



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

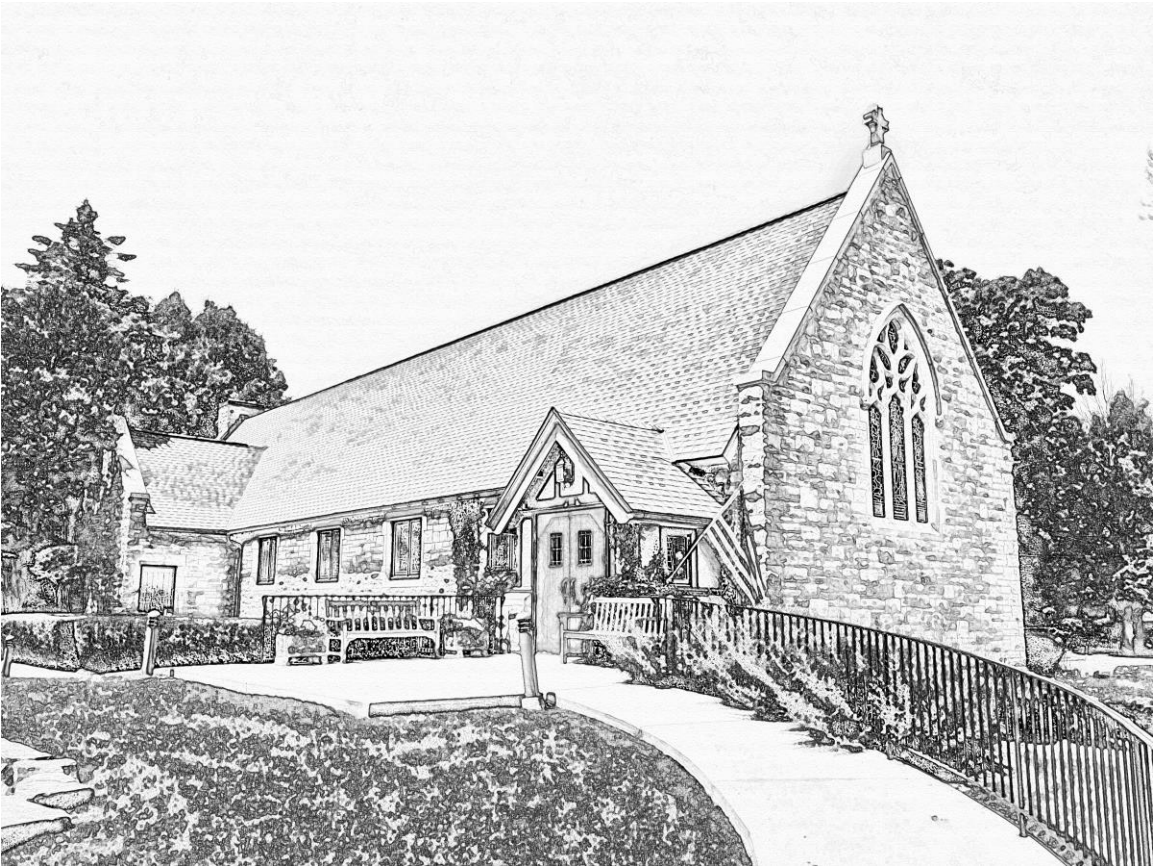
*The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

October 27, 2024

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.*

## **Ordinary Time: Creation**

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

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

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

*From Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

## **Entering in**

The word sin has many unhelpful connotations. Jesus seems to primarily see [sin] as a blindness that traps us in self-destructive behaviors and hard-heartedness. Thus he is always healing blind people and challenging people who see themselves as superior to others.

