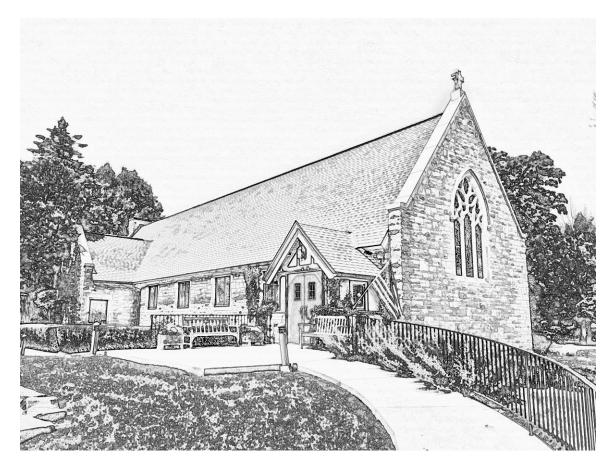


# St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024 10:00 AM

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



This faith community invites all persons to all levels of participation, leadership, and decision-making within the church regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, socioeconomic and marital status. We seek to establish meaningful connections with one another through work and play and worship as we strive to understand God's purpose for us in the church and in the world.

# Welcome – Today at St. Elisabeth's

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 and Forum

11:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School will not meet 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.

# **Assisting Today**

First Reading Robert Fischer

Second Reading Linda Illes

Prayers Pete Rossiter

Kara Superfine

Altar Guild Barb Ferry

JoAn Anderson

Usher Phil Miller

Coffee Hour

#### 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**

The Advent cry, "Come, Lord Jesus, is not a cry of desperation, but an assured shout of cosmic hope.

What expectations and demands of life can you let go of so that you can be more prepared for the "coming" of Jesus?

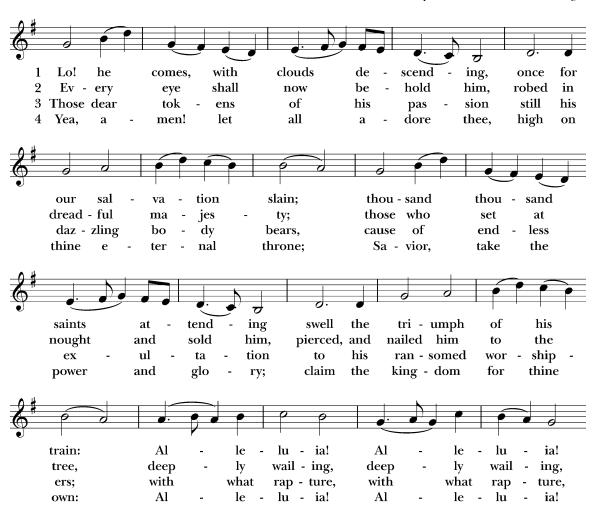
# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II The Word of God

#### **Prelude**

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

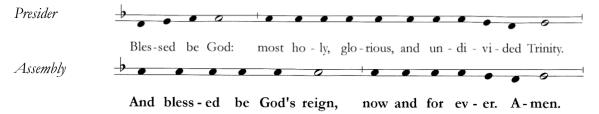
# **Opening Hymn**

"Lo! He Comes" The Hymnal 1982 #57, Helmsley





# **Opening Acclamation**

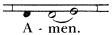


# **Collect for Purity**

Presider

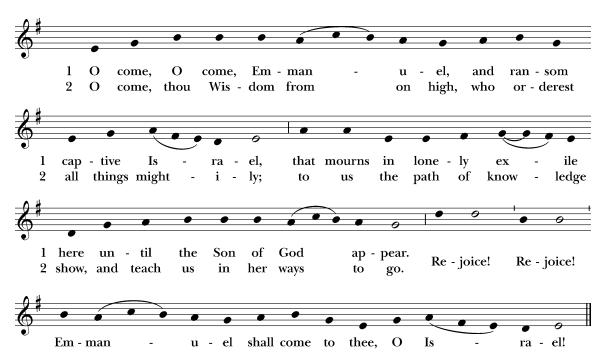
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.





# Song of Praise

"O come, O come, Emmanuel, vs. 1-2 The Hymnal 1982 #56, Veni, veni Emmanuel



# The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God of all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

# The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness.".

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

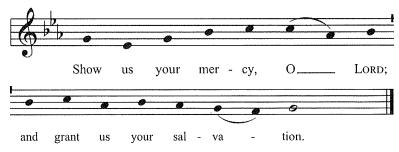
#### The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Setting: Aldrich/Spencer

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

#### **Assembly Antiphon**



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

#### Antiphon

Show me your ways, O LORD, \* and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

#### Antiphon

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

#### Antiphon

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### Antiphon

## The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

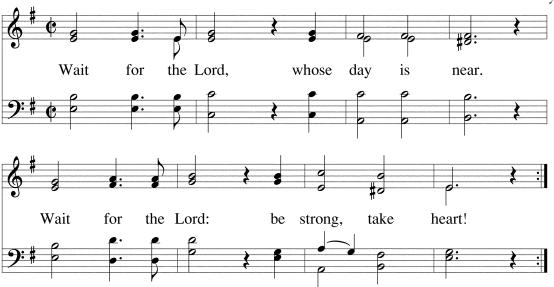
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

# Sequence Hymn

"Wait for the Lord" Taizé Community



All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

#### The Creed

"We Believe" Aldrich/Spencer, *Greensleeves* 



## Prayers of the People

Common Worship Times and Seasons

Intercessor

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus. We pray for the Diocese of Chicago and Paula, our bishop. Come to your Church as Lord and judge. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Assembly

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all nations and their leaders. Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Assembly

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter. We pray for

Susan Chadd, Sally Graver,

Walter Tuohy, and Ben Whipple.

