



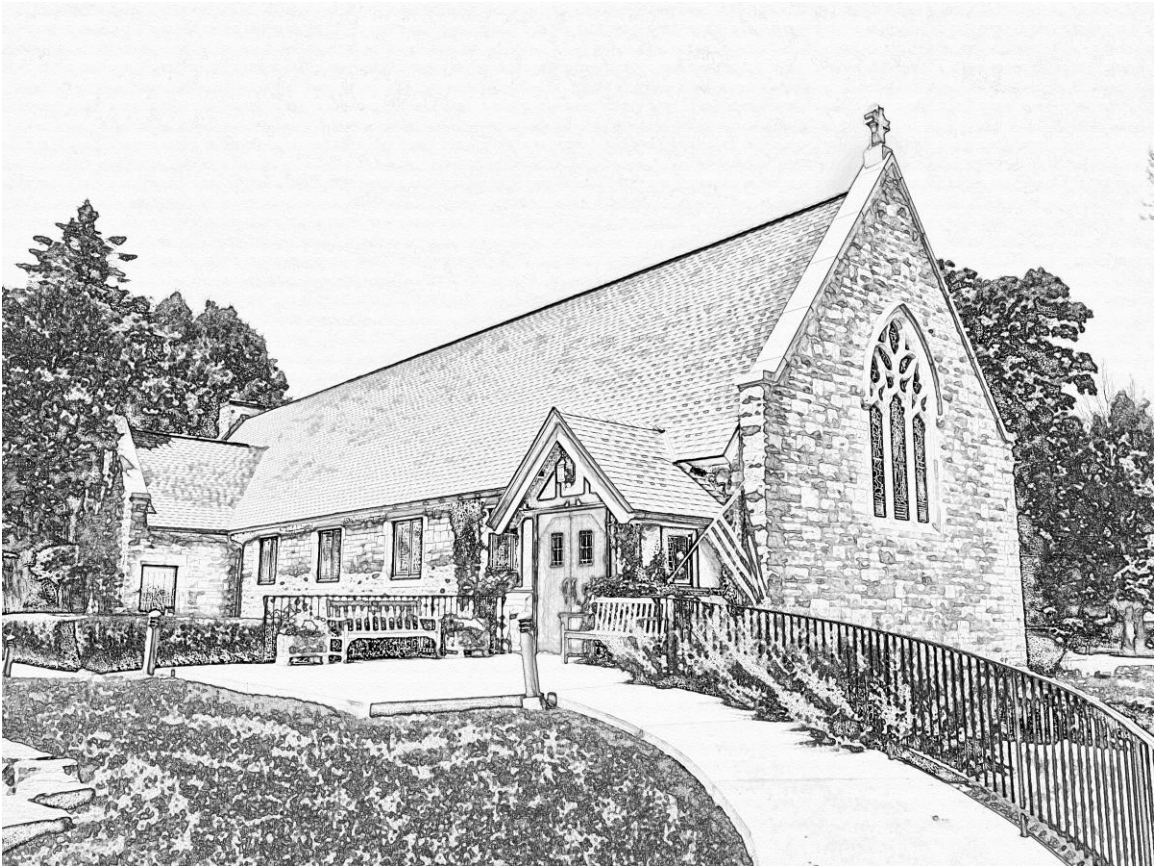
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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

Today we welcome the Rev. Gloria Hopewell as our presider and preacher.

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>	Kay Rossiter
<i>Second Reading</i>	Linda Illes
<i>Prayers</i>	Pete Rossiter
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Jim Baur
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Mark Tilton

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...

God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home.”
~ Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

Do you need to be reconciled to someone who has hurt you? Are you living in resentment looking for retribution, or are you looking into the distance longing to bring that person “home”? Have you resolved this quandary? Search out a fellow traveler who is also experiencing this tension.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

The Hymnal 1982 #686, *Text: Robert Robinson, Tune: Nettleton*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



