



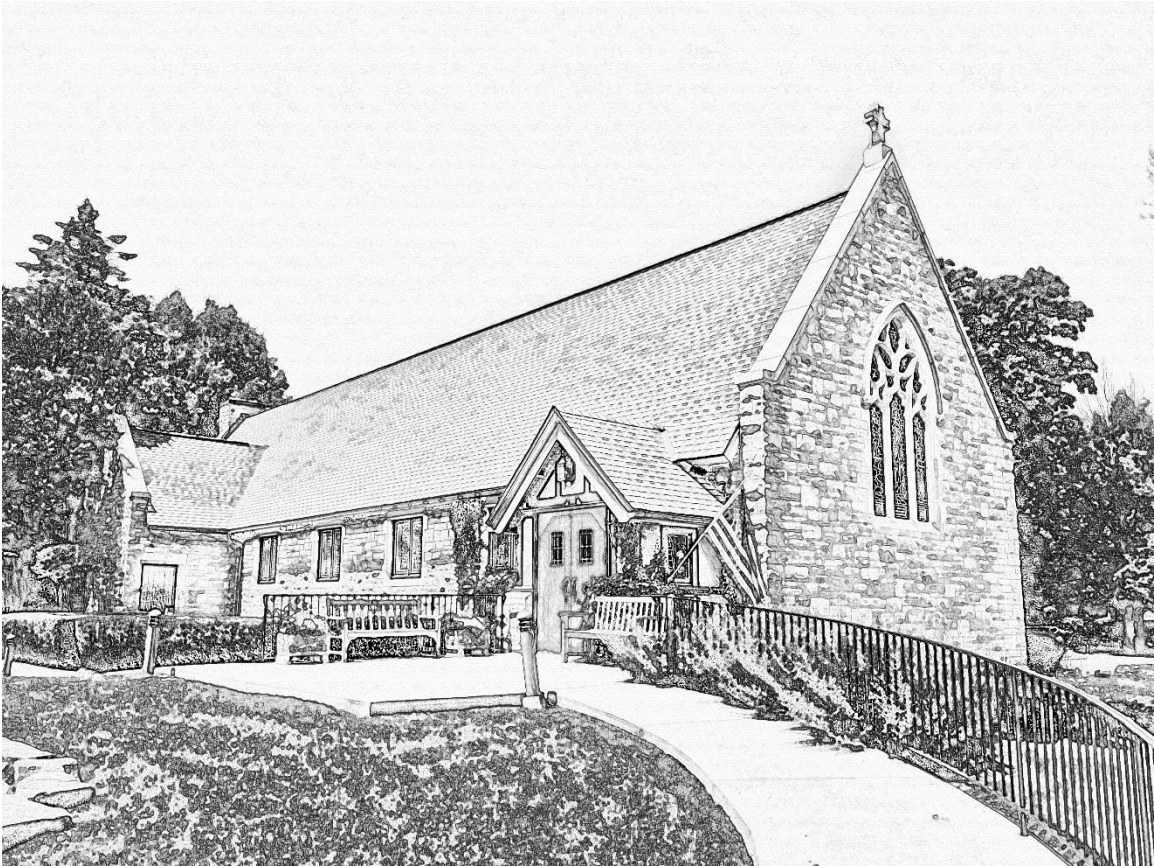
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

December 8, 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 to St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Advent Lessons and Carols

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

11:00 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

A Service of Lessons & Carols

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

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

Sunday Forum - The 2025 Budget

Join the wardens and members of the vestry at our usual Sunday forum time (after the 10am service) **today** 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.

Advent

The Christian calendar begins its new year not on January 1, but on the first Sunday of Advent — which is always four Sundays before Christmas (December 25) and the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30). Our word "Advent" derives from the Latin *Adventus*, which means "coming," and originally referred just to the coming of the

feast of Christmas. But over time the season of Advent took on a double meaning. Today it refers both to the "first coming" of Jesus Christ in his birth at Christmas and to his "second coming" at the end of time.

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

-From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering in

"Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life," wrote Simone Weil. Without patience our expectation degenerates into wishful thinking. Patience comes from the word "patior" which means "to suffer." ...What seems a hindrance becomes a way; what seems an obstacle becomes a door; what seems a misfit becomes a cornerstone. -- *Henri J. M. Nouwen*

This week when a moment of impatience comes upon you – a hindrance, an obstacle, a misfit – take a moment and see if you can reframe it into a way, a door, or a cornerstone.

