



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 24, 2023

10:00 AM

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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.*

## 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...

By virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see.

--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ

## Practice

Enjoy every moment of this Christmas as sacred – the wondrous story, the children’s joy, the deep satisfaction brought by family and friends, and even in times of loneliness and grief. They are all sacred and a way into the holiness of life.



# Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

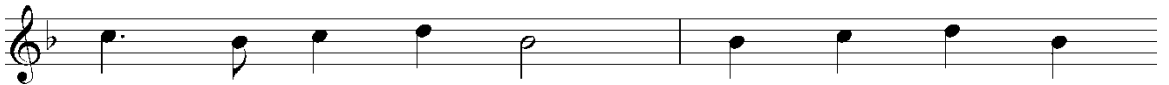
## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 54

"Savior of the nations come"

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## Opening Acclamation

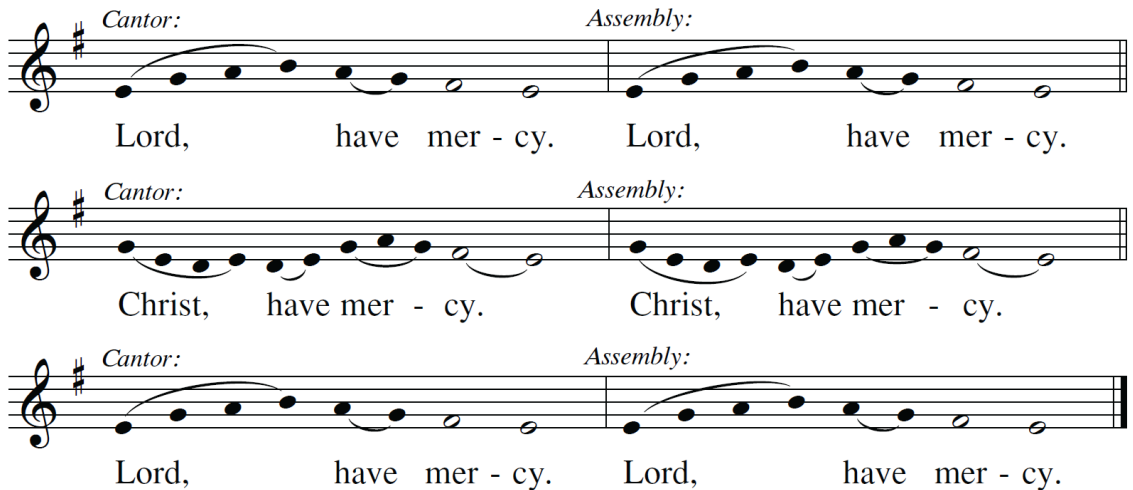
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## Song of Praise

“Kyrie:

*Missa Emmanuel*



*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Son, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time through Jesus the Christ.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Word of God

### First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A Reading from the second book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

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

## Response

## Canticle 15



A

B

- A My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
- B From this day all generations will call me blessed; \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
- A He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.
- B He has shown the strength of his arm; \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- A He has cast down the mighty from their thrones; \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.
- B He has filled the hungry with good things; \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- A He has come to the help of his servant Israel; \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- B The promise he made to our fathers; \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.
- B Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading**

Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

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

*Please stand and face the Gospel book*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hymnal 56

"O Come, O Come"

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel**Verses 6 and 7 before the Gospel**Verse 8 after the Gospel*

*Music on the next page*



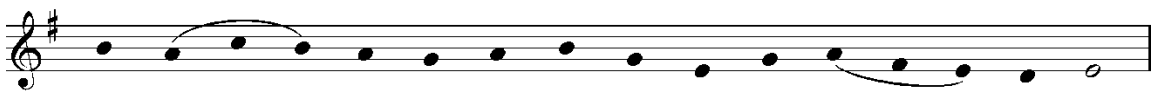
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - 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!



