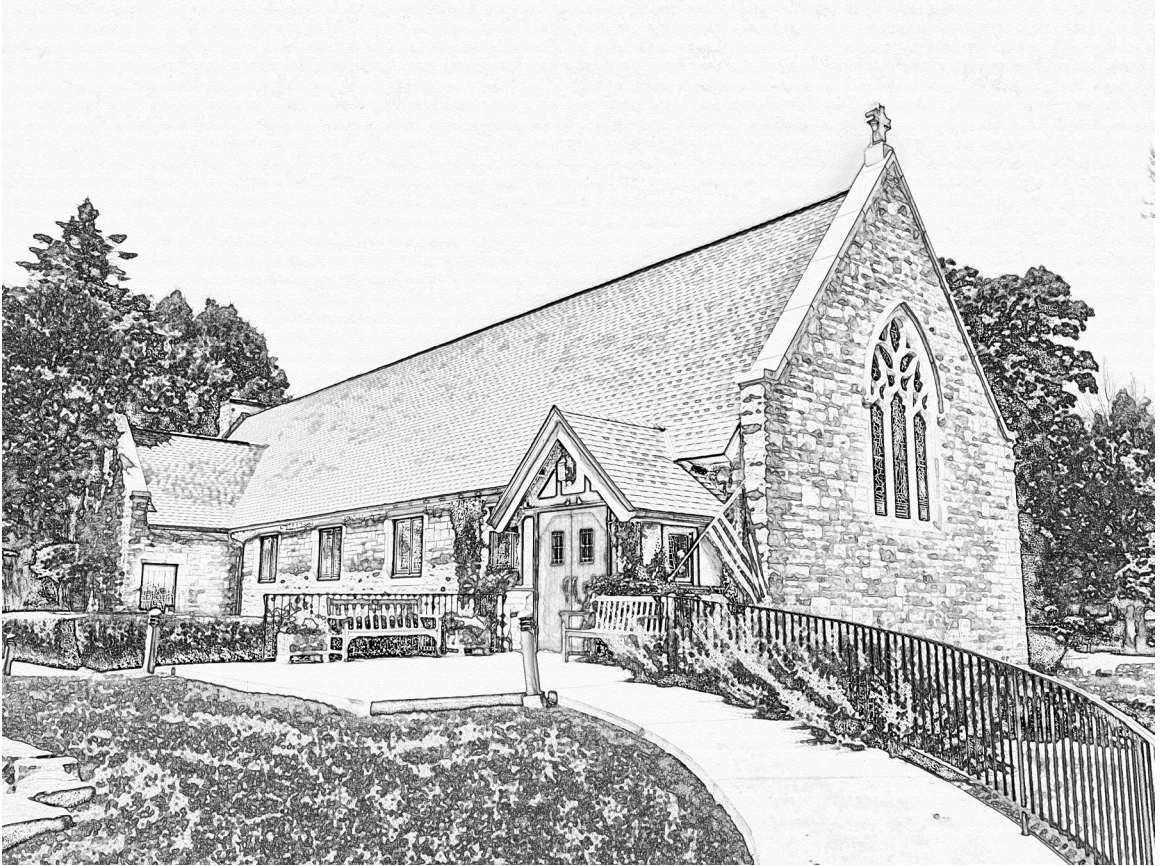

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 5, 2026

10:00 AM

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



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

Welcome to St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

We are glad that you are here this morning, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

Our community gathers each Sunday at 8:00 am for a spoken, traditional language service. Our 10:00 am sung service is led by the St. Elisabeth's Choir and includes contemporary language. Following the 10:00 am service, we enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as the children join their teachers for Sunday School and the adults meet in the Guild Room to discuss the day's lessons, sermon, or whatever else is on folks' minds. Our Bible Study meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. and our choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for rehearsal. Not quite once a month we gather on Sunday evening at 4:30 p.m. for Sunday Supper and Family Worship.

We are keenly aware of our responsibility to serve others in Christ's name. We partner with the Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen in Evanston to provide meals to those in need, and we partner with St. Augustine's, Wilmette, to offer Family Promise, a program helping homeless families with children, in our community. We also provide food for the New Trier Township Food Pantry and collect newspapers and other supplies for the Orphans of the Storm.

Our parish clergy are always available for spiritual conversation or pastoral support.