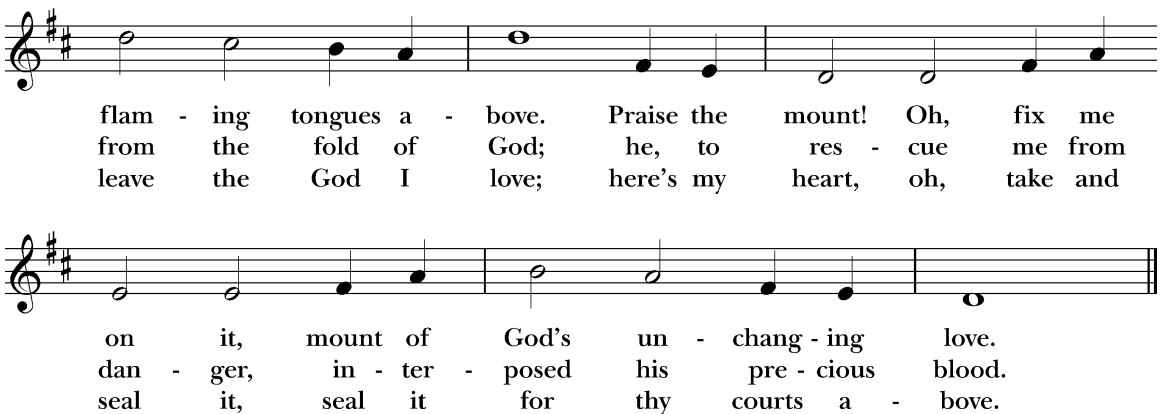
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
Assembly **God's 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.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have_ mer - cy. Lord_ have_ mer_ cy.

The Collect

Presider Let us pray.

God of patient love, you await the return of the wayward and wandering and eagerly embrace them in pardon. Through baptism you have clothed us with the glory of Christ and restored our inheritance: give us generous hearts to welcome all who seek a place at the table of your unconditional love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 32

Assembly Antiphon



Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Assembly Antiphon

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Assembly Antiphon

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Assembly Antiphon

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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. When we repent, you run to us,
 Forgiving arms spread wide;
 You celebrate when we return,
 And come home to your side.

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeler

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

Assembly

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is

yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Gloria Hopewell

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

Kris McKinnon, sister of Kay Rossiter

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

Larry & Vicki Handwerk – April 3
Mike McClurg – April 4

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

“Softly and Tenderly”

Lift Every Voice and Sing #101, *Text and Tune: Will Thompson*

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
 2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
 3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
 4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. _____
 2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? _____
 3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. _____
 4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. _____

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea - ry, come home! _____ Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

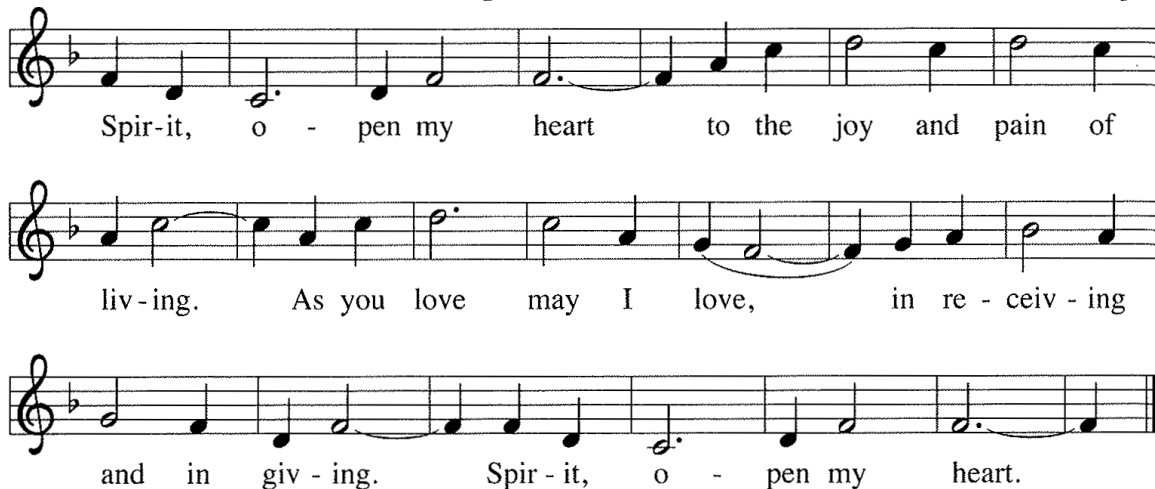
Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! _____

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.