**The Gospel**

Luke 1:26-38

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

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, favored 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 favor 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 forever, 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.

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

**Sermon**

Seán Hansen

*A period of silence follows*

## Creed

GTG 481

1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,  
 2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.  
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;

mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;  
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend-ed in - to death.  
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;

and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,  
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;  
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.

by the Ho - ly Spir-it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir-gin.  
 now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

**Prayers of the People***New Zealand Prayer Book*

- Intercessor* Merciful God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the church:
- Assembly* **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**
- Intercessor* Breathe fresh life into your people.
- Assembly* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**
- Intercessor* Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
- Assembly* **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**
- Intercessor* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
- Assembly* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**
- Intercessor* God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
- Assembly* **That all may act with integrity and courage.**
- Intercessor* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours
- Assembly* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**
- Intercessor* We pray for those in need: and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially:
- 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  
Vicki Handwerk  
Linda Staubitz

are there others?...

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

*Assembly* **May they know the power of your healing love.**

*Intercessor* Make us willing agents of your compassion.

*Assembly* **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

*Intercessor* We remember those who have died.

*Assembly* **Lord, into your hands we commend them.**

*Intercessor* Give comfort to those who mourn.

*Assembly* **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*Assembly* **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

*Intercessor* Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*Assembly* **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence*

### **Concluding Collect**

*Presider* Your word is a lamp for our feet. In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, O God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Assembly* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you..

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

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### Birthdays

### Anniversaries

*None on record this week*

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

## Celebration of Birthdays

*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.**

## Celebration of Anniversaries

*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.**

## 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

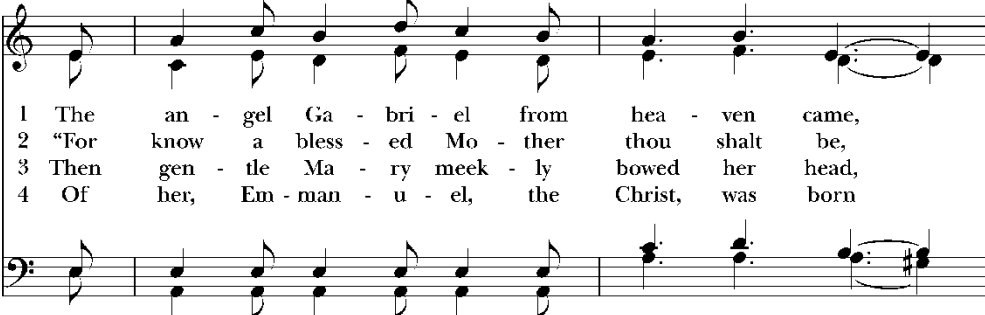
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### Offertory Music

Hymnal 265                      “The Angel Gabriel from heaven came”                      *Gabriel's Message*

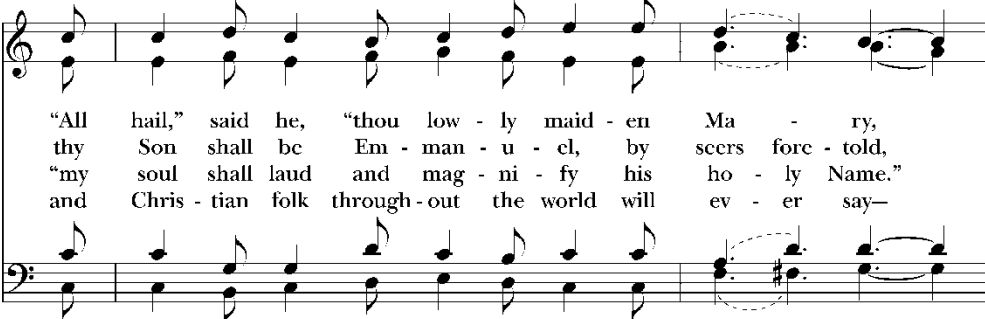
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1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - al  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al

**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 line of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains five measures of music, primarily using quarter and eighth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a series of chords and single notes that provide harmonic support for the vocal line.

