



ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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
 1:00 p.m. – Discernment Retreat

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.

Assisting Today

<i>First Reading</i>	Larry Whipple
<i>Second Reading</i>	John Tuohy
<i>Prayers</i>	Anne Tuohy
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kara Superfine Barb Ferry
<i>Usher</i>	John Tuohy
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	John & Anne Tuohy

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 often think of God as changeless. But in Jesus we see a quality of the divine being that is indeed changing: a living God, growing, exploring, experimenting, reaching, striving, absorbing, renewing. God’s own being is in some profound way living, breathing, and growing. ~ *Br. Mark Brown SSJE*

The gardener in the parable of the fig tree fertilizes the tree and asked that it be given another year to bear fruit. What fertilizer might help you bear the fruits of the Spirit? How might you be a gardener for someone else?

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

“Lord, who throughout these forty days”

The Hymnal 1982 #142, *Text: Claudia Frances Hermaman, Tune: St. Favian*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
 5 A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Opening Acclamation

Presider

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Assembly

His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

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

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.

God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are

standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

Assembly Antiphon



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

Assembly Antiphon

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Assembly Antiphon

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has

overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

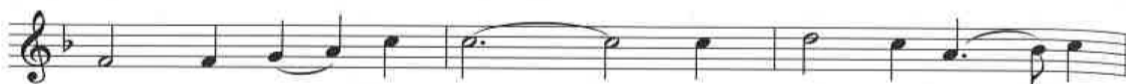
Sequence Hymn

“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. You call us to be penitent,
 You tend us patiently
 Preserving us from perishing,
 So fruitful we might be.

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these

Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

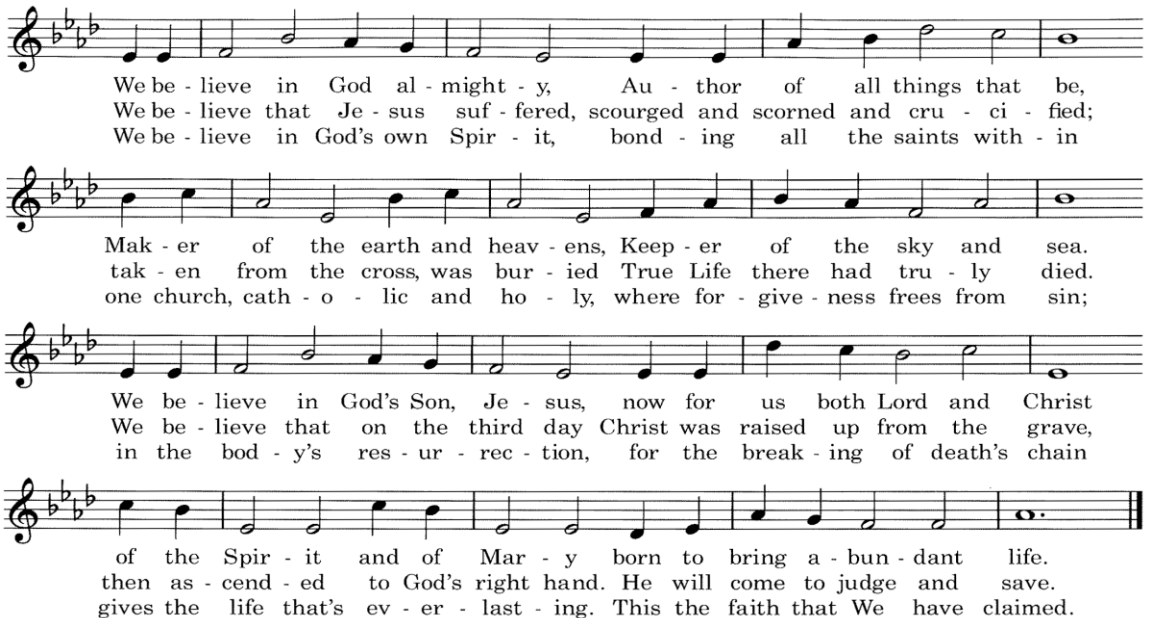
A period of silence follows the Sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

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

Intercessor

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

Annette Johnston

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.

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.

