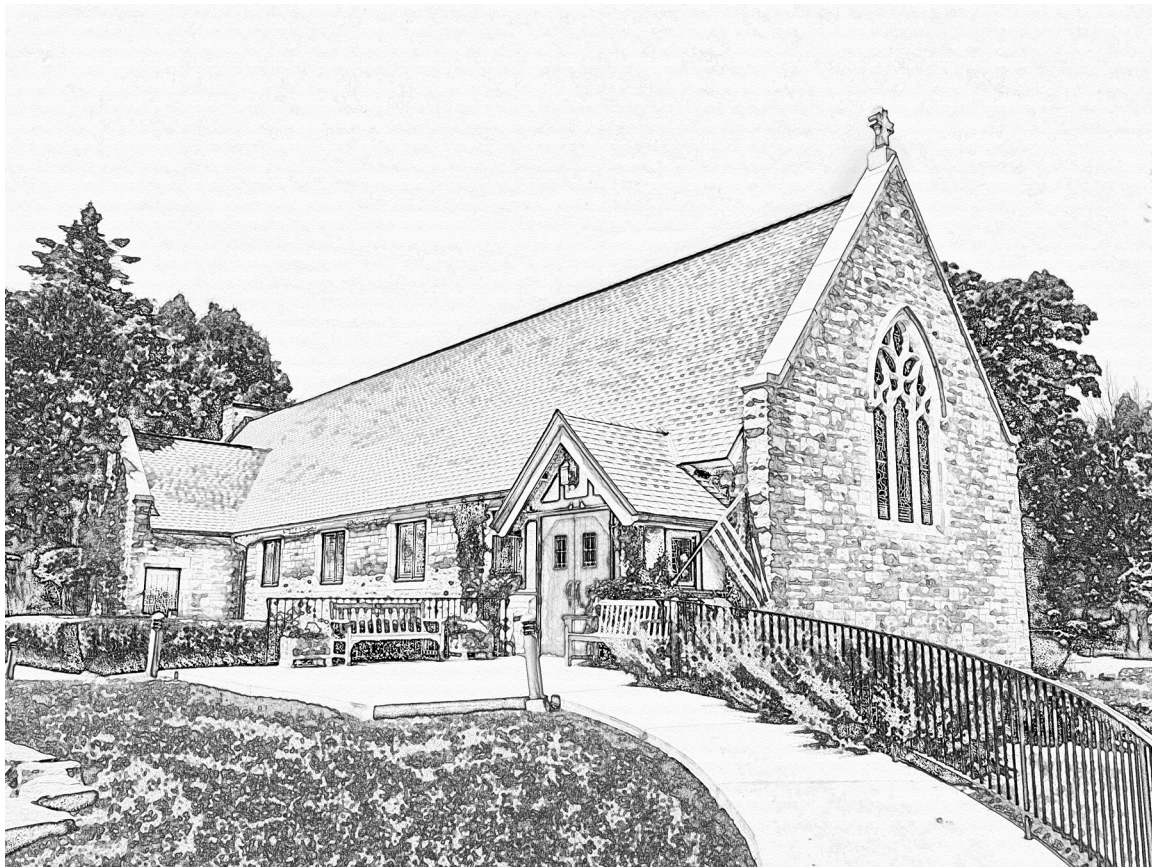

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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.

In the Church Year: 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*

Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship & Forum

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

11:00 a.m. – Parent Discussion Group

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.

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

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



Christ in the Wilderness – Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoi, 1837-1887



The Holy Eucharist – Rite II



The Word of God



Prelude



Please kneel or stand, as able.


The Great Litany


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

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

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

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

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

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

Officiant

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

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

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

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

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

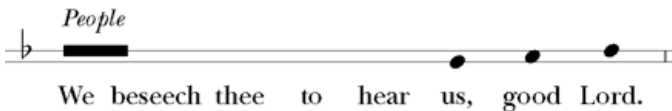
By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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

Good Lord, deliver us.

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



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

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

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

that it may please thee to have mercy upon all.

