



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

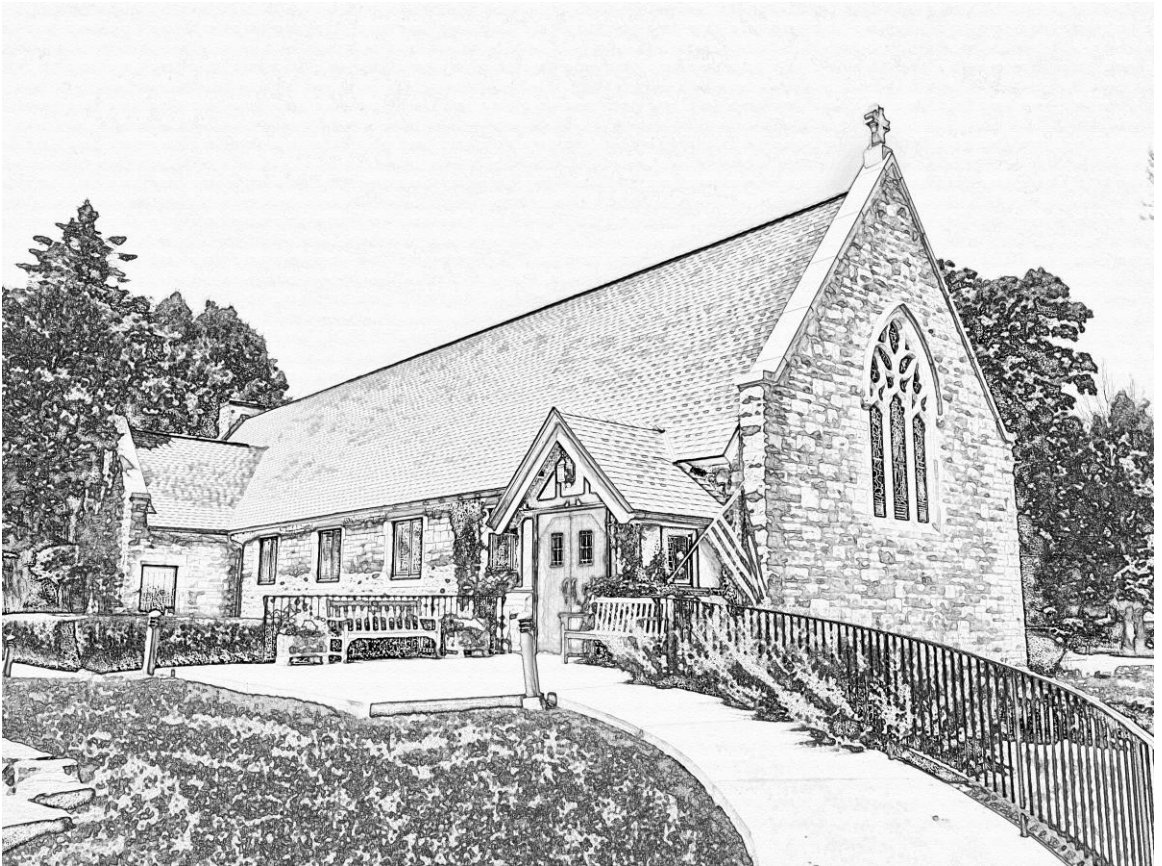
*The Second Sunday in Lent*

March 16, 2025

10:00 AM

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



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

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

### Lenten Anointing for Healing

During Lent the sacrament of healing will be offered during Communion on Sundays. After receiving Communion those who wish to participate in this sacrament may go to the baptismal font where a priest will offer prayer and anoint one's forehead with Holy Oil. Anointing with Holy Oil signifies and transmits God's healing, strengthening grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

### 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 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.

### Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next gathering will be held on **this afternoon 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.

### Assisting Today

<i>First Reading</i>	Susan Newcomb
<i>Second Reading</i>	Annette Johnston
<i>Prayers</i>	Hall Healy
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lauren Edelston, Carrie Miller-Mygatt
<i>Usher</i>	Phil Miller
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Susan Newcomb

## 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...

Vulnerability is courageous. Life keeps asking us to show up and be ourselves, with all the varying emotions and all the messiness. Being vulnerable is being human. Leaning into it, embracing vulnerability is life-giving. ~ *Br. Luke Ditenig, SSJE*

Where have you experienced vulnerability in your life that was life-giving? Where are you feeling most vulnerable these days? Can you find God there leading you to a deeper truth about who you are?

## The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### The Prelude

### Opening Hymn

“The glory of these forty days”  
The Hymnal 1982 #143, *Erbalt uns, Herr*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength-en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad-dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

## A Penitential Order

*Presider*

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

*Assembly*

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

Honor your father and your mother.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not commit murder.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not steal.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Assembly*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 your Son 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## The Kyrie

David Hurd, *New Plainsong*

*Sung three times, the choir introduces it the first time, & the congregation joins on the second and third times.*



## The Collect

*Presider* Let us pray.

Hope beyond all human hope, you promised descendants as numerous as the stars to Abraham and Sarah. You promise light and salvation in the midst of darkness and despair, and promise redemption to a world that will not listen. Gather us to yourself in tenderness, open our ears to listen to your word, and

teach us to live faithfully as people confident of the fulfillment of your promises. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior.

*Assembly*      **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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 27****Assembly Antiphon**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
 the Lord is the strength of my life;  
 of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
 yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, \*  
 yet will I put my trust in him.

