel**

Matthew 25:1-13

*Gospeler*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*Assembly*       **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Gospeler*        The Gospel of the Lord.*Assembly*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon**

The Rev. Adam Spencer

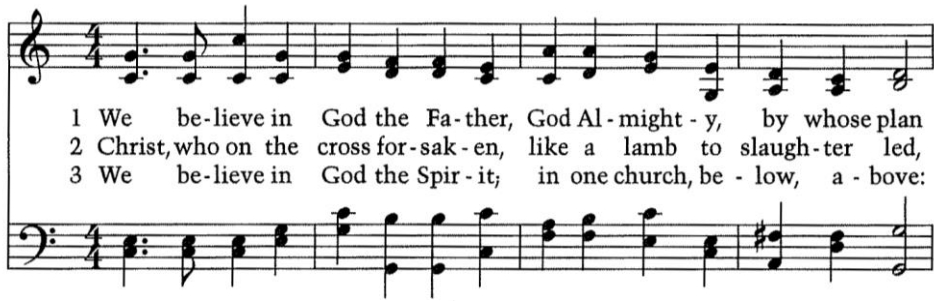
*A period of silence follows.*

## Creed

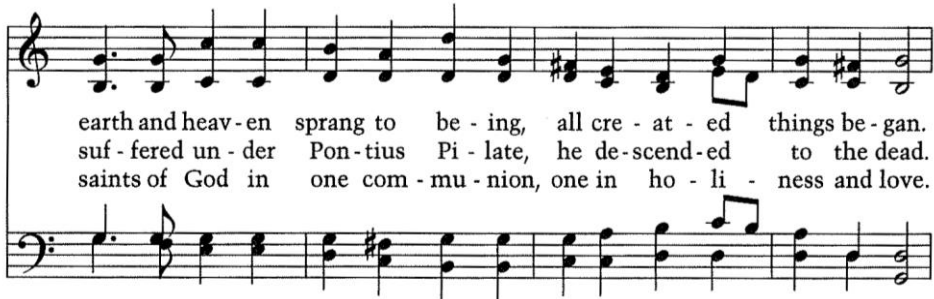
Moravian Book  
Of Worship 699

“We believe in God the Father”

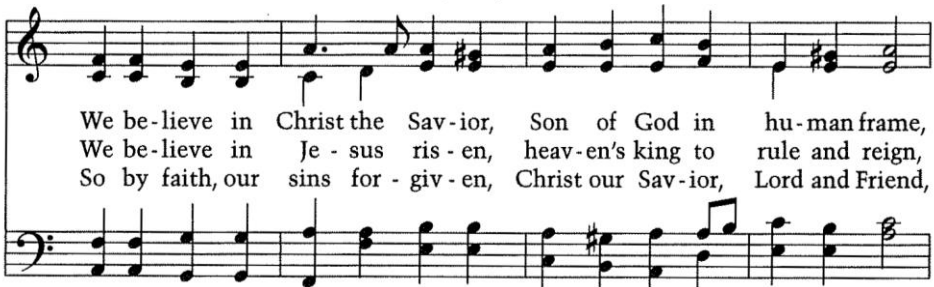
*Lux eoi*



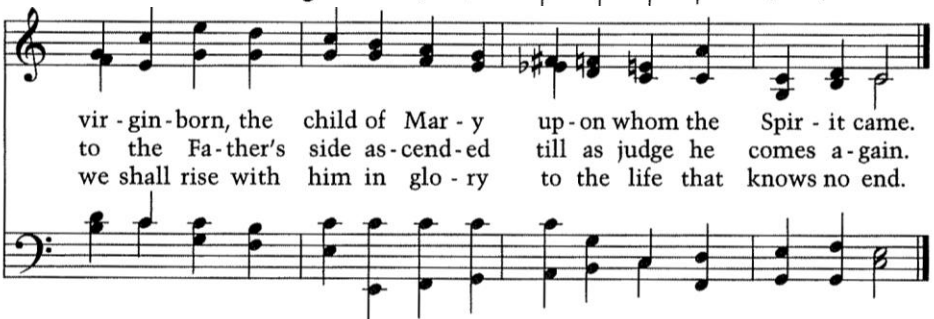
1 We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God Al-might-y, by whose plan  
2 Christ, who on the cross for-sak-en, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,  
3 We be-lieve in God the Spir-it; in one church, be - low, a - bove:



earth and heav-en sprang to be-ing, all cre-at-ed things be-gan.  
suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, he de-scend-ed to the dead.  
saints of God in one com-mu-nion, one in ho-li-ness and love.



We be-lieve in Christ the Sav-ior, Son of God in hu-man frame,  
We be-lieve in Je-sus ris-en, heav-en's king to rule and reign,  
So by faith, our sins for-giv-en, Christ our Sav-ior, Lord and Friend,



vir-gin-born, the child of Mar-y up-on whom the Spir-it came.  
to the Fa-ther's side as-cend-ed till as judge he comes a-gain.  
we shall rise with him in glo-ry to the life that knows no end.

