



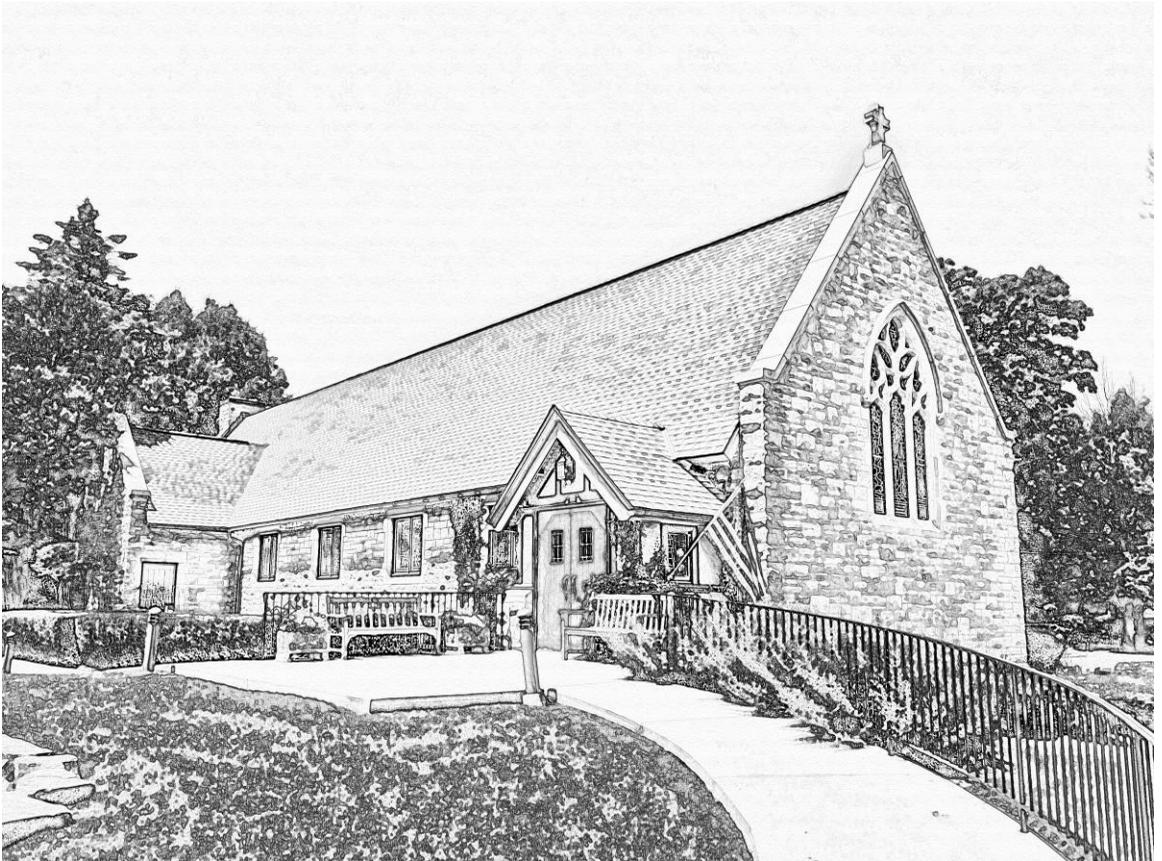
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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
- 9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist
- 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship & Forum
- 11:00 a.m. -- Children’s Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. – Clean Up Day and Meet Up after the Clean Up

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.

Clean Up Day

We are organizing a cleanup day **today, following the 10:00 a.m. service**. Lunch will be provided. The house committee has identified seven areas to focus on. Our priorities include reorganizing, and sorting old items to better utilize unused space, so that we can have more functional working rooms for parish ministries. The house committee hopes you can join them and promises to make it a fun time for all ages. Your help and support is appreciated.

Meet Up after the Clean Up

You are all invited to have some fun after the parish cleanup. Let's celebrate the good work we'll do. After the cleanup, you're invited to join Father Spencer and Fred Johnston at the family-friendly Ravinia Brewing in Highland Park. Ravinia Brewing is located at 582 Roger Williams in the Ravinia neighborhood of Highland Park. There is a parking lot close to the brewery. For more information, please speak with Fred Johnstin.