*-- Richard Rohr*

## **Practicing our faith - Orthopraxy**

Search out the hard-heartedness and self-destructive behaviors in your life. Allow the Holy One to heal them.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## The Word of God

### Prelude

*Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.*

### Opening Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
The Hymnal 1982 #493, *Azmon*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*Assembly* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

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

## Song of Praise

“We Praise You, O God”, verses 1 & 3  
 Glory to God #612, *Kremser*

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

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

**The Psalm****Psalm 126**

*The assembly sings the Antiphon, and the Choir chants the verses of the Psalm.*

**Assembly Antiphon**

Teach\_\_ us to num - ber our days\_\_ oh\_\_\_ Lord,

that we may ap - ply our hearts to\_\_\_ wis\_\_\_ dom.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

**Antiphon**

Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

**Antiphon**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Antiphon**

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

“Guide Our Feet”

from the College for Congregational Development

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

*All face the Gospel Book.*

## The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of



David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Adam Spencer

*A period of silence follows the sermon, begun and ended with a chime.*

## The Creed

"We Believe"

Aldrich/Spencer, *Weisse flaggen*

We be-lieve in God al - might-y, Au - thor of all things that be.  
 We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
 We be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.  
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied True Life there had tru - ly died.  
 one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us, both Lord and Christ  
 We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
 in the bod - y's res - sur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 then as - sen - ded to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
 gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessions for the Christian People**Intervessor*

Because we have been fed and called, and our lives joined forever in Christ,  
 we unite our voices in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the wisdom to know the difference between the Word of God and our  
 own words, let us pray to the Lord.

*Assembly***Lord, have mercy.***Intervessor*

For the world, for all nations, for each country's leaders and people, that  
 peace and cooperation will be our common goal, let us pray to the Lord.

*Assembly***Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the church, that it may be a faithful witness, and that maintaining unity in the bond of peace, we may know what it means to have one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all people in need, that each person's hunger may be satisfied, each person's pain relieved.

We pray especially for:

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Lizzy Arnell

Walter Tuohy

Ben Whipple

Adrienne

Cheryl

Patrick

All those affected by the damage caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
The people of Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Russia, Sudan, and Ukraine

Are there others? .... Let us pray to the Lord.

*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For our own community and families, that we may know God's presence and embody God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone, and we rejoice with Elisabeth and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

*Intercessor* Almighty God, lost in the darkness we search for light; surrounded by our created wastes, we seek a promised land; threatened by war, we break the bonds that make for peace. Help us to find our light, our land, and our peace in you, now and forever.

## Confession and Absolution

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

*All* **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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The ministers and congregation greet one another in the peace of God.*

*Please be seated for the announcements.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Stewardship Moment

### Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

*Those traveling and those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

Sam Badger – October 27

Annie Thornton – October 28

Libby Hinds – October 30

Linda Cline – November 1

## 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*

*Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Elisabeth's church. You can leave a donation in the offering plate or use your phone to scan the QR code to donate online.*



### Offertory Music

*Jim Baur*

### The Great Thanksgiving (Expansive Language)

*The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer C*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Presider* God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Assembly* **Glorify you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*Assembly* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Assembly* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

*Assembly*

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy”  
Lift Every Voice and Sing #235

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note 'B' (Bless-ed), a quarter note 'is', a half note 'He', a quarter note 'who', a quarter note 'comes', a quarter note 'in', a quarter note 'the', and a half note 'name'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand.

of the Lord, of the Lord.

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note 'of', a quarter note 'the', a half note 'Lord,', a quarter note 'of', a quarter note 'the', and a half note 'Lord.'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

Ho - san - na in the high -

The third system continues the vocal line with a half note 'Ho', a quarter note 'san', a quarter note 'na', a half note 'in', a quarter note 'the', a quarter note 'high', and a half note '-'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

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

The fourth system concludes the vocal line with a half note 'est,', a quarter note 'ho', a quarter note 'san', a quarter note 'na', a half note 'in', a quarter note 'the', a quarter note 'high', and a half note 'est.'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, ending with a double bar line.