In the Church Year: Easter

Easter, the oldest celebration of the Christian year, is not a single day but an entire season: Easter lasts fifty days, from Easter Day (the Sunday of the Resurrection) through the Day of Pentecost. The season also includes the feast of the Ascension, when the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven and was seen on earth no longer. Throughout the year every Sunday — even during Lent — is considered a little Easter, a mini feast of the resurrection on what Christians have called the first day of the week. The primary theme of Easter is the resurrection: on this day Jesus was raised from the dead, overcoming the power of death and the grave. We celebrate that we, too, are raised to everlasting life with him in our baptism.

At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit in the church today. It is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the Body of Christ, the church; it is the Holy Spirit who provides the gifts and guidance needed to sustain our life.

At every Eucharist we pray that the Holy Spirit will sanctify the bread and wine of communion to be “the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.” We also pray that the Spirit will “sanctify us also” so that we may receive the Eucharist with faith and serve God “in unity, constancy, and peace.” It is the Holy Spirit who makes God present and alive in our hearts. — *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Entering In

The following thought and image are intended to reflect something in today's service. The Practice is intended to offer one practical way of living these reflections.

“The Resurrection recapitulates the whole evolutionary emergent creation as a forward movement to become something new, a new heaven and a new earth. What took place in Christ is intended for the whole cosmos, union and transformation in the divine embrace of love!” – *Ilia Delio, OSF*

Practice: How do we allow those seeds of hope and resurrection deep within us to burst out into new life? One way is to open our eyes and see the signs of resurrection all around us.
– *Br. Geoffry Tristram, SSJE*



Jesus Appears to the Holy Women – James Tissot (1836-1902)

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Introit

“Alleluia”

by Andrew Miller, Sung by St. Elisabeth’s Choir

Alleluia!

Lift your voice to the Lord, give your thanks,

Give, O give your praise.

All glory and honor are yours forevermore!

Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymnal 1982 #207, Text: Latin, 14th Century, Music: *Easter Hymn*

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Let us pray.

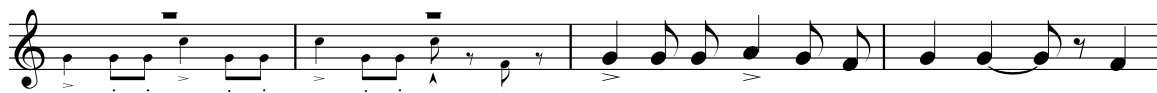
Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts as we celebrate our redemption, that we may see your way to our eternal home, where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.

Enriching Our Worship

Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

“Glory to God in the Highest”



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



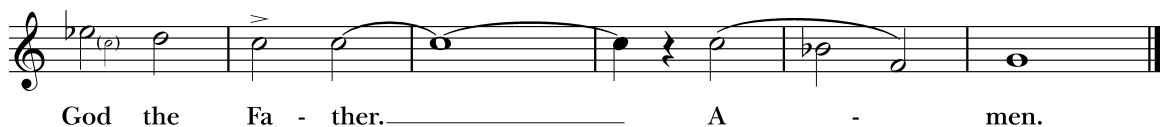
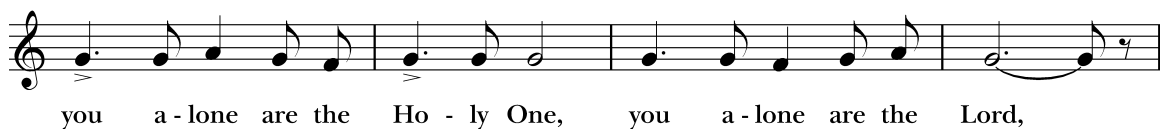
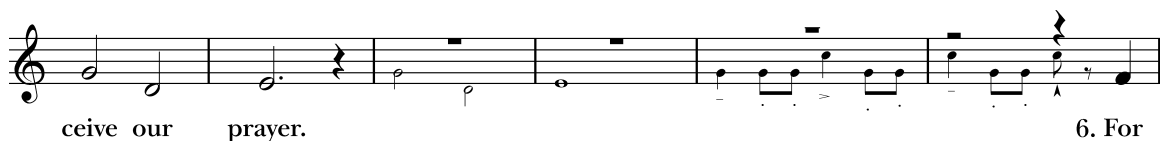
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



The Hymnal 1982 #S278, Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.”