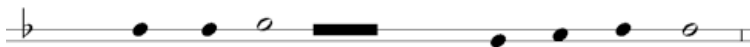
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, especially Carol Johnston, Bob Whipple, and Alex Mendoza, student of Elisabeth Rossiter,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



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

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



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

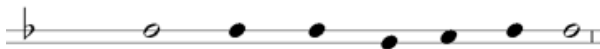
People O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



Officiant O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.



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

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

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

The Hymnal 1982 #S67, Merbecke

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this holy season, that we may not seek to avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, in the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A Reading from the book of Genesis

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

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.

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.

"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."

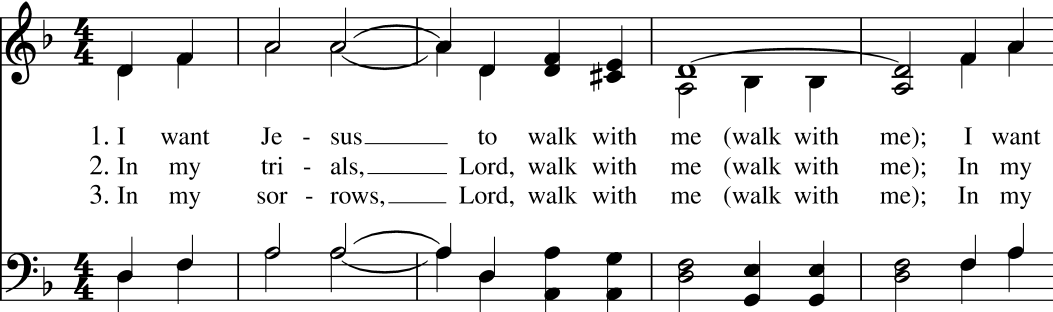
Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

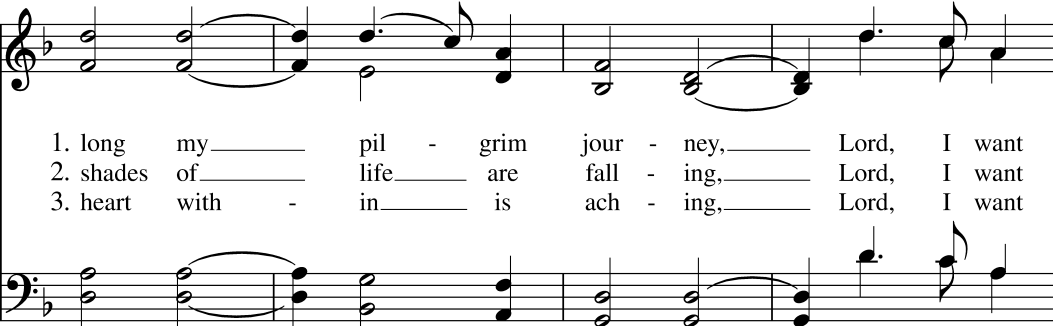
“I want Jesus to walk with me”