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”
The Hymnal 1982 #102, *Irby*

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

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

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

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

Bidding Prayer

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

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

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

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

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Walter Tuohy

Ben Whipple

Cheryl

Are there others?

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

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

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

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

Assembly **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25

God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

A Carol

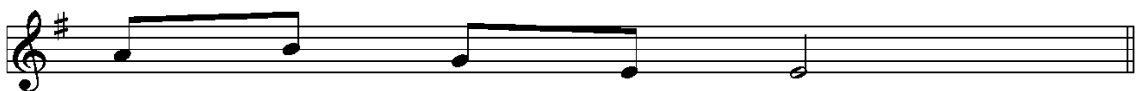
"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"
Wonder, Love and Praise #749, *Apple Tree*



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



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



Christ the ap - ple tree.

The Second Lesson

Genesis 3:1-22

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

To the woman he said,
'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.'

And to the man he said,
'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
"You shall not eat of it",
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.'

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And
the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil;
and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for
ever.'

A Carol

“Each Winter as the Year Grows Older”
 Evangelical Lutheran Worship #252, *Carol of Hope*



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er.
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,

‘Here is your God!’
 See, the Lord God comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
 and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

A Carol

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”
 The Hymnal 1982 #67, *Psalm 42*



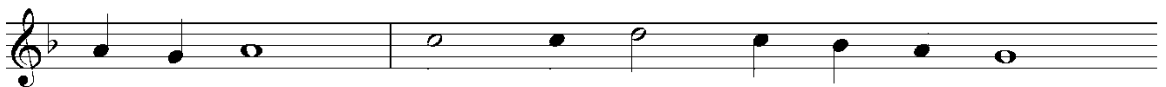
1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

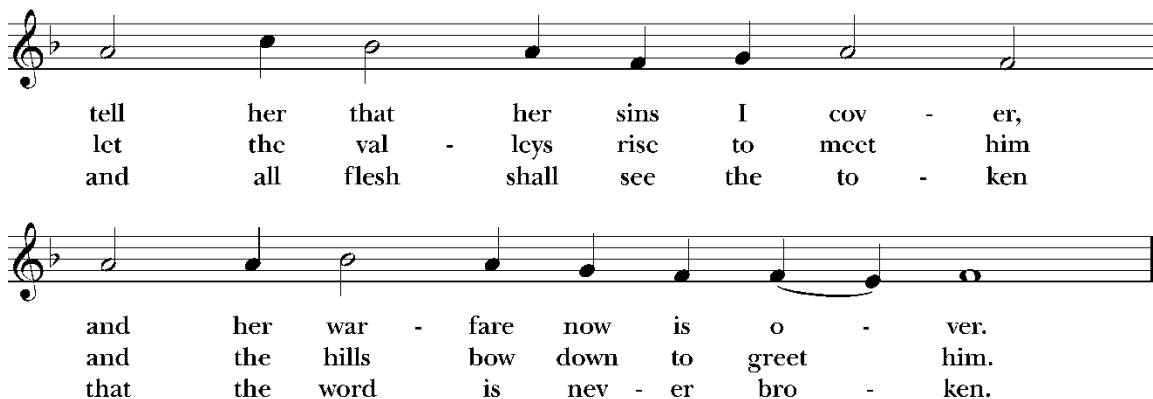


mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Music continued on the next page.



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to mcet - him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Fourth Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

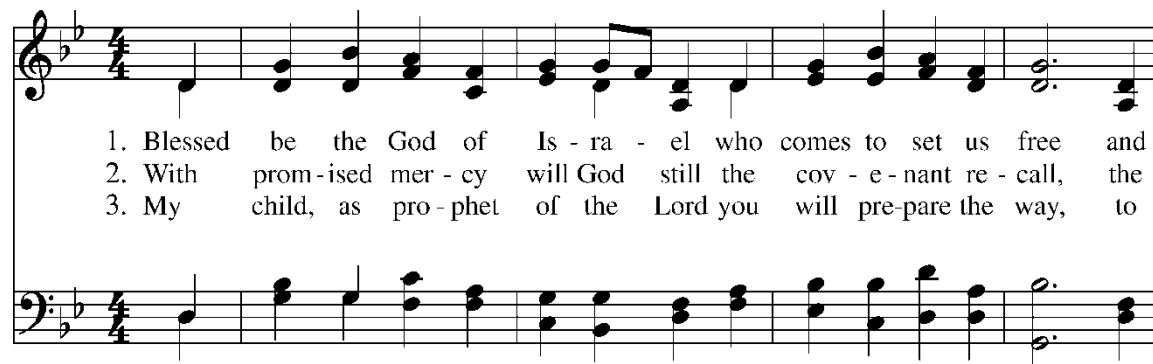
A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