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Choral Response – Gloria Partii

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

The Hymnal 1982 #200, Text: John of Damascus (8th Century), Music: *Gaudeamus pariter*

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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 for the Creed and the Prayers.

The Baptismal Covenant

The Book of Common Prayer

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Assembly Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Asperges Blessing

Presider God our Father your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The presider and the people are sprinkled.

Presider May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Intercessor O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

Assembly **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

Assembly **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

Assembly **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

Assembly **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

Assembly **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Assembly **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially James Kim.

Assembly **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

Assembly **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Intercessor Today we pray especially for:

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Anne Tuohy

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple
Chuck Southwick & family, friend of Susan & Larry Whipple
Heather Reimer, cousin of Kara Superfine
Vicki Whipple, aunt of Kara Superfine
Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich
James, grandson of Deborah
Lexi Valasek, mother of Montessori student
Christine Carlson, mother of Montessori student

Are there others?

Intercessor God in your mercy,
Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. In Christ's Holy name, and in the power of the Spirit, we pray. *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

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 Instructions for Communion

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 Anthem

“See What a Morning”

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, Sung by the St. Elisabeth’s Choir

*See, what morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”*

*See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love,
born in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!*

*See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?”
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it’s the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!*

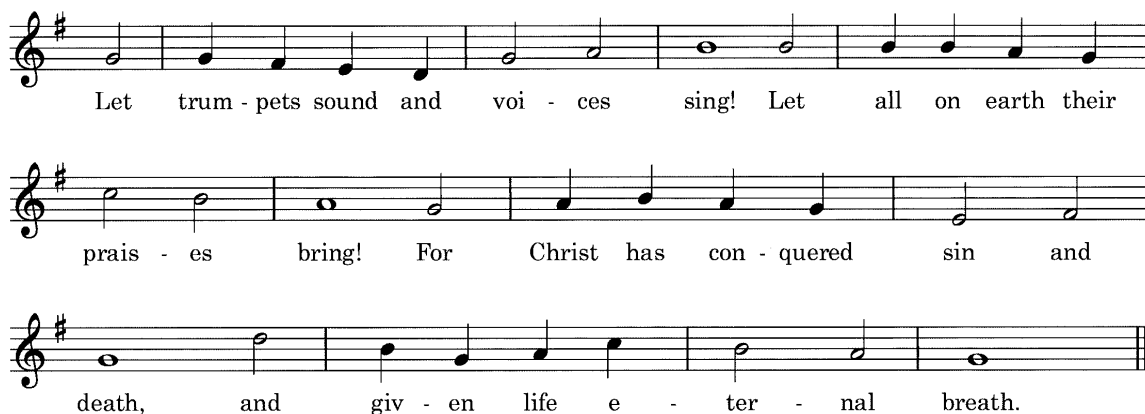
*The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit Who clothes faith with certainty.
honor and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with pow’r and authority!*

*And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!*

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

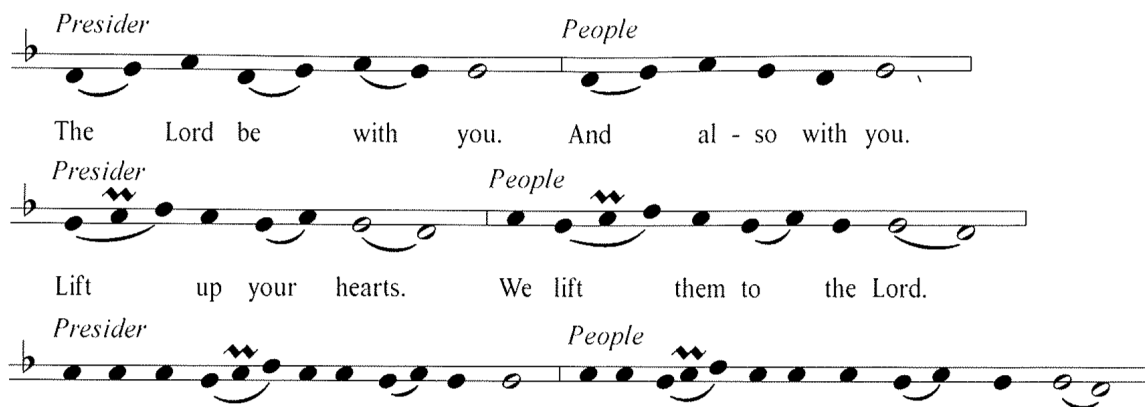


Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their
 praise bring! For Christ has conquered sin and
 death, and given life eternal breath.

Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer D, Expansive Language



Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

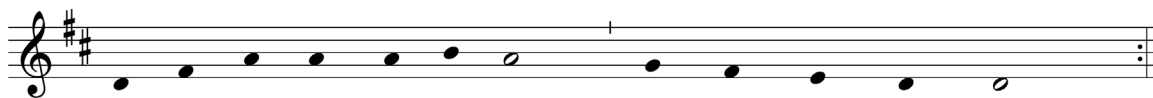
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

Corpus Christi Mass, Richard Proulx

Presider

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Music: *Ambrosian Chant* adapt. Richard Proulx

Presider

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Elisabeth and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Assembly

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God, Sav - ior of the world, have
 Je - sus, Lamb of God, Shep - herd of our souls, have



mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, gen - tle Prince of peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Corpus Christi Mass, Richard Proulx

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

The 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. Please stand or kneel at the altar rail as the choir does. Assist the minister to guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free host available upon request.

Communion Music

“Easter (Rise, Heart)”

from *Five Mystical Songs* by R. Vaughan-Williams, Sung by Walter Aldrich

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen,

Sing his praise without delays.

Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise:

That, as his death calcined thee to dust,

His life may make thee gold, and much more.

Awake, my lute,

and struggle for thy part With all thy art.

The cross taught all wood to resound his name

Who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings,

What key is best to celebrate this most high day.

Communion Hymn

“Now the green blade riseth”



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

The Hymnal 1982 #204, Text: John Macleod Crum, Tune: *Noel nouvelet*

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Assembly **Amen.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

Assembly **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

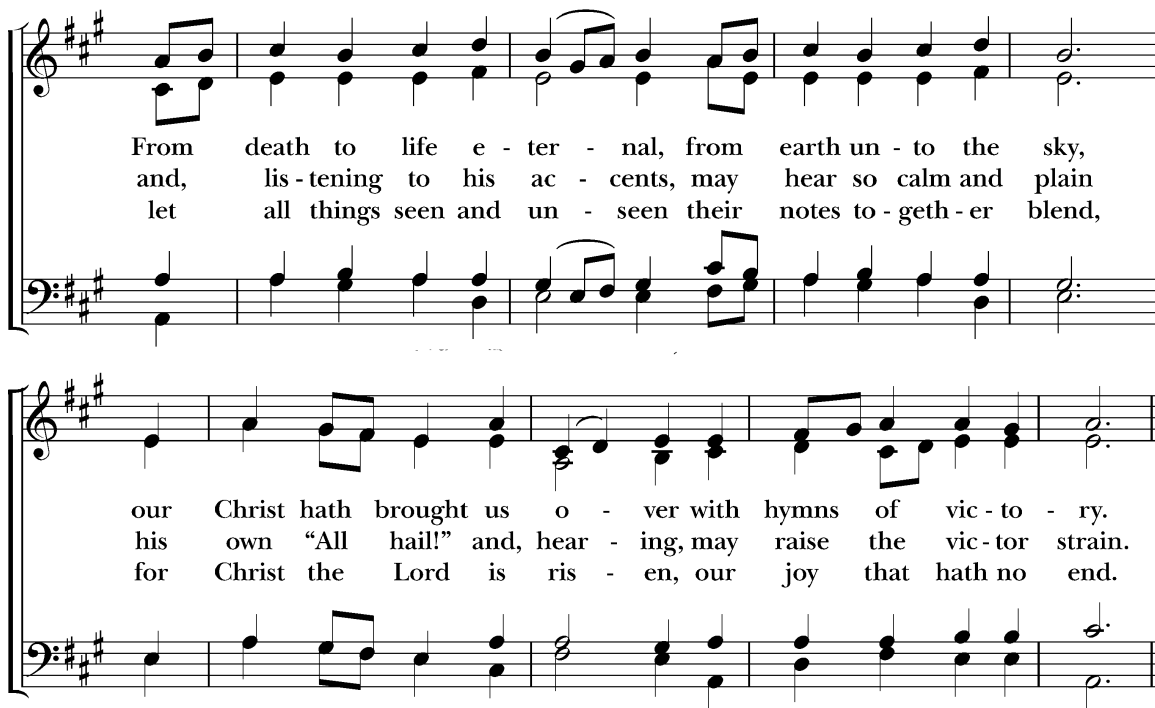
Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection”