1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my



1. Je - sus _____ to walk _____ with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When my



1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want



1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

The Sermon

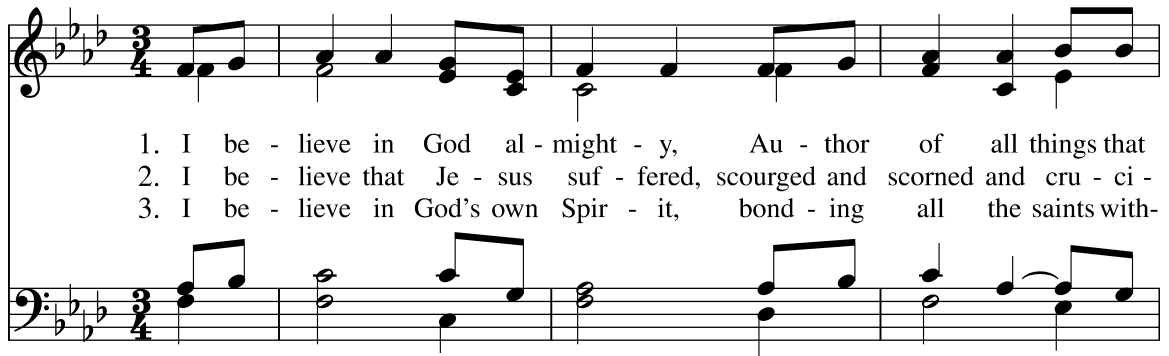
The Rev. Adam Spencer

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

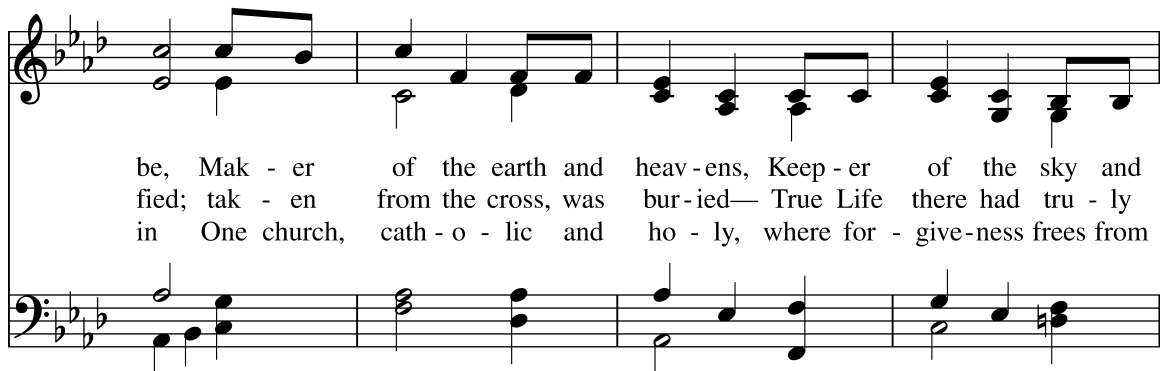
Please stand as you are able for the Creed and the Prayers.

The Creed

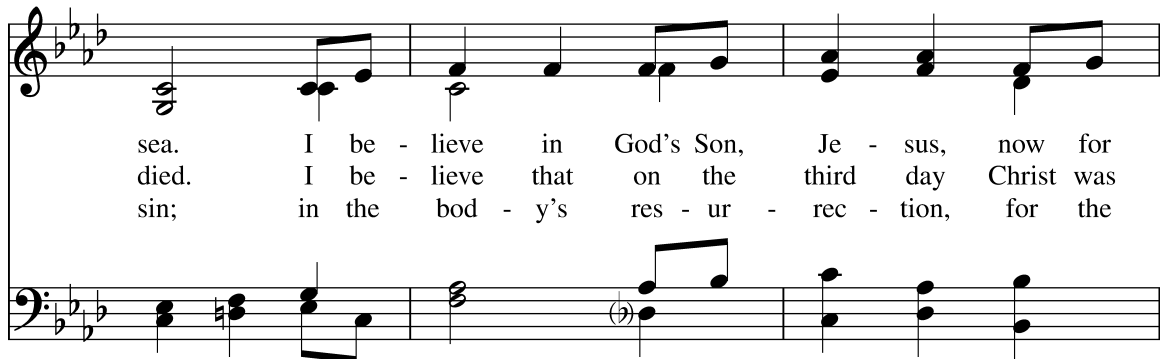
“I believe in God almighty”