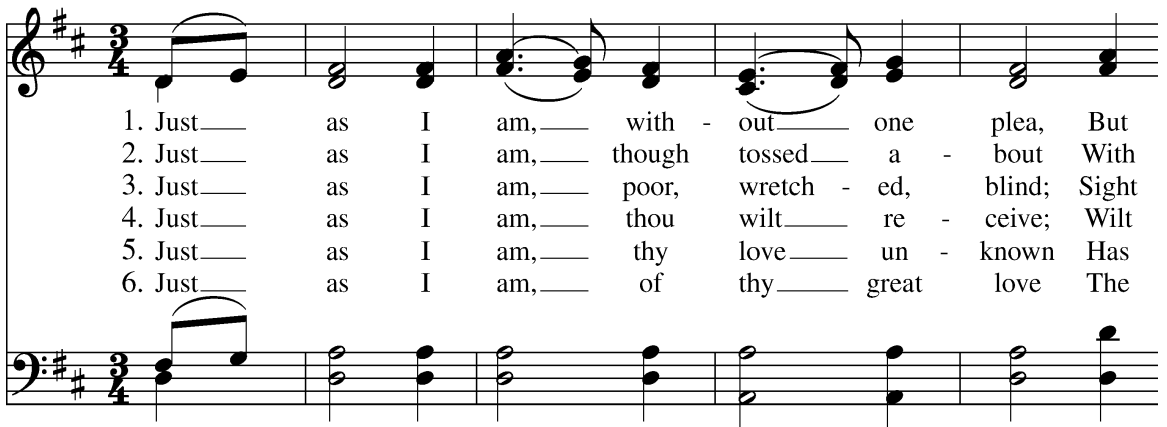
If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.

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

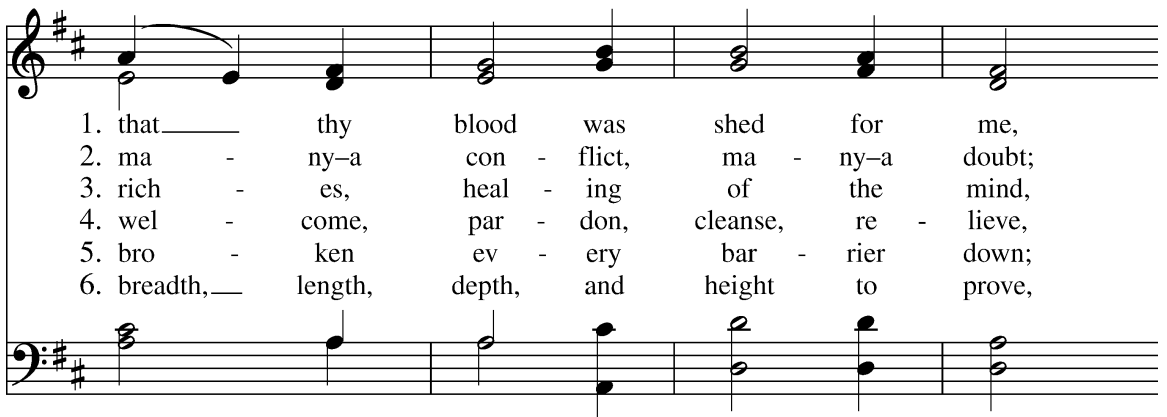
Communion Hymn

“Just as I am”

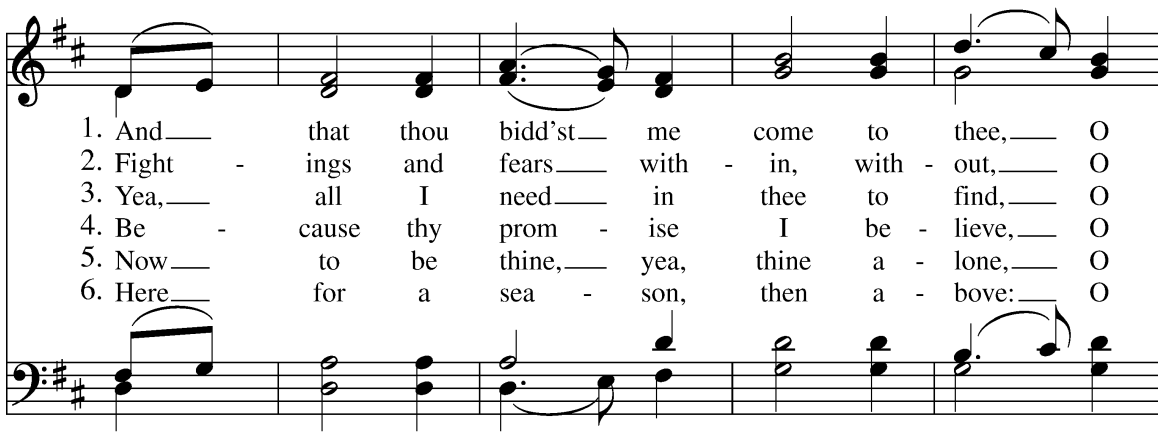
Lift Every Voice and Sing #137, Text: Charlotte Elliott, Tune: William B. Bradbury



