



ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Second Sunday of Advent
A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent*

December 10, 202

10:00 AM

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



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.

A Service of Lessons & Carols

The service of Lessons and Carols has its origin at Truro Cathedral in Truro, England on Christmas Eve, 1880. The Bishop of Truro, F.W. Benson, developed the service of scripture readings and supporting carols. Thirty-eight years later, the service was held for the first time at King's College Chapel in Cambridge. The BBC decided to broadcast that service, which popularized it instantly. Churches throughout the world soon adopted the format and held their own Lessons and Carols services.

The heart of the service continues to this day, as we gather together to hear a retelling of our story of faith as Christians, all the way from the understanding and challenges of our humanity in the garden of Eden to the heralding of the coming of the Word Incarnate, Jesus of Nazareth. These texts help us center ourselves as faithful people who need a reminder of what it means to struggle with sin, to seek justice, redemption, and reconciliation, and to trust in hope and love even when our journey is complicated.

Advent

The Christian calendar begins its new year not on January 1, but on the first Sunday of Advent — which is always four Sundays before Christmas (December 25) and the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30). Our word “Advent” derives from the Latin *Adventus*, which means “coming,” and originally referred just to the coming of the feast of Christmas. But over time the season of Advent took on a double meaning. Today it refers both to the “first coming” of Jesus Christ in his birth at Christmas and to his “second coming” at the end of time.

It is important to remember that Advent is not just a season in which we recall an event of the past — Jesus' birth — but also a time in which we look to the present and the future. When will Jesus come again? When will we see the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven? Of course no one knows. And so the more important questions are: What can we do as the Church, Christ's body here on earth, to welcome God's reign of justice and peace today? What can we do as individuals to reorder our lives in the light of God's love? What would it mean to live as a people who believe in Jesus as the Savior of all the earth and who expect him to come again at the fulfillment of time? Each Advent we turn to these questions anew.

-From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering in

Waiting, living with questions, may be how God is keeping you attentive just now. From my experience, God is more generous in giving us questions than answers. The gift of waiting: quite counter-cultural.

-Br Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Practice

What questions are you living with these days? How do they inform your sense of waiting? Do you have any choice? Can you see waiting as a gift?



A Service of Lessons & Carols

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 102

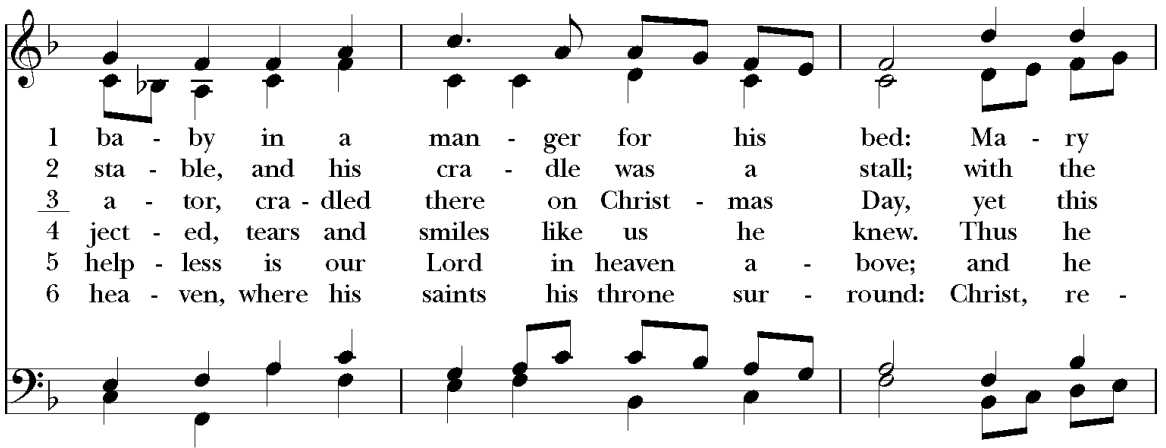
"Once in Royal David's City"

Irby

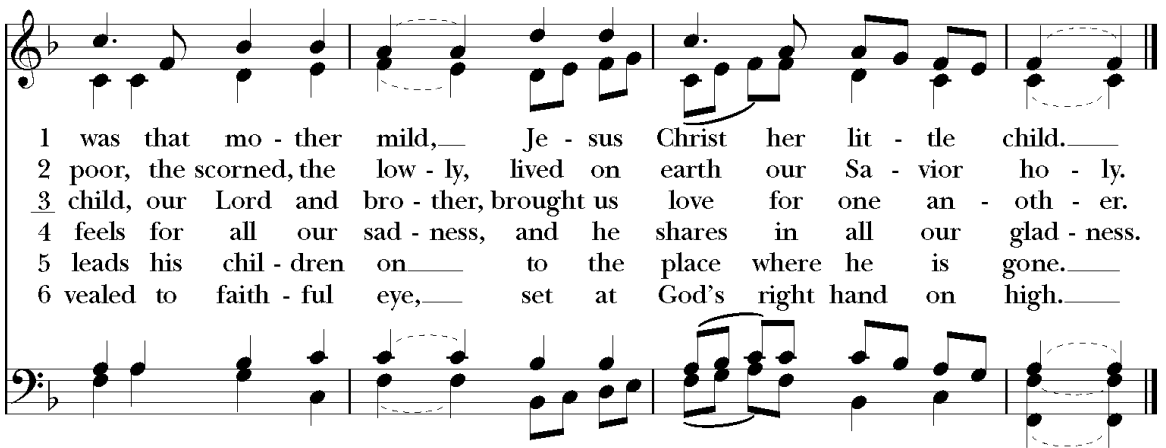
*First verse sung by soloist, Rose Sengenberger**Remaining verses sung by congregation*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 *3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
 *5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Bidding Prayer

