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# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

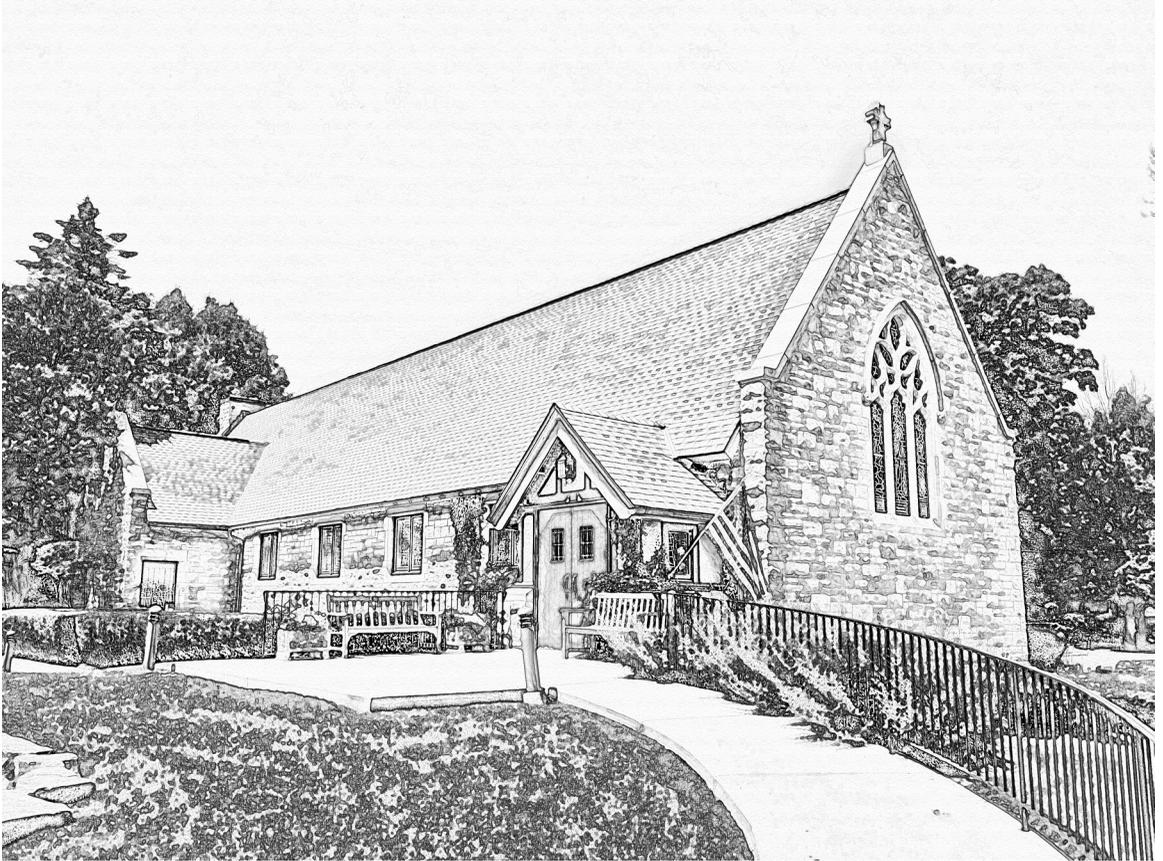
*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 15, 2026

10:00 AM

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



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

## 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

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper & Family Worship

## 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 word sin has many unhelpful connotations. Jesus seems to primarily see [sin] as a blindness that traps us in self-destructive behaviors and hard-heartedness. Thus he is always healing blind people and challenging people who see themselves as superior to others. --  
*Richard Rohr*

Practice: Search out the hard-heartedness and self-destructive behaviors in your life. Allow the Holy One to heal them.



*Christ as Sol Invictus – 3<sup>rd</sup> Century, St. Peter's Basilica*

# The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

## The Word of God

### Prelude

### A Penitential Order

*Presider* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

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

*Presider* Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” *Matthew 22:37-40*

