



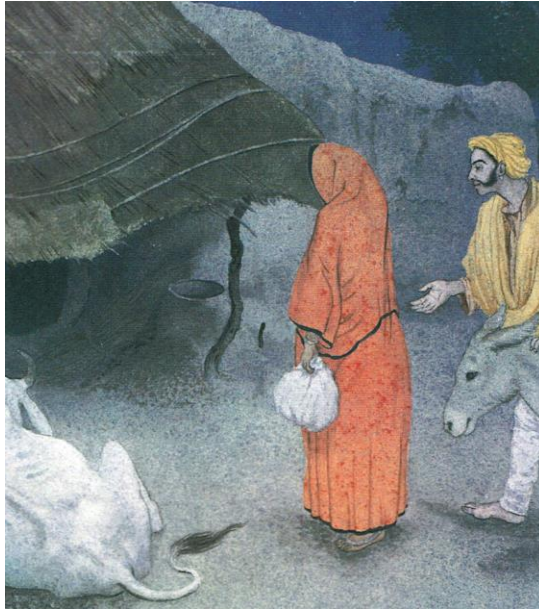
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

10:00 AM

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



The Only Room
Indian Frank Wesley, 1923-2002,
Fifth generation Christian of Hindu and Muslim descent.

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.

Christmas

For the church, Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We celebrate this birth not because Jesus was simply a “good man” but because we believe Jesus was — and is — both the human son of Mary and the divine Son of God. That makes Christmas a time to reflect on a mystery that the church calls the doctrine of the Incarnation. This important theological term comes from the Latin word *carne*, which means “flesh,” and has to do with the divine taking on human flesh and coming among us in human form.

In one of his Christmas sermons Augustine, the fifth-century bishop of Hippo, described the mystery of the Incarnation this way: “Beloved, our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal creator of all things, today became our Savior by being born of a mother. Of his own will he was born for us today, in time, so that he could lead us to his Father’s eternity. God became human like us so that we might become God. The Lord of the angels became one of us today so that we could eat the bread of angels.”

From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering in...

Through the Incarnation, God in Jesus became flesh; God visibly moved in with the material world to help us overcome the illusion of separation... The Incarnation proclaims that matter and spirit have never been separate. Jesus came to tell us that these two seemingly different worlds are—and always have been—one.

--Richard Rohr

Practice

Take an object, any object (Julian of Norwich used a hazelnut). Sit with it for five or ten minutes and look for its oneness of spirit and matter. It may take a while, but don’t give up. Come back to it again and again. It will change the way you see your world.



Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 105

“God rest you merry, gentlemen”

God Rest You Merry



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
 3 “Fear not, then,” said the an - gel, “Let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might.”
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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

Hymnal 96

“Angels we have heard on high”

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
 Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ri-a

- ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace, through Christ our Light.

Assembly **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm

Psalm 147

Read responsively by whole verst.

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

**4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

**8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;**

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.**

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Galatians 3:22-25;4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader

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

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able.

Glory to God 744

“Arise, your light is come!”

Festal Song

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Gospel

John 1:1-18

*Gospeler
Assembly*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Gospeler
Assembly*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Handwerk

Nicene Creed

Please stand as able.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People*adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People**Intercessor*

Let us pray.

For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Assembly***Lord, hear our prayer.***Intercessor*

For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Assembly***Lord, hear our prayer.***Intercessor*

For all those in need of our prayers: those who are homeless, those who are unemployed, those who are hospitalized, those who are imprisoned in body or soul, and those for whom this season is not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Assembly***Lord, hear our prayer.***Intercessor*

For those who are sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing, especially:

Bishop Michael CurryThe people of Israel and PalestineIsabelle ThomsonJohn ArnellJoe Foley, Brian Green's friendGinger Sully, Anne & John Tuohy's nieceWalter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brotherHenry Carrigan, Carla Arnell's friendCarol Johnston, Robert Fischer's friendWayne Gutenmann, Pam Green's cousinVicki HandwerkLinda StaubitzCheryl, Pat, and Doug, Zimmerman family friendsLiam & Nathan Farrell, Green family friends

are there others?...

We pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who labor over the holidays on behalf of others: doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters, soldiers and sailors, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers, and all those whose work prevents them from being with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. That we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Savior and our eternal God.

Assembly **Amen.**

Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Birthdays

12-31 Rod Zimmerman
 1-4 Peter Wittleder
 1-5 Susan Newcomb

Anniversaries

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

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 Music

Hymnal 339

“Deck thyself, my soul”

Schmucke dich

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Doxology

Please stand as able.