Presider Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers:

Bishop Michael Curry

The people of Israel and Palestine

Isabelle Thomson

John Arnell

Joe Foley, Brian Green's friend

Ginger Sully, Anne & John Tuohy's niece

Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother

Henry Carrigan, Carla Arnell's friend

Carol Johnston, Robert Fischer's friend

Wayne Gutenmann, Pam Green's cousin

...are there others?

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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.**

Presider

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

Assembly

Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Carol: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the Carol "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree". It consists of four staves: a vocal line (Soprano/Alto), a vocal line (Tenor/Bass), a piano accompaniment line (Right Hand), and a piano accompaniment line (Left Hand). The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and
 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly
 4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the apple tree.

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.’

Choir Anthem

“Every Valley” by Victor Johnson

Every valley shall be exalted,
 And every mountain and hill made low.
 The crooked made straight,
 And the rough places plain.
 And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 And all flesh shall see it together.

And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
 And the leopard will lie down with goat,
 The calf and the lion will live together,
 And a little child will lead them,
 And the child will be peace.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
 For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onwards and for evermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Carol: Hymnal 79

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Carol: Hymnal 81

"Lo how a Rose e'er blooming"

Es Ist Ein Ros

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Solo: "Quia Respexit"

*from Magnificat by J.S. Bach**Soloist: Carla Vargas Fuster**English Translation:*

For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
behold, for from this time, may I be called blessed.

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol: Hymnal 104

“A Stable Lamp is Lighted

by David Hurd

Duet by Walter Aldrich and Rose Sengenberger

1. A stable lamp is lighted
 whose glow shall wake the sky;
 the stars shall bend their voices,
 and every stone shall cry.
 And every stone shall cry,
 and straw like gold shall shine;
 a barn shall harbour heaven,
 a stall become a shrine.

2. This child through David's city
 shall ride in triumph by;
 the palm shall strew its branches,
 and every stone shall cry.
 And every stone shall cry,
 though heavy, dull and dumb,
 and lie within the roadway
 to pave his kingdom come.

3. Yet he shall be forsaken,
 and yielded up to die;
 the sky shall groan and darken,
 and every stone shall cry.
 And every stone shall cry
 for stony hearts of men;
 God's blood upon the spearhead,
 God's love refused again.

4. But now, as at the ending,
 the low is lifted high;
 the stars shall bend their voices,
 and every stone shall cry.
 And every stone shall cry
 in praises of the child
 by whose descent among us
 the worlds are reconciled.

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Choir Anthem

Carol: "Angels Carol"

by John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices?
 Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly,
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven,
 To the humble shepherds who have waited long?

Gloria in excelsis deo, hear the angels sing their joyful song!

He has come in peace in the winter's stillness,
 Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night.
He has come in joy like the sun at morning,
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.
 He is come in love as a child of Mary.
 In a simple stable we have seen his birth.

Gloria in excelsis deo, hear the angels sing their joyful song!

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
 Like a bright star shining in the skies above!
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations,
 When he comes to reign in purity and love.
 Let the earth rejoice at the savior's coming,
 Let the heavens answer with a joyful morn!

Gloria in excelsis deo, hear the angels singing Christ is Born!

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol: Hymnal 112

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”

Cranham

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol: Hymnal 83

"O Come all Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain***Collect of the Day**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 56

"O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Advent Collect

Presider Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services: Ravenswood Community Center; Shelter Care Ministries; Holy Family School; St. Leonard's Ministries; St. Mary's Services; Youth Guidance; Waukegan to College; And for organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

Assisting Today

First Lesson	John Tuohy
Second Lesson	Duke Baur
Third Lesson	Rose Sengenberger
Fourth Lesson	Walter Aldrich
Fifth Lesson	Zuzu Arnell
Sixth Lesson	Matthew Carey
Seventh Lesson	Leslie Alter
Eighth Lesson	Larry Handwerk
Ninth Lesson	Adam Spencer
Altar Guild	Libby Hinds, Glenna Foley
Usher	John Tuohy

Announcements

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.

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 Mark Tilton.

Join Adam **after the 10:00 AM service next Sunday December 17** for a continued Introduction to Saint Paul as we discuss the apostle's life and ministry.

This Week

Monday, December 11	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, December 12	St. E's Book Group (noon) Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM)
Wednesday, December 13	Boy Scout Troop #28 (7:15 PM)
Thursday, December 14	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM) Soup Kitchen
Friday, December 15	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, December 16	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, December 17

Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)

Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)

Forum Follow up (11:30 AM)

December 21

Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

December 22

Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Sunday, December 24

Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)

Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)

Family Christmas Eve Service & Pageant (4:00 PM)

Christmas Eve with Choir & Sermon (9:00 PM)

December 25

Morning Prayer (10:00 AM)

The Episcopal Diocese of ChicagoThe 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>
Elizabeth Clemmitt	<i>Associate for Spiritual Wellness</i>
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

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 to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*