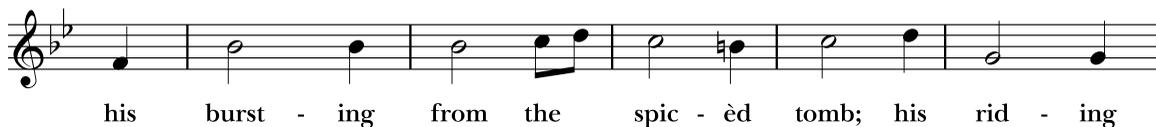
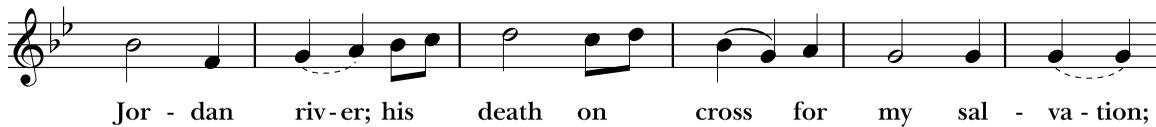
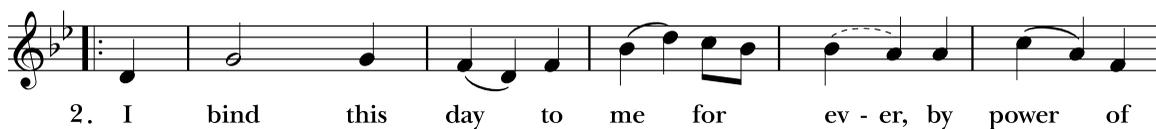
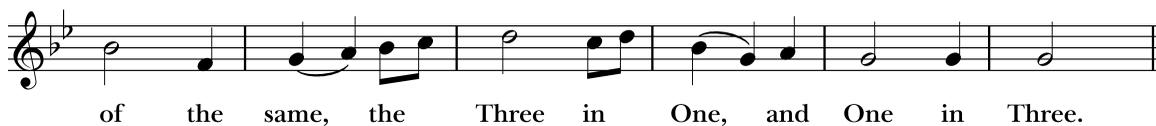
*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Assembly***Amen.****Opening Hymn****“I bind unto myself today”**

up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.

\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal  
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of  
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Hymnal 1982 #370, Text: St. Patrick (372-466), Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish Melody,  
Charles Villiers Stanford

## The Collect

*Presider* God be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Discerner of Hearts, you look beneath our outward appearance and see your image in each of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth, so we may see the world through your eyes and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us, and in whose holy Name we pray.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## The Lessons

### The Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

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

*Remain seated for the psalm.*

## The Psalm

## Psalm 23

*Chanted by the St. Elisabeth's Choir*

*Antiphon*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall free no evil; for you are with me.

*Psalm*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*Antiphon*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall free no evil; for you are with me.

*Choral Response – Gloria Parti*

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

"Be thou my vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Hymnal 1982 #488, Irish Prayer, ca 700; Music: *Slane*, Irish Ballad Melody

## The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born

blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Gospeler*  
*Assembly*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**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 Prayers of the People

*Written by the Rev. Adam Spencer*

*Intercessor* God be with you,  
*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Shepherd of Souls, you ever provide for the spiritual needs of your Church. Guide those who seek to follow you along right pathways for your Name's sake. Though at times we find ourselves in the valley of the shadow of death, beset by evil and temptation, despair and doubt; we know that you are ever with us - our comfort and our strength. We pray to you today for your church here in the Evanston Deanery, particularly for the people of St. Giles' Church in Northbrook and Court, their Rector. Refresh and bless all your people, Lord, and make us to dwell in your house forever.

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

*Intercessor* Light of the World, you offer us clear sight when we are blinded by sin and selfishness, fear and narrowness of vision. Open our eyes and the eyes of those in authority to see all unfruitful works of darkness for what they are and to rather set our eyes upon the horizon of your dawning hope for all your Creation, all your children. High King of Heaven, we ask you to guard all those civilians in danger in Iran and Lebanon and throughout the Middle East. Ruler of All, direct our leaders, for your mercy's sake, in the paths of truth and grace that they shall endeavor to care for and safeguard the vulnerable in these days of war and violence.

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

*Intercessor*

Heart of our Hearts, you hate nothing you have made, you bind up the broken, you cherish every soul. Embrace all who are sick, all who suffer or struggle, who mourn or weep. We pray to you, in a particular way today for those affected by the storms and tornados last week here in Illinois, and for...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Anne Tuohy

Victor Kim

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?

Supply their need, O Christ, heal them, restore them, strengthen and uphold them.

Bright Heaven's Sun, your presence is the light of the living and the repose of the dead. Shed your unending day upon all who have died, especially Darold Yost, grandfather of Jamie Kim and all of those killed in the Middle East this past week. Are there others?