**Prayers of the People***Common Worship**Intercessor*

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth. For the color and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

*Assembly*

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

*Intercessor*

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

*Assembly*

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

*Intercessor*

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

*Assembly*

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

*Intercessor*

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

*Assembly*

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

*Intercessor*

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruits of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

*Assembly*

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

*Intercessor*

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it with, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

*Assembly*

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

*Intercessor*

We pray for the Diocese of Chicago and Paula our bishop, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, and we give thanks for the Anglican Communion around the world. Lord of all fellowship:

*Assembly*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for governments and aid agencies and their leaders, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought, and starvation. For the agencies and ministries which our congregation supports: Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen, Family Promise, New Trier Township Food Pantry, and Orphans of the Storm. By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts, and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts. Lord of all justice:

*Assembly* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Bishop Michael Curry

The people of Israel and Palestine

Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother

All those affected by gun violence

Barbara Newman, Carla Arnell's friend

are there others?...

Lord of all compassion:

*Assembly* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We remember those who have died, particularly for those we now name silently or aloud.

*The assembly may share aloud or silently.*

We entrust them to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life. Lord of all peace:

*Assembly* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace. Lord of all faithfulness:

*Assembly* **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession***Enriching Our Worship*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*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.**

**Ingathering Celebration**

*Presider* To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything God has given us – and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from God. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference. (*Mother Teresa*).

*During the singing of "All things come of Thee, O Lord", the pledge cards are placed in a collection basket then brought to the altar.*

United Methodist Hymnal 588

“All things come of Thee, O Lord”

*Offering*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "All things come of Thee, O Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee." The first system covers the first four measures, and the second system covers measures 5 through 8. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

*The Presider then blesses the pledges of the Assembly.*

*Presider* Lord who provides seed for sowing and bread for eating and supplies all we need for a new harvest, bless we pray you these pledges of our first fruits, which we offer to your service in the †Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Assembly* 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

### Birthdays

11-14 Elisabeth Arnell  
11-16 Kara Superfine

### Anniversaries

*Those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Presider* God, thank you for the days of our lives: Look with joy, we pray, on N. and all celebrating birthdays as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*Presider* God of our strength and joy, we thank you for the love we witness between two people because through their love for each other we get a glimpse of the love you have for each and every one of us. Through the power of your spirit may N.& N. live in fidelity and peace and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who seek and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Stewardship Testimonial



## 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

Hymn 68

"Rejoice! Rejoice, believers"

*Llangloffan*

1 Re - joi - ce! re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

**Doxology**

*Please stand as able.*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes notes like E5, F#5, and G5. The bass staff accompaniment features chords and moving lines.

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The final system concludes the doxology. The treble staff melody ends with a half note G4. The bass staff accompaniment ends with a final chord. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**Great Thanksgiving***Common Worship*

*Presider* God be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S129

“Holy, holy, holy”

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The assembly may stand or kneel.*

*Presider*

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ’s body and his blood.

On the night before he died, at supper with his friends, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: “This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: “This is my blood, poured out for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.”

So, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior. Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Elisabeth and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today 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

Wonder Love and  
Praise 867

“The bread which we break”

*Haywood*

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the  
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one  
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major. The first staff is in 4/4 time, the second in 3/4, and the third in 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Invitation to Communion

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing. 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 Music

“Guide Our Feet”

1. 2.  
Guide our feet, God, walk our path, be the wind up - on our back. Grant us strength to  
car - ry on, rest at dusk and joy at dawn. A - men.

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff has two first endings, labeled 1. and 2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Enriching our Worship*

*Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Presider* May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour a blessing upon all things created, and upon you, that you may use the gifts you've been given to God's glory and for the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all, be upon you and remain with you always.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

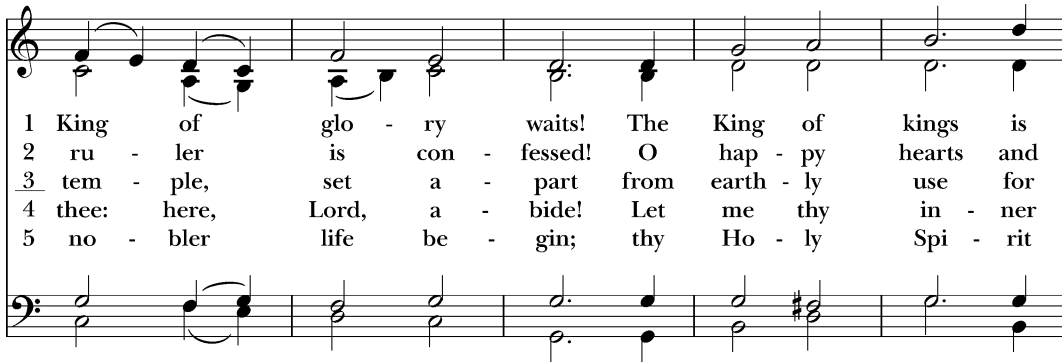
Hymnal 436

"Lift up your heads"