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

The second line of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The upper staff shows a continuation of the vocal line with similar rhythmic patterns. The lower staff maintains the harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The final line of music concludes the doxology. The upper staff features a melodic phrase that ends with a half note on the word 'Amen'. The lower staff provides a final harmonic accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.



**Great Thanksgiving***Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Presider* The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.


Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

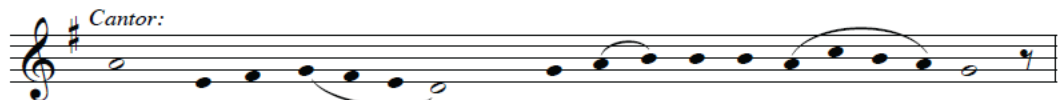
*Missa Emmanuel*

*Cantor, then all:*




Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

*Cantor:*



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.




Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*All:*




Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Cantor:*




Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*All:*



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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."

*Assembly*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Elisabeth and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**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

“Agnus Dei”


*Missa Emmanuel*

*Cantor:*




Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

*Assembly:*




world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor:*



Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

*Assembly:*



world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

*Presider*            The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing at this time.*

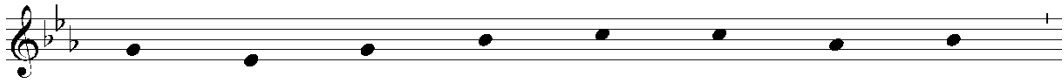
*Gluten-free host available upon request.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.*

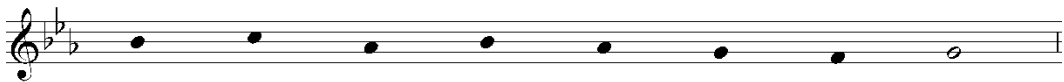
## Music during Communion

Hymnal 60

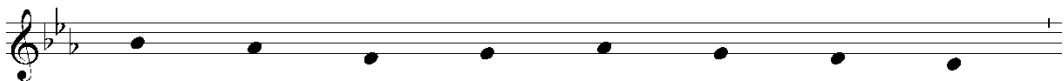
"Creator of the stars of night"

*Conditor alme siderum*

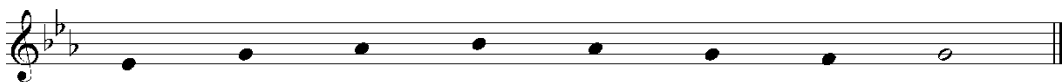
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

**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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.**

**Blessing**

*Common Worship*

*Presider* The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

Hymnal 438

“Tell out, my soul”

*Woodlands*

*Music on the next page.*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

## Dismissal

*Presider*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** At this time of general rejoicing, the congregation is called upon to pray for those who, in the words of the Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP p. 392) “are the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression or are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble and for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.”

## Assisting Today

First Reading	Kay Rossiter
Second Reading	Susan Chadd
Prayers	Peter Rossiter
Altar Guild	Susan Chadd, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Miller-Mygatt
Usher	TBD
Coffee Hour	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

## This Week

Monday, December 25	Morning Prayer (10:00 AM) AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Dec 25-Dec 29	Offices Closed for Holiday Break
Thursday, December 28	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
Saturday, December 30	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

## Up Next

<u>Sunday, December 31</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM) Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)
January 4	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
January 5	Bible Study (11:00 AM)

## 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. For more information, contact Mark Tilton. There will be no bible study on December 22 or 29. We will resume on Friday, January 5.

**Climate Forum:** Our seminarian, **Seán Hansen**, recently attended the United Nations' COP28 at Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's request. Join us in the Guild Room after the 10:00 AM service on **Sunday, January 7** to hear Seán speak about his experiences, the outcome of the conference, and our moral duty as Episcopalians to care for God's creation.

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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

**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.*