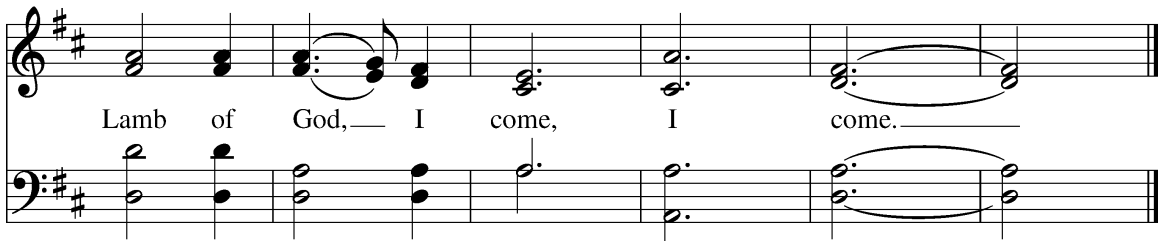
1. Just ___ as I am, ___ with - out ___ one plea, But
 2. Just ___ as I am, ___ though tossed ___ a - bout With
 3. Just ___ as I am, ___ poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
 4. Just ___ as I am, ___ thou wilt ___ re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just ___ as I am, ___ thy love ___ un - known Has
 6. Just ___ as I am, ___ of thy ___ great love The



1. that ___ thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, ___ length, depth, and height to prove,



1. And— that thou bidd'st— me come to thee, — O
 2. Fight - ings and fears— with - in, with - out, — O
 3. Yea, — all I need— in thee to find, — O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, — O
 5. Now— to be thine, — yea, thine a - lone, — O
 6. Here— for a sea - son, then a - bove: — O



Lamb of God, — I come, I come. —

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**“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”**

The Hymnal 1982 #690, *Text: William Williams, Tune: Cwm Rhondda*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal

Presider
Assembly

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

Postlude

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, March 30

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Thursday, April 3

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

3:15 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop

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7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 4

6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
and Fish Fry

@ Trinity, Highland Park

Saturday, April 5

9:00 a.m. – Lenten Quiet Day

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, April 6

Family Promise Week Begins

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 &

Family Worship

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.

Next Family Promise Opportunity

provides free family shelter to families with children – keeping families together during a time of homelessness, unlike other homeless shelters separate families by female/male. Family Promise also offers training, budgeting and other support to help families move from homelessness to success. Because St. Elisabeth cannot house families in our church; we partner with two other churches.

We need volunteers to help cook meals, stay overnight or just help serve meals. Homeless families with children want someone to talk with and someone to interact with their children.

We help three to five times per year for one week at a time. **Our next dates to help are Sunday, April 6 - Saturday, April 12.** There is a sign-up online for dinners or sleepovers. Please scan the QR code to the right, or click on the button in the e-News, to sign up to help. It is easy, helpful, fulfilling and very efficient. It is good to share a meal with people in need.



For more information, please contact Robert Fischer, Lauren Edelston, or Carrie Mygatt.

Easter Flowers

Please pick up a card in the back of the church to donate to the Easter Flower and Music funds. The form is also available in *The Voice*. The form is to due the church office by **Tuesday, April 15**, for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

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!

St. Elisabeth's Discernment Process

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish mission discernment retreats these past few weeks! If you participated, you should expect a follow-up email from Adam in the next couple of weeks with immediate next steps.

And please **everyone** mark your calendars for an **all-parish meeting on Sunday, May 11th following the 10 am service**. We will process the results of the retreats and will continue our discernment together. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Living in Community

Volunteers Needed for Parish Life and Fundraising Teams

It's time to start planning the St. Elisabeth's social calendar for the year ahead and the vestry would love for more member involvement in planning for such events. If you'd be interested in helping out, please contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

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
 Jamie Kim

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.*