*Intercessor**Assembly*

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Book of Common Prayer*

*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.*

## 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

“My Shepherd will supply my need”



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways,\_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
 ta - ble spread;\_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
 go and come;\_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger

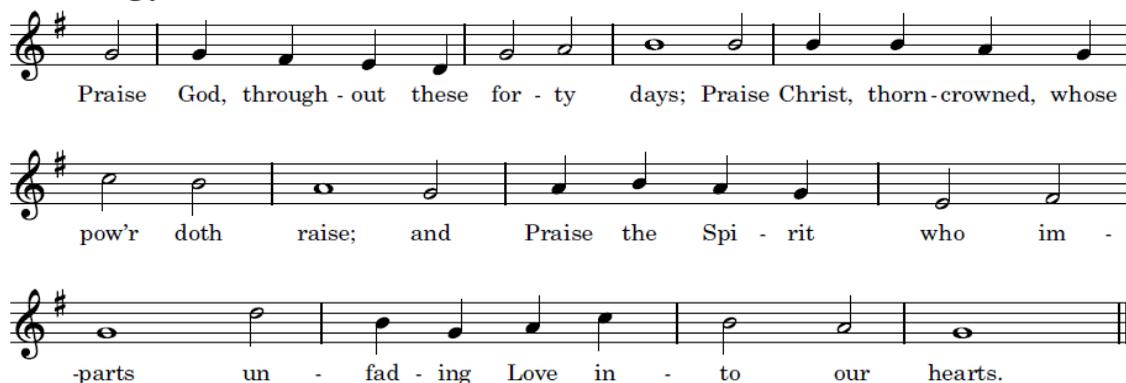


mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
 or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

The Hymnal 1982 #664, Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Music: *Resignation*, American Folk Melody

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Doxology



Praise God, through - out these for - ty days; Praise Christ, thorn - crowned, whose  
 pow'r doth raise; and Praise the Spi - rit who im -  
 parts un - fad - ing Love in - to our hearts.

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.**

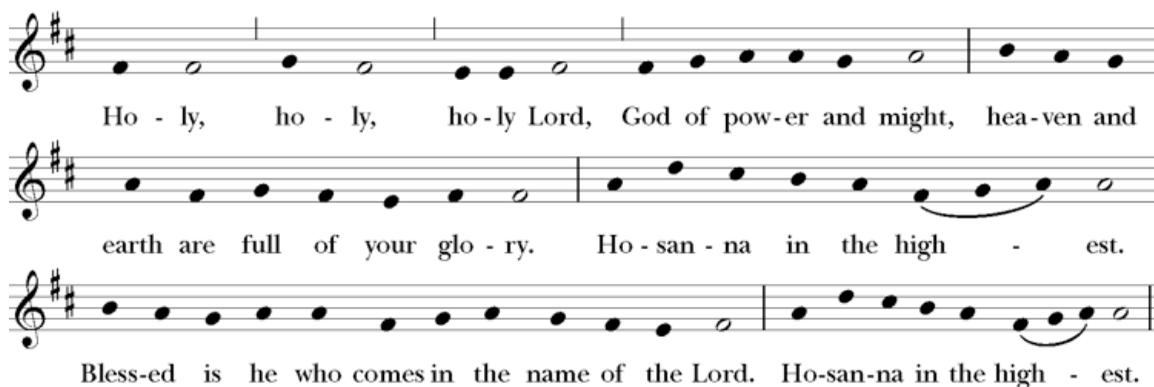
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*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.



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.

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.*

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.