Assisting Today

<i>First Reading</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Second Reading</i>	Anne Tuohy
<i>Prayers</i>	Kara Superfine
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Larry Whipple
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	House Committee

Lent

Figuring out how to keep a holy Lent can be a challenge, but if we move beyond the popular conceptions (and misconceptions), Lent holds the possibility for real change — or to use the church’s word, conversion — in our lives, as well as for rich and lasting spiritual growth. (The word “lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*, referring to the springtime of the year when the days grow longer and warmer and brighter.)

Lent emerged in our history as a season of final preparation for those who would be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. The entire Christian community was highly invested in walking alongside those who were about to commit their lives to Christ. In time, the season took on some extra layers of meaning, and many people now associate it with listening for a deeper awareness of our own sin — how we fall short of the ideals God sets before us — and the need for ongoing repentance and amendment of life.

That said, joy in the new life we have found in the Christian faith should never be overwhelmed by our struggles to live out that faith or our awareness of the ways we fall short. We can see Lent as an opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives. In Lent we step back and consider the ways we need to repent, to turn around — to be converted.

During Lent we as individual Christians and as a church — the Body of Christ — consider our spiritual health. How are we living the gospel in our lives, our homes, our churches, our towns, our schools, our places of work? What areas of growth or signs of renewal should we celebrate with gratitude and joy? In what ways have we fallen short, grown stagnant or cold-hearted, or failed to love God by embracing new life when we encounter it? These are the kinds of questions we ask ourselves during the weeks of Lent. ~ *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Entering in...

We are constantly being enticed off the way, off the road, onto other roads which seem very attractive or frankly a whole lot easier to walk along. Roads that often dazzle us with the prospect of comforts and riches and pleasures. Jesus, too, was enticed and tempted to go down these very same roads. So every day he needed to spend time with his Father to re-orient himself, to refocus on his true destination. ~ *Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE*

This Lent, if you don’t already do so, set a specific time and place to be in prayer and silence to help re-orient yourself and to refocus your life, to help you get back on the road.

Holy Eucharist

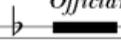
Prelude

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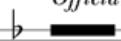
The Great Litany

The Hymnal 1982 #S67

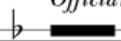
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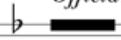
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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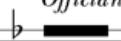
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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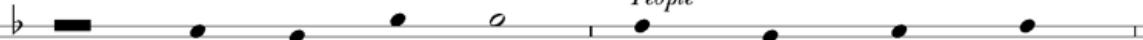
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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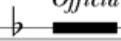
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 

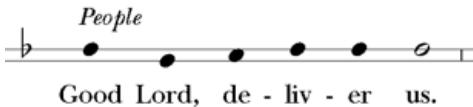
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

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From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, that it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, especially:

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Ginny Broms

Aidan Thomson

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Joe Bessinger, nephew-in-law of Kay Rossiter

Bill Howell, Anne Tuohy's Cousin

Arthur Martin, friend of Anne and John Tuohy

Brian Scully, friend of Anne and John Tuohy

David & Jane Barry, Lydia Kutko's parents

Margaret Barry, Lydia Kutko's sister

Sunita, friend of Caryl Medsker

All affected by the wars in Palestine and Ukraine and throughout the world. Refugees and those without a homeland or a safe haven who feel abandoned and fear for their lives.

All those who are desperate for medical aid, clean water, food and safe living conditions.

For those affected by Government layoffs

Those suffering from the Los Angeles fires

that it may please thee to have mercy upon all.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Elisabeth and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



Officiant

People

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



Officiant

People

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



Officiant

People

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect

Presider

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

Assembly

God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider Let us pray.

God of deliverance and freedom, you taught the people of Israel to acknowledge that all things come from your bountiful hand. Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial, proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, now and always.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16****Assembly Antiphon**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

Assembly Antiphon

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

Assembly Antiphon

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Assembly Antiphon

The Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

A Reading from the letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

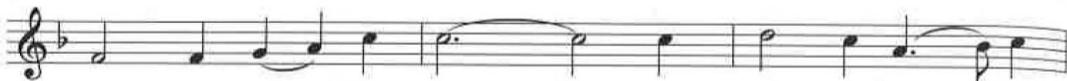
Sequence Hymn

“From Ashes to the Living Font”

Gather #529. *Land of Rest*



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. *See below*



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.