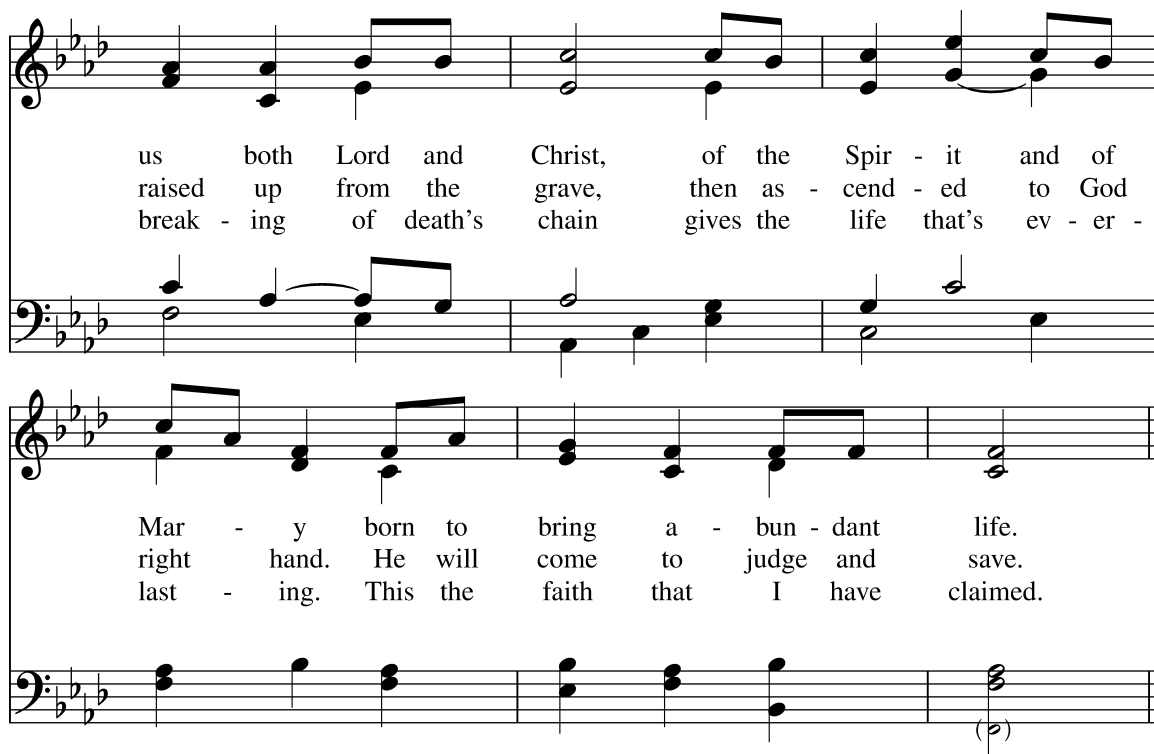
1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-



be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
 died; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from



sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the



us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #768, Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody

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.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

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



Offertory Hymn

“When We Are Tested”



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



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



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

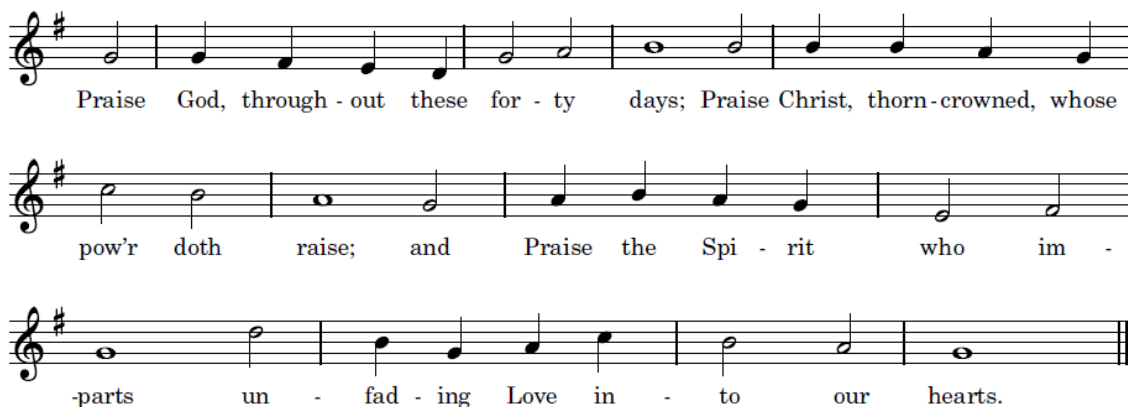


food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

All Creation Sings #922, Text: Ruth Duck (b 1947), Music: *Irish Traditional*

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology



Text: G.W. Dub Shepherd, Adapted by Adam Spencer and Walter Aldrich Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