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

Assembly Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. Give us with all the

faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Assembly Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to

meet you, that with Elisabeth and all your saints and angels we may live and

reign with you in your new creation.

Assembly Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence is kept.

Intercessor Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust

in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,

one God for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

#### **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

# Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

# **Holy Communion**

# **Offertory Sentence**

Presider Walk in

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**

"Watchman, tell us of the night" The Hymnal 1982 # 640, Aberystnyth

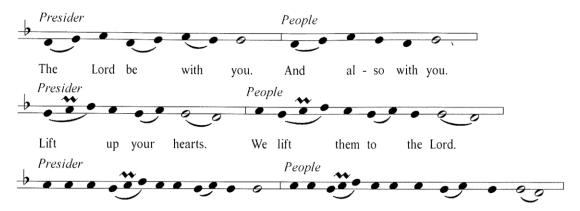




### The Great Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer B (Expansive Language)

Please stand as you are able.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

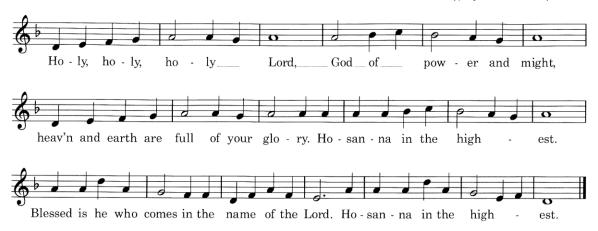
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

"Holy, holy, holy" Setting by Aldrich/Spencer



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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All 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**

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

#### **Invitation to Communion**

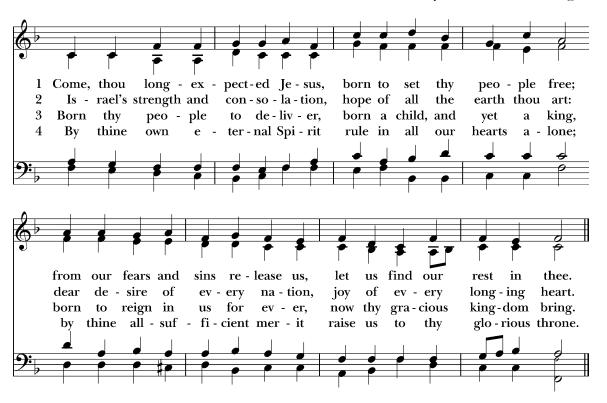
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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, 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 Music**

"Come, thou long expected Jesus" The Hymnal 1982 #66, Stuttgart



# **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**

"Signs of ending all around us" Wonder Love and Praise #721, *Ton-y-Botel* 



- 1. Signs of end-ings all a round us—dark ness, death, and win ter days
- 2. Can it be that from our end-ings, new be gin-nings you cre-ate?
- 3. Speak, O God, your Word a mong us. Bar ren lives your pres-ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad-ness, numb-ing mouths that long to praise. Life from death, and from our rend-ings, realms of whole-ness gen - er - ate? Swell our hearts with songs of glad-ness, ter - rors calm fore-bod-ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.

Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:

Let your prom-ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through-out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be. light and dy - ing their Glo - ri - as Fad - ing sea - son sing to you. your do - min-ion bring now the say - ing birth. near us; we wait

#### **Dismissal**

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

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

#### Monday, December 2

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

#### Thursday, December 5

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 6

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

#### Saturday, December 7

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

#### Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Lessons and Carols

11:00 a.m. - Fellowship and Budget Forum

11:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School

# Living in Community

#### **Lessons and Carols**

Begun in Truro, England in 1880, the Festival of Lessons and Carols has become a favorite holiday tradition in Anglican churches around the world. St. Elisabeth's will celebrate our Lessons and Carols service at 10am on Sunday, December 8. Please join us for this special service as we enter more deeply into the Advent and Christmas season.

## Sunday Forum - The 2025 Budget

Join the wardens and members of the vestry at our usual Sunday forum time (after the 10am service) on **Sunday, December 8** for a discussion of the draft parish budget for 2025. Bring your questions and thoughts! For more information, talk with Peter Rossiter or Robert Fischer, wardens.

# ReVive Christmas Basket Program

This year we will once again be participating in the ReVive Christmas Basket Program to provide Christmas gifts for clients of the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing in Chicago. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church and information/gift packets will be available in the Guild Room. Pick-Up day is Friday, December 13. All boxes and donations are due at St. Elisabeth's by 9:00 am that

morning. If you have any questions, please contact Rene Surgi, Ph.D. Phone: 847-835-0983 Mobile: 847-254-0934

# Sunday Supper and Family Worship

All are welcome to join in on the fun, fellowship, and fabulous food with our faith family! This means singles, couples, empty-nesters, students, friends, children and their parents. We gather on **Sunday, December 15**. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m., with the service beginning at 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share at the meal following the service. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please add your names there, email the office@steglencoe.org or call 847-835-0458 to let us know that we may look forward to seeing you. Questions? -- please contact Susan or Larry Whipple.

#### Christmas at St. Elisabeth's

Want to contribute to Christmas Flowers and Christmas Music? Cards are available in the back of the church on which you may record your intention. Please drop your card in the offering plate or return it to the Parish Office.

December 24 @ 4:00 p.m. – Family Eucharist with Pageant

December 24 @ 9:00 p.m. - Sung Eucharist with Sermon

December 25 @ 10:00 a.m. - Eucharist with Carols

# 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.** 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

# Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab & 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.

# The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

# Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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# **2024 Vestry**

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Fred Johnston	Peter Rossiter, Warden	John Tuohy, Asst. Treasurer

# **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.