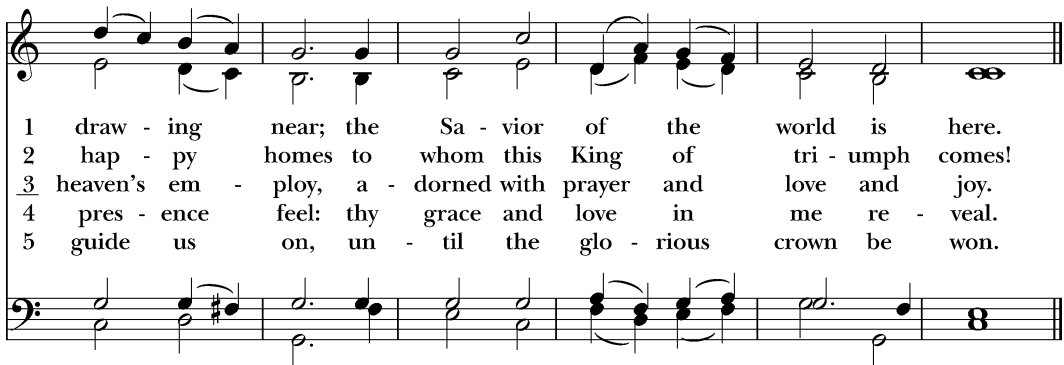
*Truro*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and





1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For our annual Diocesan Convention  
Clergy and lay delegates attending our Diocesan Convention.

## Assisting Today

First Reading	Kara Superfine
Second Reading	Susan Newcomb
Prayers	John Tuohy
Altar Guild	Libby Hinds, Glenna Foley
Usher	Jim Baur
Coffee Hour	Vestry

## This Week

Monday, November 13	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, November 14	St. E's Book Group (noon) Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM)
Wednesday, November 15	Boy Scout Troop #28 (7:15 PM)
Thursday, November 16	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, November 17	Bible Study (11:00 AM) Diocesan Convention
Saturday, November 18	AA Meeting (5:00 PM) Diocesan Convention

## Up Next

<u>Sunday, November 19</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM) Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM) Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)
Nov 22-24	Office Closed for Thanksgiving

## Announcements

**Join the Choir:** Choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays at 7:30 PM!** All are invited to join. Background or education in music is not required to participate. We will work together to learn our hymns and anthems, while building basic singing skills along the way! For more information, talk to Walter or any member of the choir.

**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 this Friday, we will be reading Exodus chapters 13-18. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

**Sunday Forum:** Church historian, Dr. Diana Butler Bass, has uncovered what she calls the great reversal of the three Bs: Believing, behaving, belonging to Belonging, Behaving, Believing. "The Great Reversal is the Great Returning of Christianity back toward what Jesus preached: a beloved and loving community, a way of life practiced in the world, a profound trust in God that eagerly anticipates God's reign of mercy and justice." Please join Larry Handwerk today for a forum at coffee hour as we explore what this might mean for us in this parish and community.

**ReVive Christmas Baskets:** The Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. The boxes are **due** back to the church **by 9:00 AM on Friday, December 8.** *There are 5 families left to be adopted.*

**Christmas Flower & Music Dedications.** If you would like to make a donation and dedication for the flowers and/or music for Christmas, there are forms at the back of the church, please print legibly. To ensure you are included in the Christmas bulletin, return the form with your donation check to the church office no later than **Friday, December 15.** Please write "*Christmas Flowers & Music*" in the memo line of your check.

**Advent Wreath Making:** Come One, Come All to join in a wonderful St. Elisabeth's holiday tradition of making Advent wreaths. This year we'll be gathering **after the 10:00 AM service on December 3.** For anyone that is not able to attend but interested in making a wreath, please let us know and we can set aside kits for you to make at home. If you have any questions, please reach out to Polly & Jim Baur. We will request that you donate \$20 for each wreath. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the hall, or email Pam in the office to sign up.

**The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

**Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church**

**Clergy & Staff**

The Rev. Adam Spencer	<i>Rector</i>
The Rev. Larry Handwerk	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
Walter Aldrich	<i>Director of Music</i>
Pam Green	<i>Director of Administration</i>
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Seán Hansen	<i>Seminarian</i>

**Vestry**

Leslie Alter, <i>Warden</i>	Robin Lake, <i>Warden</i>	Ross Shanley-Roberts
Carla Arnell	Carrie Miller-Mygatt	Kathy Svetina, <i>Treasurer</i>
Robert Fischer	Susan Newcomb	Mark Tilton
Tasker Generes, <i>Treasurer</i>		John Tuohy, <i>asst. Treasurer</i>

**Sunday Schedule**

8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I  
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II

**Office Hours**

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Pastoral Care Number: 847-786-3082

*We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment  
to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*

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