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*Presider* On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Presider* Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Assembly* **We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

*Presider* Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Presider* Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Assembly* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Presider* God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

## Fraction Anthem

“I Come with Joy”

The Hymnal 1982 #304, *Land of Rest*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

## 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, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, please inform an usher so our clergy can bring communion to you in the pew.*

# Communion Hymn

## “Spirit, Open My Heart”

All Creation Sings #1043, *Wild Mountain Time*

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's

2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and

friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.

deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

*Refrain*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* **Eternal God,**  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

*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

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  
The Hymnal 1982 #460, *Hyfrydol*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of the  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - rist - ic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## Dismissal

*Presider*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Assembly*           **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### Assisting Today

<i>First Reading</i>	Annette Johnston
<i>Second Reading</i>	Kara Superfine
<i>Prayers</i>	Linda Illes
	Lauren Edelston
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carrie Mygatt
	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Rod Zimmerman
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	John Tuohy



## **This Week at St. Elisabeth's**

### **Sunday, October 27**

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Forum, and Children's Sunday School

### **Monday, October 21**

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

### **Thursday, October 31**

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, November 1**

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

### **Saturday, November 2**

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

### **Sunday, November 3 – Feast of All Saints**

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Forum, and Children's Sunday School

## **Happening Today**

### **The Sunday Forum**

We gather weekly at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM service in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

### **Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School for Children, upstairs **after the 10:00 am service every Sunday**. Children of all ages are invited to come learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation Abigail Pribble.

## **Living in Community**

### **The Feast of All Saints – Sunday, November 3**

**Next Sunday**, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints at each of our services. In our Baptismal Covenant we, along with Christians around the globe, profess in the ancient Baptismal Creed the words: "I believe in . . . the communion of saints . . . the resurrection of

the body, and life everlasting.” Here are some special ways to worship and pray and commemorate this day when we honor our dead.

- Write the names of loved ones who have died in the Necrology binder at the back of the church. Necrology means list of deaths; the names of those persons you have shared in the binder will be read aloud during the services on November 3.
- Bring a photo, memento, candle or a personal item to put on our remembrance table to recognize the presence of your beloveds among us, commemorating those who have died. You can bring them in the week of October 28 during our normal church office hours (Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12 noon) or place them on the table when heading into the service on November 3.

### **Forum on Overcoming Racism - Sunday, November 10**

Please join Carla Arnell, Robert Fischer, and the Rector on Sunday, November 10th at the regular Sunday Forum after the 10 AM service to begin our congregation’s exploration of how we can join together as a community to pursue thoughtful anti-racist work.

The topic of discussion will be an Atlantic Monthly article on Chloé Valdary’s approach to anti-racism and how her approach might inform our own programming and work. A copy of the article is linked in the E-News, or you may find hard copies in the back of the church.

We hope that a discussion of this article will be an opportunity for you to share ideas about what St. Elisabeth’s anti-racism programming might look like in future months and years. This forum is the first step in St. Elisabeth’s response to an important diocesan mandate. Namely, the 2022 Diocesan Convention “call[ed] on all congregations in the diocese to take specific steps to overcome racism and build the antiracist identity of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, in fulfillment of our Baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” One of the recommended components of this mandate is for each congregation to develop its own antiracism program.

If you have any questions, please talk with Carla, Robert or Adam.

### **St. Elisabeth’s Choir**

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth’s Choir for rehearsals at **7:30 pm on Thursday nights**. All are welcome - and no experience, background, or skill is required. If you don’t regularly sing with the choir, but want to give it a try or just want to learn more about your voice, attending a rehearsal would be a perfect opportunity. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at [music@steglencoe.org](mailto:music@steglencoe.org) or catch him after a Sunday service. Hope to see you there!

### **St. Elisabeth's Bible Study**

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 am in the room formerly known as the Baehr Library**. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew, this week focusing on Matthew 9 and 10. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

### **Prayer List**

After the last Sunday of each month, the prayer list is reset. Submit prayers and thanksgivings by the first of each month to Caryl in the office at [office@steglencoe.org](mailto:office@steglencoe.org)

### **Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab and home-bound parishioners**

If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at [rector@steglencoe.org](mailto:rector@steglencoe.org).

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## Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

### Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Adam Spencer	<i>Rector</i>
The Rev. Larry Handwerk	<i>Priest Associate</i>
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### 2024 Vestry

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Fred Johnston	Peter Rossiter, <i>Warden</i>	John Tuohy, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist: Rite II
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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