Joining the Angels' Song

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

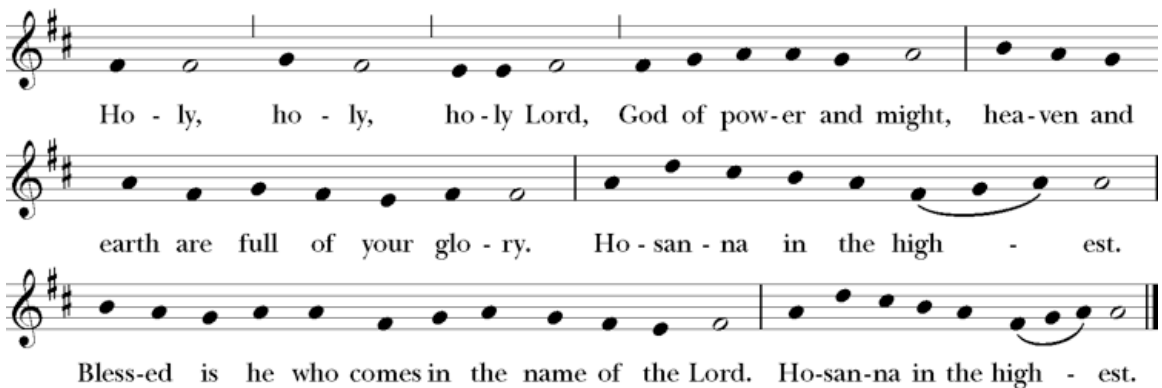
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider God of grace, you lift our hearts because though we had squandered your abundant gifts, you waited for us to turn back to you; and though we hardened our hearts to your mercy, you came to find us and draw us home to your banquet.

In Christ you made the journey into the far country of our exile from you, and in his death and resurrection you justify and sanctify us to stand in your presence and be reunited with your grace.

And so we give you thanks, gathering around the table of your kingdom with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.



The Hymnal 1982 #S-124, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Presider

God of blessing you are the host of our joy, but in Christ you have made every preparation for this feast, even giving your own body that we might never be hungry again.

Send down your Holy Spirit, that we may once again belong in your house as your sons and daughters, and that these signs of sustaining bread and renewing wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, '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.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Assembly

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider

Gathering God, when we languish in a humiliation of our own making, may this broken body heal, restore and renew our bodies. When we lurk in the shadows in a resentment of our own devising, may this shed blood soften and cleanse and refresh our hearts.

Strengthen our hands, that we may seek a world where there is no hunger except hunger for you. Empower our spirits, that we may strive for a world where there is no thirst except thirst for your righteousness.

Hasten the day when this body shows us your desire for our well-being, and this blood reveals how far you go to save us from ourselves and restore us in the image of your Son, through whom and with whom and in whom, all honour and glory are yours, now and for 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.

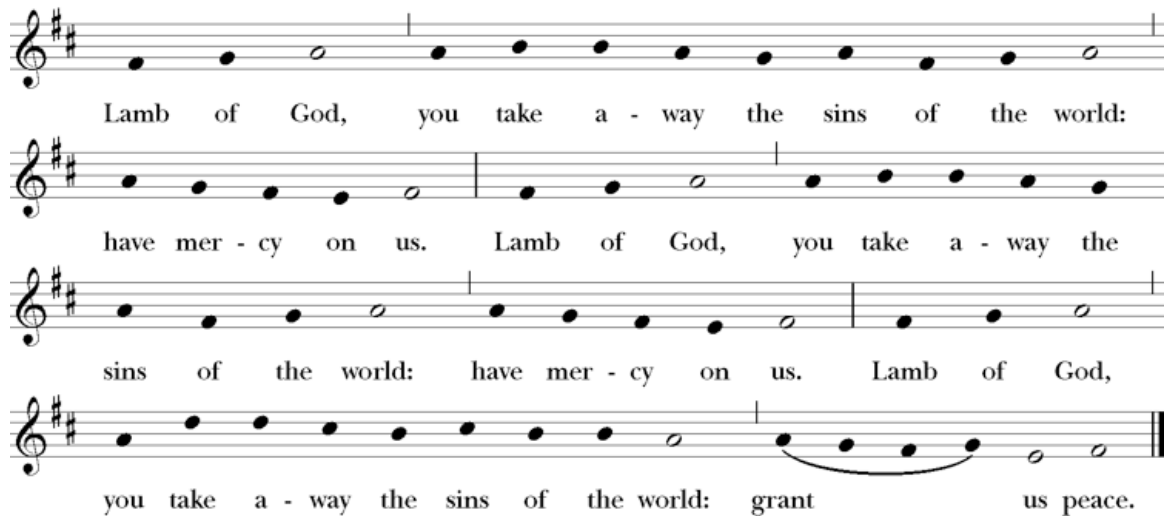
**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.**

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

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



The Hymnal 1982 #S161, *New Plain-song*, David Hurd

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.