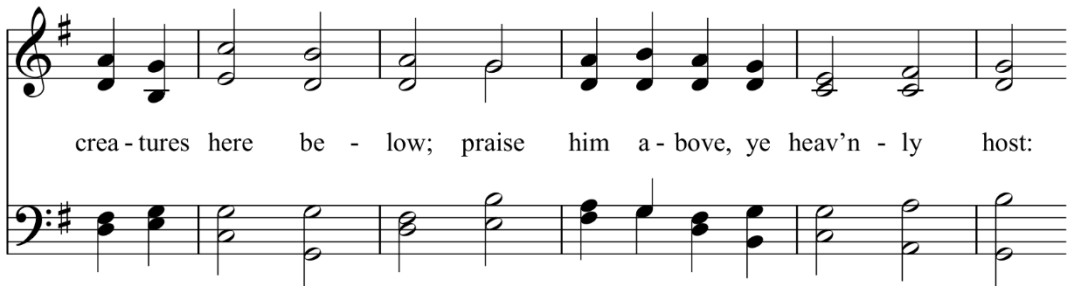
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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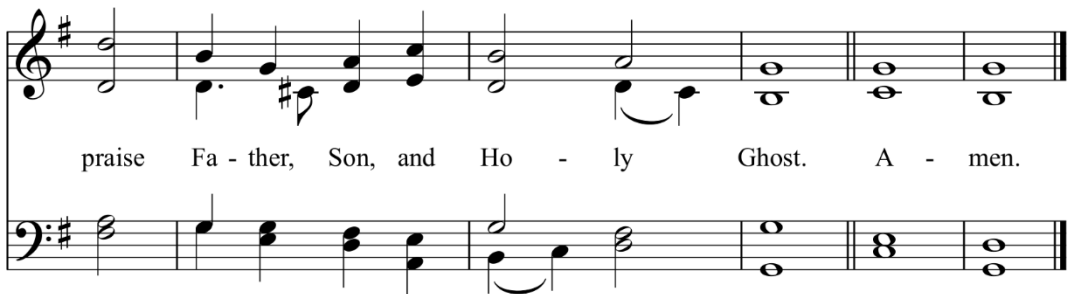
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. 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 quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5, followed by a half note G5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.



praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The final system concludes the doxology. The treble staff melody includes quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, followed by a half note C5. The piece ends with a double bar line. The bass staff accompaniment concludes with a final chord.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

*from “Deutsche Messe”
Franz Schubert*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Presider

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

Presider

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

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

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

Assembly

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

Presider

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

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

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

Presider And grant that we may find our inheritance with Elisabeth and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Assembly **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Assembly **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Assembly **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

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 324

"Let all mortal flesh keep silent"

Picardy

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Post Communion Prayer*Common Worship**Please stand as able.**Presider* Let us pray.*Assembly* **Loving God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds, through him who is Christ our Lord. Amen.****Blessing***Presider* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace, and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always.*Assembly* **Amen.****Dismissal***Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.****Closing Hymn**

Hymnal 100

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come"

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -

2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our

*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

- 1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
- 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
- 3 far as the curse is found, far
- 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

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.” We pray for the youth in our cities and communities affected by violence, and the perpetrators of violence in our communities. May they find peace

Assisting Today

First Reading	Peter Flynn
Second Reading	Susan Chadd
Prayers	Peter Rossiter
Altar Guild	JoAn Anderson, Barb Ferry, Kara Superfine
Usher	Phil Miller
Coffee Hour	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

This Week

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

Up Next

<u>Sunday, January 7</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM) Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM) Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)
January 9	Deadline for Annual Reports to the office St. E's Book Group (12:00 noon) Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM)
January 11	Soup Kitchen Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
January 12	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.

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.

Reflecting on Our Personal Epiphanies An epiphany may be defined as a moment of sudden revelation or insight. Desmond Tutu said, "An epiphany is God seeking to draw us to God." Elizabeth Clemmitt, our Associate for Spiritual Wellness, invites us to consider our own epiphanies and how they have been meaningful for us. Join Elizabeth for the Sunday Forum on January 21, as she facilitates a discussion about epiphanies, including time for reflection and group sharing.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & FESTIVE MUSIC

In thanksgiving for our family Katherine, Dan, Maren, Ethan, and Avery Darnell

By Anne & Hall Healy

In memory of Charles Seccombe

By Robert Seccombe

In memory of Eleanor & Bill Griggs

By the Briggs family

In thanksgiving for the Morley and Whipple families.

By Susan and Larry Whipple

In memory of Michael and Charles Newcomb

By Joyce Newcomb

In memory of Alicesnow & Norman Rickards

By Joyce Newcomb and Carol Heitman-Mazzocco

In thanksgiving for our families

By Glenna & Bud Foley

In Memory of Karen J. Samuelsen

By Margaret Samuelsen

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

By Anne & John Tuohy

In Memory of Dr. Marshall & Ruby Cook

By Elaine (Cook) Rand

In memory of Helen & Don Reid

By the Green family

In thanksgiving for our incredible and loving family both near and far

By James & Barbara Ferry

In memory of Paula Y Arnell and Ted & Jean Lucas

By the Arnell-Lucas family

The Handwerk family

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>

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Carla Arnell	Robin Lake, <i>Warden</i>	Kathy Svetina, <i>Treasurer</i>
Lizzy Arnell	Carrie Miller-Mygatt	Mark Tilton
Robert Fischer	Susan Newcomb	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.*