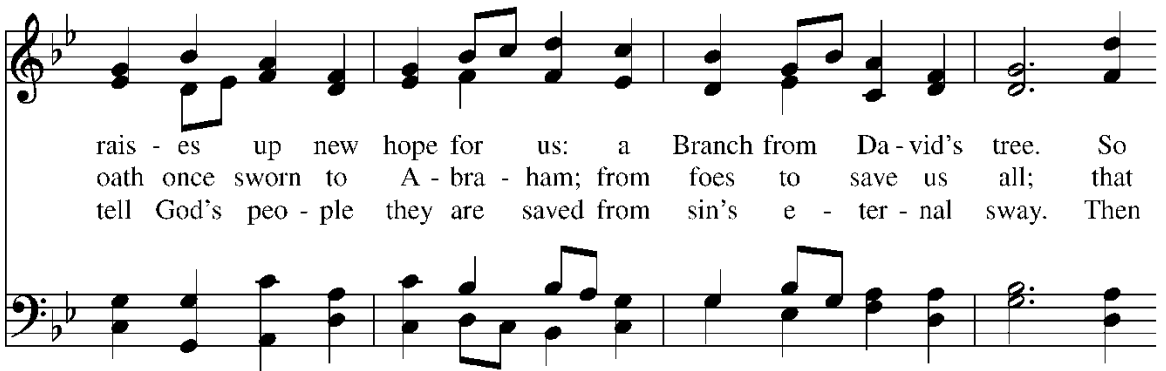
A Carol

“Blessed be the God of Israel”

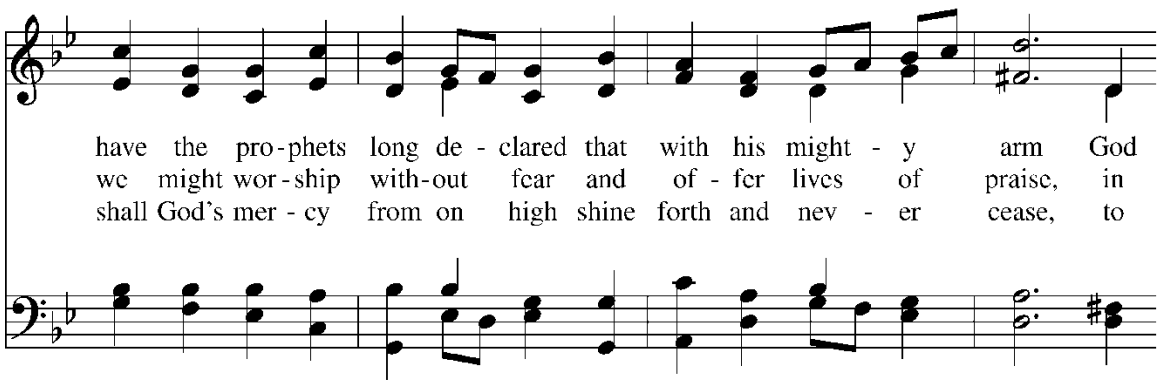
Wonder, Love and Praise #889, *Shepherd’s Pipe*



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to



rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to



would turn back our en - c - mies and all that wish us harm.
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

The Fifth Lesson

Baruch 4:36-5:9

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.
Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

A Carol

"People Look East"

Wonder, Love and Praise #724, *Besancon Carol*

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



The Sixth Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us”.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

A Carol

“O Come to us, Emmanuel”

Joseph M. Martin, Sung by the St. Elisabeth’s Choir

*O come to us, Emmanuel, deliver us we pray.
 Lord, come to us, abide with us, restore our joy today.
 Lord, come walk beside us, come lead, teach and guide us.
 Shine in our shadows and show us the way.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and ransom Israel.*

*O come to us, Emmanuel, and make us one in love.
 By your strong hand, Lord, heal our land with grace from above.
 Bring peace for our sorrows, hope for tomorrow.
 Shine in our shadows and bring a new day.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and ransom Israel.*