Instructions for the Sacrament of Healing

*After receiving Communion, those who wish to receive this sacrament may go to the baptismal font at the rear of the church where a priest will offer prayer and anoint one's forehead with Holy Oil.
All are welcome.*

Communion Anthem

“Wilt thou forgive”

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun,
 which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,
 and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
 for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won
 others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
 a year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
 for I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
 my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
 shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that, thou hast done,
 I fear no more.

Text: John Donne (1573-1631), Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Common Worship, Times and Seasons

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life. Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Blair Cline – February 22

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

The Blessing

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

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Forty days and forty nights”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next five lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left of each line of text.

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

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

The Hymnal 1982 #150, Text: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870),
 Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, Martin Herbst (1654-1681)

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday Forum:

Each Sunday, we gather after coffee for a discussion on the lessons, music, and sermon from the morning service; with frequent special presentations.

Children's Sunday School

Children of all ages are invited to meet in the classroom on the 2nd floor following the 10 a.m. service to learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation, Abigail Pribble.

New Discussion Group for Parents

St. Elisabeth's is starting a discussion group to support the parents of young daughters and sons. The gatherings will enable the parents of young people to talk with each other and with older parents. The first group session is set for **today** after worship. It will take place in the meeting room upstairs. Please join us. If you have questions about the upcoming event, please contact Fred at frederickpjohnston@gmail.com.

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Quarterly Giving: The Night Ministry

Last fall, we began a new outreach initiative -- Quarterly Giving. Four times a year, we will be donating our plate offering to an outreach ministry in our area. For the month of February, our donations will go to The Night Ministry in Chicago.

Sunday School Food Drive

The Sunday School students are beginning their food drive project. This is an opportunity for our youth to make decisions that positively impact their community. All items received will go to the New Trier food pantry. Carter and Amelia Superfine have decided that the donation for March will be canned beans and tomato soup. All items will go to New Trier Food Pantry. Please check the backs of your pantries and consider donating!

Lenten Youth Retreat: A (Not So) Quiet Day

Saturday, February 28, 10 am–4 pm, Church of the Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills

What do K-Pop Demon Hunters, repair, and Lent have to do with each other? **Join youth in grades 8-12** from around the diocese for a day of reflection, fun, and plotting to make the world a more just and loving place.

Spring Leadership Summit:

Ready to Grow? Practical Planning for Congregational Renewal

Saturday, March 14, 10 am-3:15 pm, St. Paul's in DeKalb

What keeps a church from growing? In this daylong workshop, we'll focus on the details of hospitality and evangelism that our guest facilitator, rector and author the Rev. Dr. Chris Corbin, calls organizational "hygiene."

Join peers from around the diocese learning to address the gaps that can quietly generate frustration, confusion, and missed connections—especially with first-time visitors who might never find their way back. All lay leaders and clergy are invited. Congregational teams of two or more will benefit most. \$10/person is requested to help offset lunch costs.

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir - no experience, background, or skill is required. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. Hope to see you there!

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. on the second floor.** We are studying the Letter to the Romans 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 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

Assisting Today

<i>Reading</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Prayers</i>	Linda Illes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kara Superfine
	Barb Ferry
<i>Usher</i>	Larry Whipple
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Mark Tilton

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The Rev. Adam Spencer	<i>Rector</i>
The Rev. Larry Handwerk	<i>Priest Associate</i>
Walter Aldrich	<i>Director of Music</i>
Caryl Medsker	<i>Director of Administration</i>
Abigail Pribble	<i>Director of Children's Formation</i>
Elizabeth Clemmitt	<i>Associate for Spiritual Wellness</i>

2025 Vestry

Robert Fischer, *Warden*
Fred Johnston
Jamie Kim

Carrie Miller-Mygatt
Warden

Kara Superfine
Mark Tilton, *Treasurer*
John Tuohy, *Asst. Treasurer*

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.*