3. From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Creed

“We Believe”

The Aldrich/Spencer Songbook, *Raquel*



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 - ur - 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 - cend - ed 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.

Confession and Absolution

Common Worship Times and Seasons, adapted

Presider

Make our hearts clean, O God;

Assembly

and renew a right spirit within us.

All

**O God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **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.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Courtney Mygatt – March 13

Kay Rossiter – March 15

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

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*

If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate online.



Offertory Hymn

“When We Are Tested”

All Creation Sings #922, Text: Ruth Duck, Tune: *Slane*



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation of Gifts

“Spirit Open My Heart”

All Creation Sings #1043, Text: Ruth Duck, Tune: *Wild Mountain Thyme*



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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Common Worship Prayer E, adapted

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 thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
 you bring us back to your generous heart.
 Through study of your holy word
 you open our eyes to your presence in the world
 and free our hands to welcome others
 into the radiant splendour of your love.
 As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
 with joyful hearts and minds
 we bless you for your mercy
 and join with saints and angels
 for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

The Hymnal 1982 S124, *David Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We praise and bless you, loving God,
 through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died Jesus had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, O God, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Presider Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Presider Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Elisabeth and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory are yours, O loving God,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

The Hymnal 1982 #S161, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

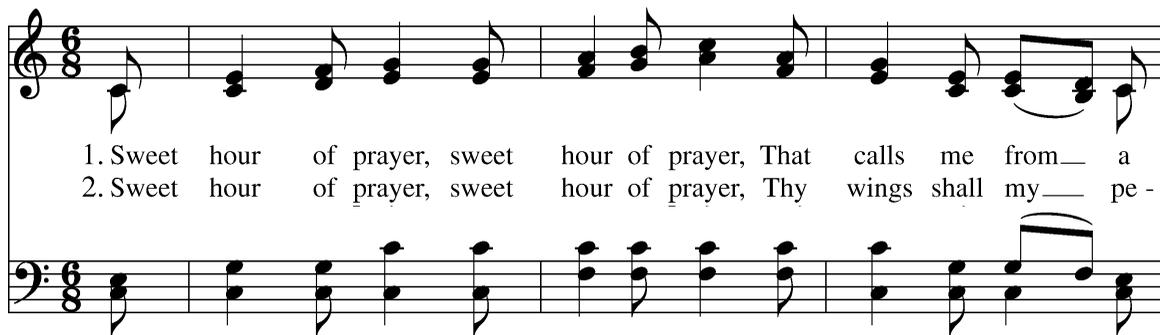
All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing at this time.

Gluten-free host available upon request.

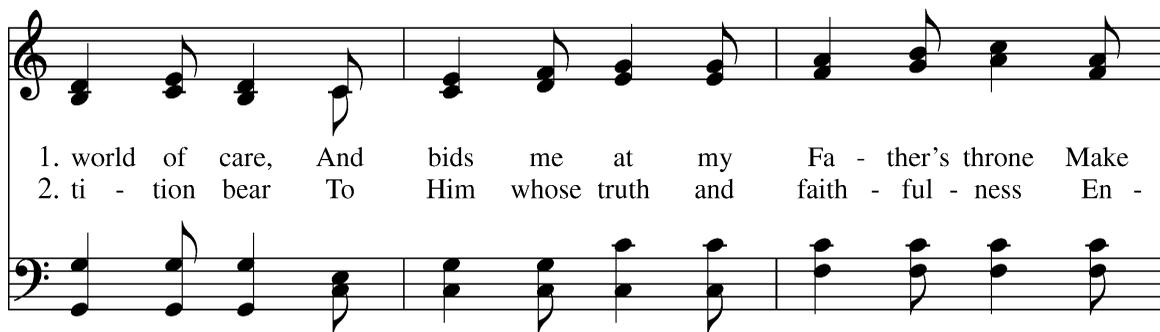
If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn

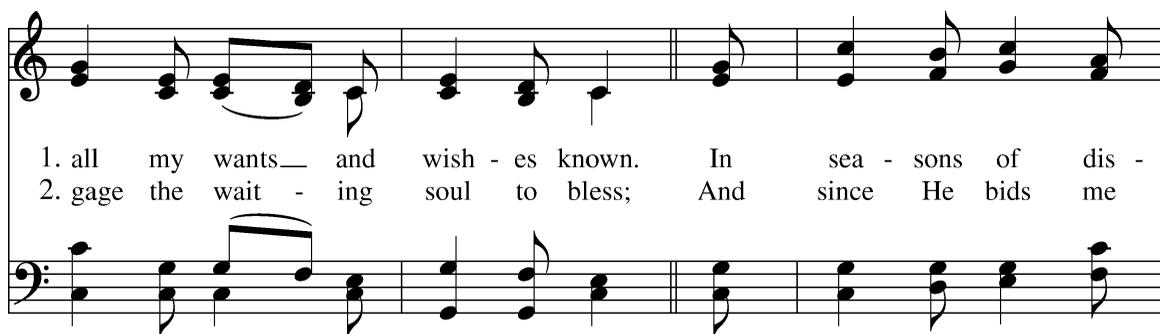
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Lift Every Voice and Sing #178, *William B. Bradbury*


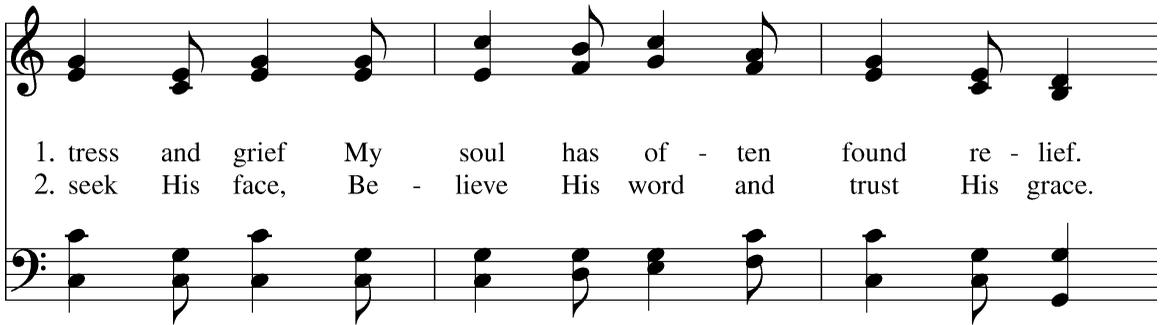
1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -



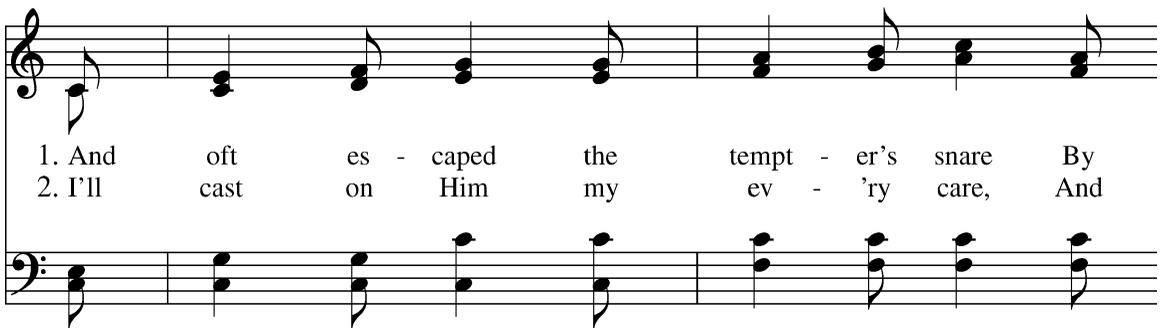
1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -



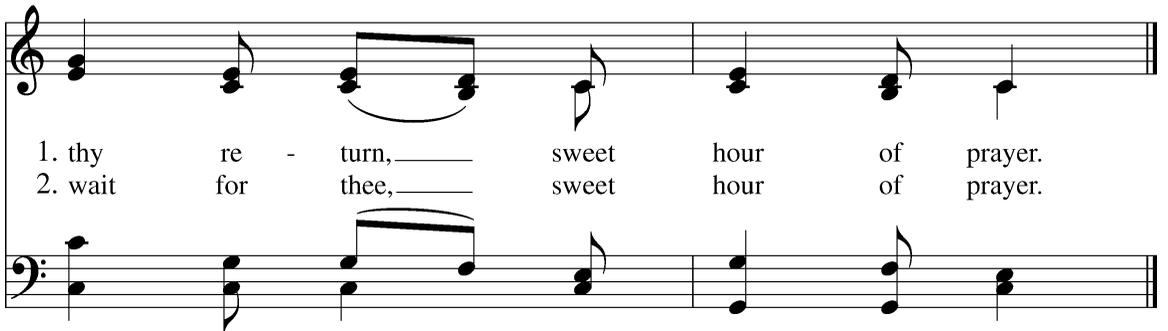
1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me



1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.