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

Isabelle Thomson – March 28

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

“Still, My Soul, Be Still”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Stuart Townend, arr. James Koerts

*Still, my soul, be still
and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side;
No longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.*

*God, You are my God, And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.*

*Still, my soul, be still;
Do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold on to His ways,
With shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.*

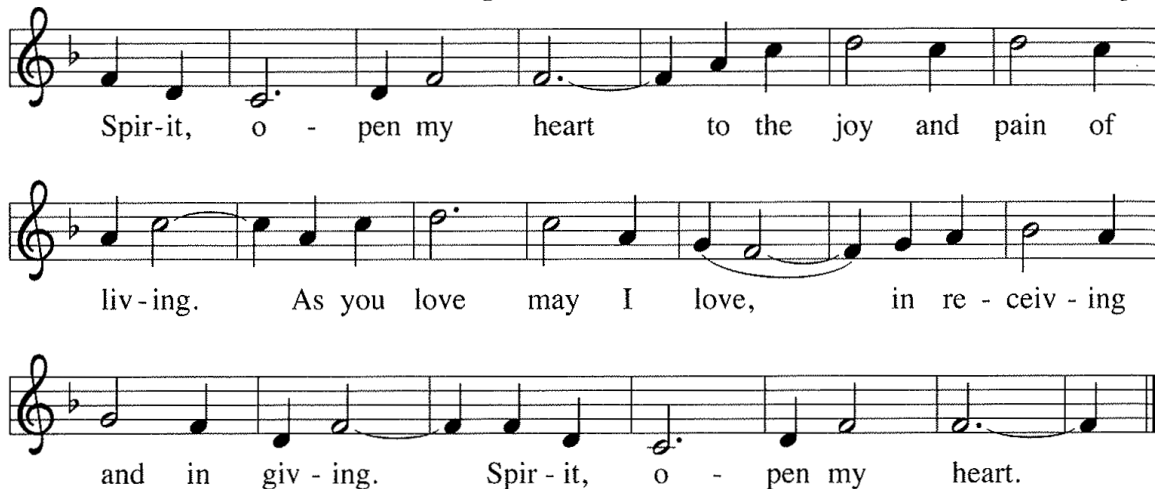
*Still, my soul, be still;
Do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord,
and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming.*

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

“As the Winter Days Grow Longer”

All Creation Sings #924, Text: Mary Louise Bringle, Tune: *Suo Gan*

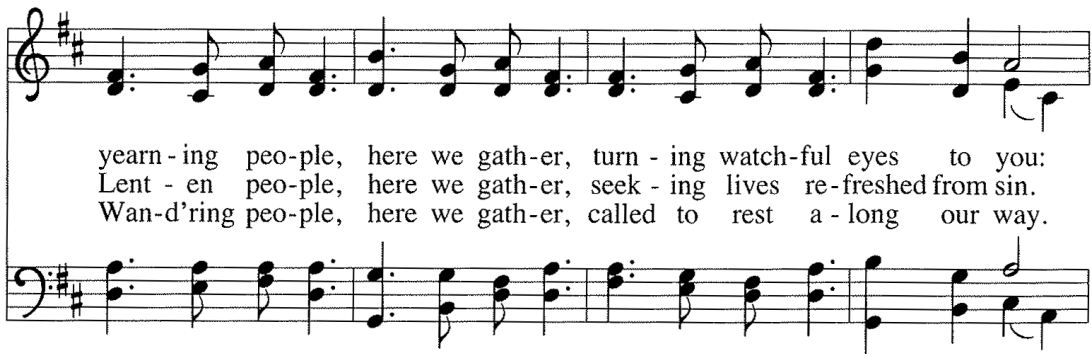


1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

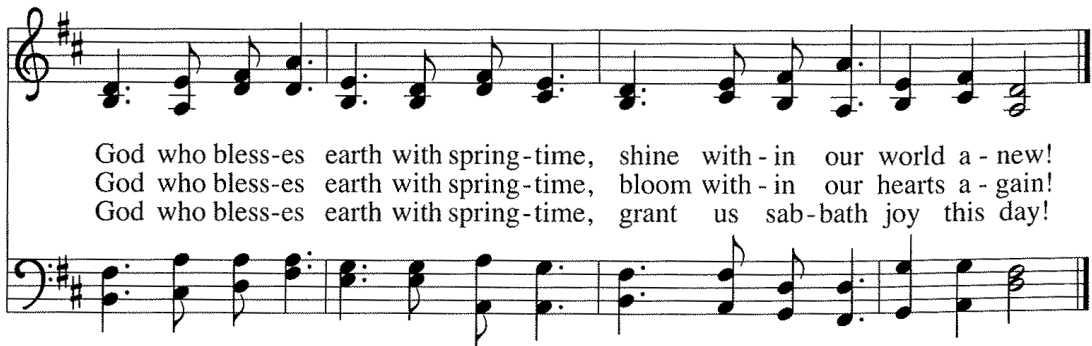


as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.





yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this 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.**