The Seventh Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

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

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

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

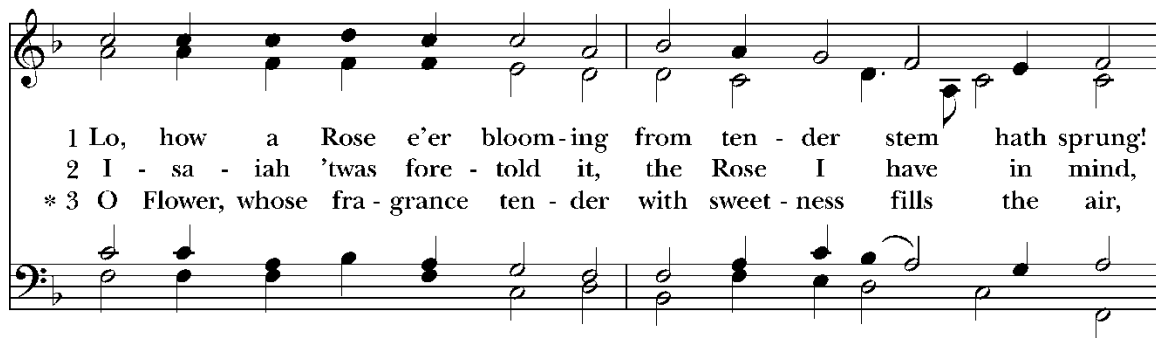
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

A Carol

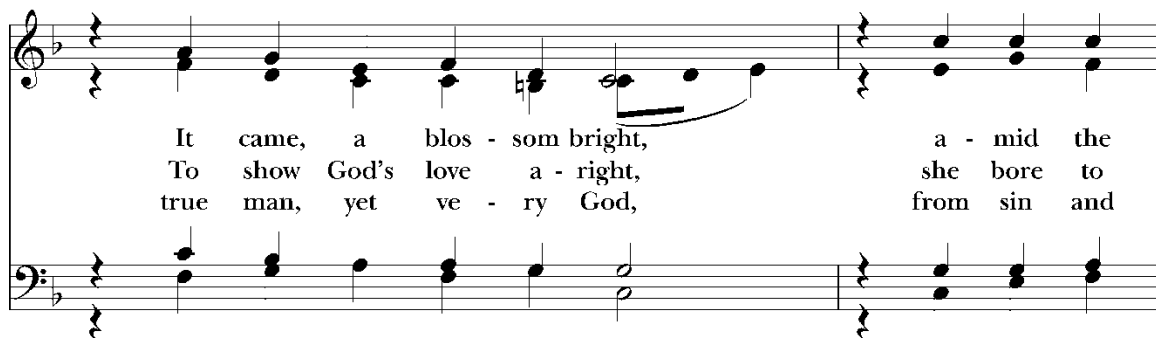
“Lo How a Rose e’r blooming”
The Hymnal 1982 #81, *Es ist ein Ros*



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



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



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

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

The Eighth Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

For I am about to create new heavens
 and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.
 But be glad and rejoice for ever
 in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 says the Lord.

A Carol

“The King shall come when morning dawns”

The Hymnal 1982#73, *St. Stephen*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

The Ninth Lesson

Luke 1:26-56

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,
 ‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

A Carol

The angel Gabriel from heaven”
 The Hymnal 1982 #265, *Gabriel's Message*

The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people, O Holy One of Israel. Remember now your ancient promise: make straight the paths that lead to you, and smooth the rough ways, that in our day we might bring forth your compassion for all humanity.

Assembly Amen.

Advent Collect

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

Assembly Amen.

Closing Hymn

“A Stable Lamp is Lighted”

The Hymnal 1982 #104, *Andujar*



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry;
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____



Blessing

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Assisting Today

First Lesson	John Tuohy
Second Lesson	Annette Johnston
Third Lesson	Anne Tuohy
Fourth Lesson	Abigail Pribble
Fifth Lesson	Kara Superfine
Sixth Lesson	Finn Kraker
Seventh Lesson	Carter Superfine
Eighth Lesson	Pete Rossiter
Ninth Lesson	The Rev. Adam Spencer
Altar Guild	Libby Hinds and Glenna Foley
Usher	Larry Whipple

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

12 noon – St. Elisabeth's Book Group

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

Thursday, December 12

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 13

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 15

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

Living in Community

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

Christmas Flower & Music Dedications

If you would like to make a donation and dedication for the flowers and/or music for Christmas, there are forms at the back of the church, please print legibly. To ensure you are included in the Christmas bulletin, return the form with your donation check to the church office no later than **Friday, December 13**. Please write "*Christmas Flowers & Music*" in the memo line of your check.

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

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.

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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.