**Assembly Antiphon**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
 and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head \*  
 above my enemies round about me.

**Assembly Antiphon**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
 have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.



Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

### **Assembly Antiphon**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

### **Assembly Antiphon**

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

### **Assembly Antiphon**

## **The Second Reading**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

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

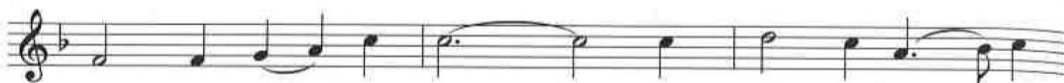
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## Sequence Hymn

"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 13:31-35

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Common Worship Times and Seasons, adapted*

*Intervessor* We pray for courage to give up other things  
 and to give ourselves to God this Lent.  
 Give your Church the courage, O Lord,  
 to give up her preoccupation with herself  
 and to give more time to your mission in the world.

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus  
bring forgiveness to your people  
and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.  
Lord, meet us in the silence,  
**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage  
to give up war, bitterness and hatred,  
and to seek peace.

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus,  
once scourged by soldiers,  
bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.  
Lord, meet us in the silence,  
**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy  
in our families, neighbourhoods and communities.

May the presence of the risen Jesus,  
his body once broken and now made whole,  
bring peace and direction as we live with one another.  
Lord, meet us in the silence,  
**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage  
to give up our selfishness as we live for others,  
and to give time, care and comfort to the sick and all those who suffer.

We pray for:

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

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

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

Are there others?

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch,  
and the light of his presence fill our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death  
and to rejoice with those who have died in faith.  
Especially Ginny Broms.

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross,  
walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony,  
and walk with us and all your Church  
through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer,  
here and in eternity. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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**

Jocelyn Miller – March 16    Lily Generes – March 20    Carrie Miller-Mygatt – March 22  
*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

“Christ is the Life”

Aldrich/Spencer; Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, Tune: *Kingsfold*



Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word, whose  
 Christ is the death of all that is; a — broad and beck-'ning tomb, who —  
 Christ is the death of all that is, a — bright, con - sum - ing fire, whose  
 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End; cre -



pow'r be - yond and through all space the — worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ  
 wel - comes us from well - worn ways to — dark - ness of — the womb. Christ  
 flames re - quire our pri - or self as — kin - dling for the pyre. Christ  
 a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ



is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose  
 is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear, whose  
 is the death of dust - y days of — un - cre - a - tive strife, for —  
 is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies and —

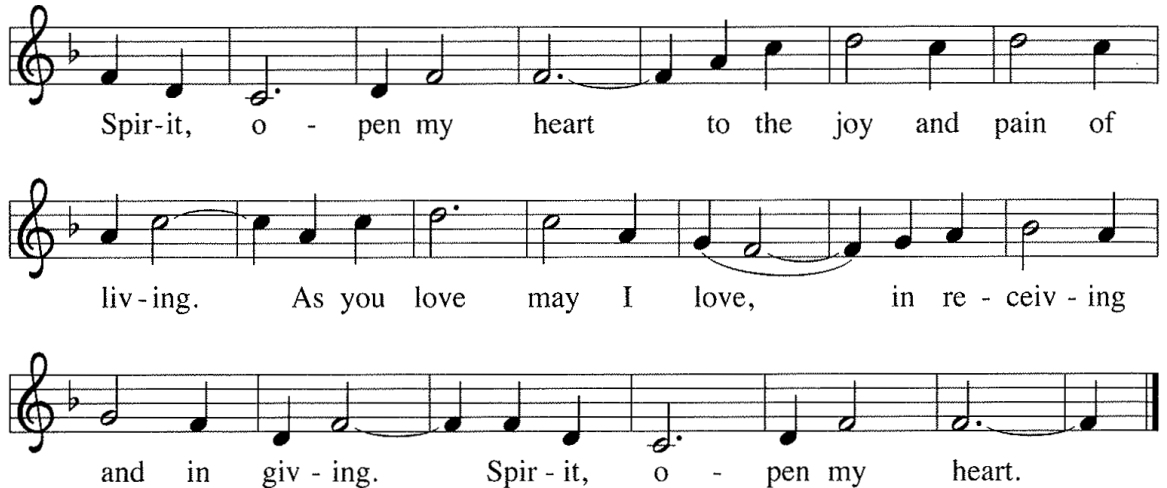


la - bor brings all — things to be and brings all things to death.  
 pro - mise in — the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to — ap - pear.  
 out from fire we — tread up - on the — thre - shold of — new  
 thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the — Source, the li - ving Christ.

*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.*

*The Sacrament of Healing is available at the baptismal font at the back of the church.*

## Communion Hymn

“Creator of the earth and skies”

The Hymnal 1982 #148, *Uffington*



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the  
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -  
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck-age  
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of  
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us  
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -  
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man  
 4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -  
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.  
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.  
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.  
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.  
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

*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

“Eternal Lord of love”  
 The Hymnal 1982 #149, *Old 124<sup>th</sup>*

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

## 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 17

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

#### Thursday, March 20

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, March 22

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

#### Sunday, March 23

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

1:00 p.m. – Discernment Retreat

### Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

#### 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. **One more date is available – next Sunday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served. 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.

A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Please add your name, email the office at [office@steglencoe.org](mailto: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](mailto:music@steglencoe.org) or catch him after a Sunday service. Hope to see you there!

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

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **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](mailto:office@steglencoe.org)

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

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