1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And



1. thy re - turn, ——— sweet hour of prayer.
2. wait for thee, ——— sweet hour of prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Common Worship Times and Seasons, adapted

Presider May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness this Lent,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.

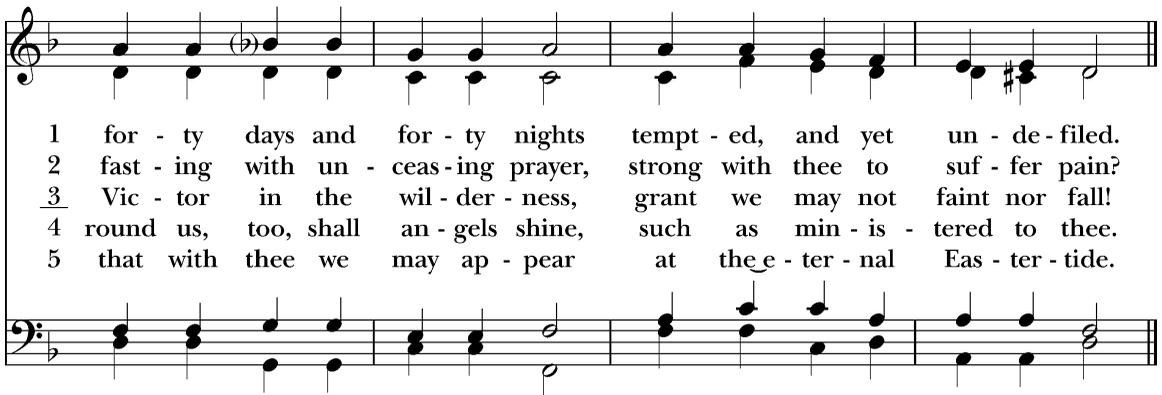
Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Forty days and forty nights”
The Hymnal 1982 #150, *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, March 10

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

12 noon – Book Group

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

Thursday, March 13

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 15

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, March 16

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship & Forum

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

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Book Group

In March, The Book Group will meet on **Tuesday March 11**, in the Parish Library at the usual time, 12 noon. The March selection is “Anthropology and the Abnormal” by Ruth Benedict, renown modern anthropologist. In this essay, published in 1934, Benedict considers whether normal and abnormal behavior are determined by society. The group will discuss the themes of (1) the individual and culture and (2) transgression found in the work.

The March selection can be found in the Great Books Foundation's anthropology, **Great Conversations 5**; a loaner copy is available in the office. Questions? Email Joyce Newcomb at JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com

Serving at the Interfaith Action of Evanston's Soup Kitchen

Our next opportunity to serve at the Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen will be on **Thursday, March 13**. We make sack lunches at St. Elisabeth's from 3-4 and we prep and serve dinner starting at 5:00 at First United Methodist in Evanston.

Discernment Retreats

At the Annual Meeting of the parish last month, the rector and wardens shared their hopes for this year - that 2025 might be a year of mission discernment for St. Elisabeth's; a time of seeking to better understand God's call to us as a community of faith. Our first step together will be a series of discernment retreats for the whole parish. We are currently offering a choice of two dates: **Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served at each. Please sign up in the link in the E-News, or on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. If neither of these dates works for you, please let Adam know.

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next gathering will be held on **Sunday, March 16, beginning at 4:30 p.m.** Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in on the fun, fellowship, and fabulous food with our faith family! Bring your favorite dish to share (copy of recipe is welcomed!) at this season's next rip-roar'n celebration around an evening prayer table.

A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Please add your name, email the office at office@steglencoe.org or call 847-835-1410 to let us know that we may look forward to seeing you. Questions? Please contact Susan or Larry Whipple

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir - no experience, background, or skill is required. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at 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 **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. on the second floor.** We are studying the Gospel of John. 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 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.

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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 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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