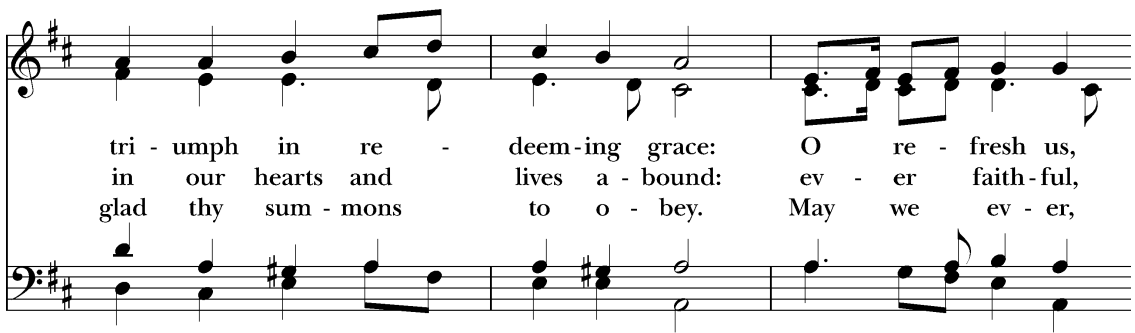
Closing Hymn

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

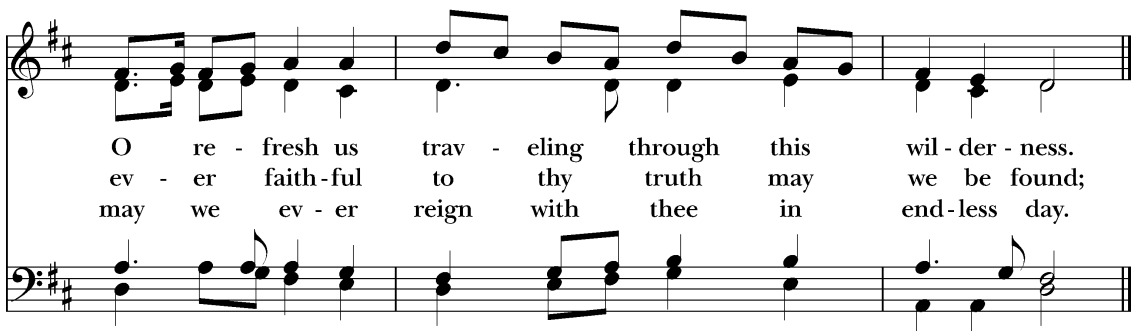
The Hymnal 1982 #344, *Text: John Fawcett; Tune: Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

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 24

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Thursday, March 27

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 29

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, March 30

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

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry @ Trinity, Highland Park

All are invited to attend a service of Stations of the Cross (beginning at 6:00 p.m.) followed by a Fish Fry (beginning at 7:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 4**. In collaboration with other members of Better Together, Adam will lead the Stations of the Cross service and the members of Trinity, Highland Park, will host the Fish Fry. Please call Trinity at 847-432-6653 or scan the QR code to register for the Fish Fry.



Be Still and Know that I am God . . .

On Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., you are invited to come to St. Elisabeth's for "**A Quiet Morning in Lent.**" Elizabeth Clemmitt, our Associate for Spiritual Wellness, will facilitate a morning of self-directed quiet time during which you will be invited to explore various activities and spiritual practices that promote peaceful reflection and spiritual growth.

We will meet in the Guild Room at St. Elisabeth's where there will be stations with instructions and materials for quiet activities. Participants can stay in the Guild Room or spread out into the sanctuary and outdoor spaces, including the labyrinth, weather permitting. Elizabeth and another spiritual companion, Patti Snickenberger, will be available for half-hour meetings of spiritual direction, and Adam will lead an optional session on the Ignatian Examen. He will also be available in the chapel to offer prayers one-on-one, including prayers for healing or a time of confession. Please register in advance by emailing Elizabeth at elizabeth.clemmitt@gmail.com.

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next gathering will be held on **Sunday, April 6, 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 Fred Johnston.

LGBTQ Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday

Please join Team LGBTQ for a special Coffee Hour **after the 10:00 am Palm Sunday service on April 13** to celebrate our multiyear initiative to promote welcome and understanding of diversity in our world. This is a good time to take stock and celebrate what we've accomplished as the parish reevaluates the church's mission and considers where our energy and spirit and faith are guiding us. We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration followed by a forum led by team members. Thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts over the years!

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 on **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 the office at 847-835-0458. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

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 Fred Johnston
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Carrie Miller-Mygatt
Warden

Kara Superfine
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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.*