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

The Hymnal 1982 #210, Text: John of Damascus (8th Century), Tune: *Ellacombe*

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

*All are invited to join us for Coffee Hour in the Dining Room and Guild Room.
 Children of all ages are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn.*

Easter Flowers & Music

Samuel C. Badger

In memory of Anne Redmon Badger

Jim & Polly Baur

In memory of Sarah Cline

The Briggs Family

In memory of Eleanor & Bill Briggs

Jean Britt

In memory of the Rev. Polly Kasey

Chuck Chadd

*In memory of Susan Roberts Chadd, Marjorie Roberts Suber, Martha Ellis Gregory,
Edmund Hunt Roberts*

Andrew & Lauren Edelston

In memory of Nancy Miller

Jamie & Barb Ferry

In thanksgiving for Ailbhe & Grainne Ferry

Genevieve Conkey & Robert Fischer

In memory of Liz Baker, Carol Johnston, Harry Conkey, Betty & E. Karl Fischer

Hall & Anne Healy

Carol Heitman

In memory of Alicesnow & Norman Rickards

Libby Hinds

In thanksgiving for my family

Rev Phil Kasey

In Memory of the Rev. Polly McWilliams Kasey

The Kutko Family

The Mygatt Family

In memory of Nancy Miller

Joyce Newcomb

*In memory of Michael Newcomb, Charlie Newcomb, Sarah Newcomb,
and Alicesnow & Norman Rickards*

Jim O'Neil

In memory of Jim & Sally O'Neil

Sara Pfaff

Pete & Kay Rossiter

In thanksgiving for our family

Margaret Samuelsen

In memory of Karen J Samuelsen

Robert Seccomb

In memory of Richard Seccombe

Beverly Snell

John & Anne Tuohy

In memory of Susan Chadd & the Rev. Polly Kasey, and in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren

The Wittleders

In memory of Ken & Nancy Wittleder

Vera Zhurakhovska

In memory of my parents, Olga & Ivan, and V. Trishyn

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday Supper & Family Worship

The March family worship-potluck will be held on **Sunday, April 19**. The event begins at 4:30, and we will open the church doors at 4:00. We always have plenty of good food, and good people to share it.

Save the Date for the Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

Our Scout troop will sponsor on Spaghetti on **Sunday, May 3**. More information about times and ticket sales will be available later in the month.

Save the Date for the Bishop's Visitation at St. Elisabeth's and the Annual Parish Picnic

On **Sunday, June 7**, our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, will visit St. Elisabeth. Her visit will be followed by our annual Parish Picnic. Hope to see you there!

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. Questions: s, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service.

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.** The group will be off this week and will resume on **Thursday, April 16**, when they will begin looking at writing from the early church. Questions: 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 and Pastoral Visitation

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

Assisting Today

<i>Reading</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Prayers</i>	Pete Rossiter
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Lydia Kutko

Spring

by Mary Oliver

And here is the serpent again,
dragging himself out from his nest of
darkness,
his cave under the dark rocks,
his winter-death.
He slides over the pine needles.
He loops around the branches of rising
grass,
looking for the sun.

Well who doesn't want the sun after a
long winter?
I step aside,
he feels the air with his soft tongue,
around the bones of his body he moves
like oil.

downhill he goes
toward the black mirrors of the pond.
Last night it was still so cold
I woke and went out to stand in the yard,
and there was no moon.

So I just stood there inside the jaw of
nothing.
An owl cried in the distance,
I thought of Jesus, how he
crouched in the dark for two nights,
and floated back above the horizon.

The Black Swallowtail

by Mary Oliver

The caterpillar,
interesting but not exactly lovely,
humped along among the parsley leaves
eating, always eating. Then
one night it was gone and in its place
a small green confinement hung by two
silk threads
on a parsley stem. I think it took nothing
with it
except faith, and patience. And then one
morning
it expressed itself into the most beautiful
being

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Elizabeth Clemmitt	<i>Associate for Spiritual Wellness</i>

2026 Vestry

Polly Baur	Fred Johnston	Kara Superfine
Robert Fischer, <i>Warden</i>	Jamie Kim	Mark Tilton, <i>Treasurer</i>
Hall Healy	Carrie Miller-Mygatt, <i>Warden</i>	John Tuohy, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:00 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.