The Hymnal 1982 #S161, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

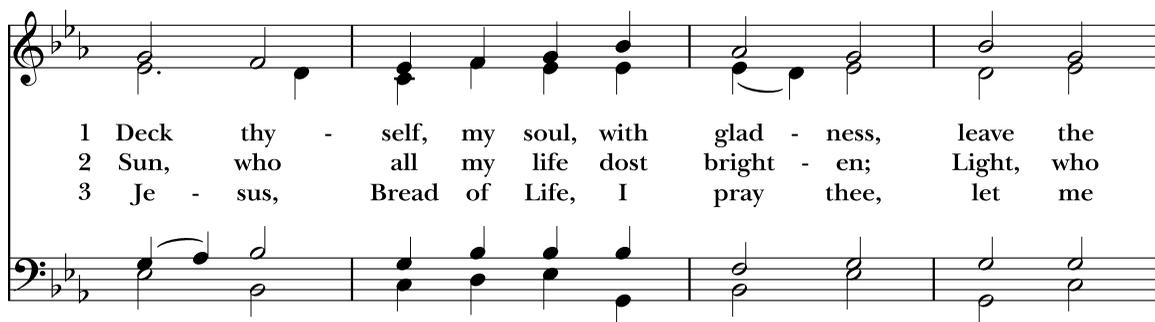
## The Invitation to Communion

*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.*

## Communion Hymn

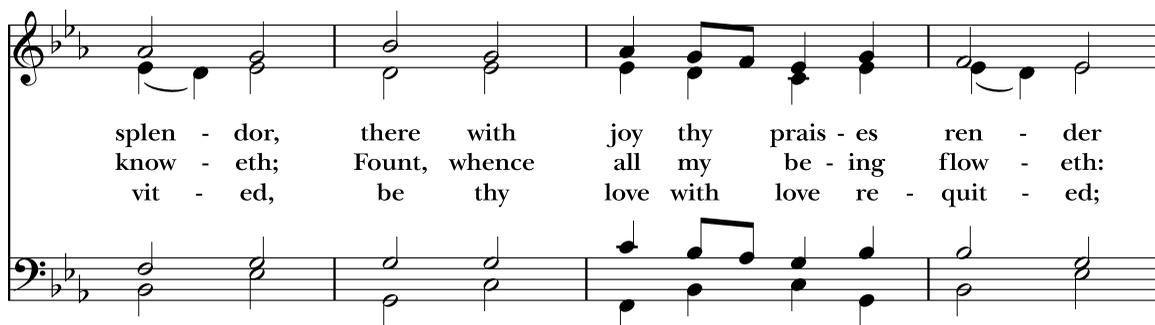
“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”



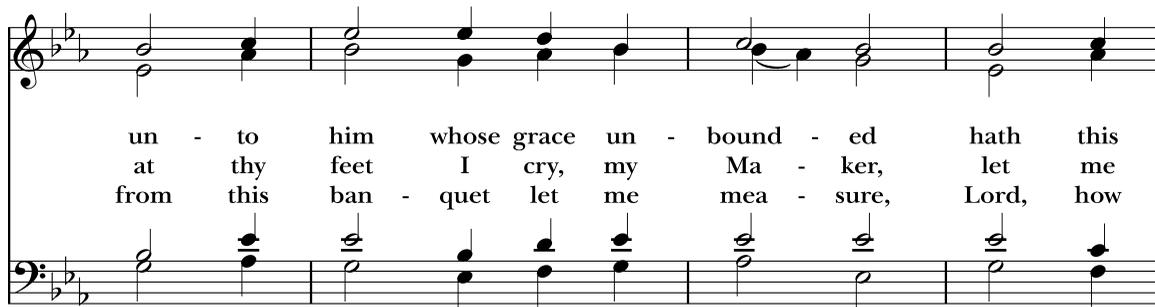
1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.  
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

The Hymnal 1982 #339, Text: Johann Franck (1618-1677), Music: *Schmucke dich*, Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

*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

Kay Rossiter – March 15

Jocelyn Miller – March 16

Lily Generes – March 20

*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

## “Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The Hymnal 1982 #671, Text: John Newton (1725-1807), Music: *New Britain*, from Virginia Harmony

## **Dismissal**

*Presider*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

### 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 Township Food Pantry. Carter and Amelia Superfine have decided that the donation for March will be canned beans and tomato soup.

### Sunday Supper & Family Worship

The March family worship-potluck will happen **today**. 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.

### A Quiet Morning in Lent

On **Saturday, March 21**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, you are invited to attend "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 silent activities and spiritual practices that promote peaceful reflection and spiritual growth. Please register in advance by emailing Elizabeth at [elizabeth.clemmitt@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.clemmitt@gmail.com).

### Sunday Forum: Worship in Lent and Easter

Adam and Walter invite you to join them after the 10 am service on **Sunday, March 22**, for the next in a seasonal forum series on our worship together. They will share a bit about the changes to the liturgy and some of the musical selections in the Lent and Easter seasons and will reflect with you about our common prayer.

### Family Promise at St. Augustine's, Wilmette

Our next opportunity to help with a week of Family Promise coverage will be **Sunday, March 22 through Saturday, March 28**. Scan the QR code to the right or click on the button in the E-News to sign up to help. We need volunteers to provide meals as well as overnight supervision.



### Holy Week Journey with Jesus for children and youth

Come along with us as we walk with Jesus through that very first Holy Week on **Friday, April 3 from 3:00 to 4:15 pm at St. Augustine's** in Wilmette, and co-hosted by St. Augustine's, Christ Church, and St. Elisabeth's. Interactive and experiential, this is a wonderful way to introduce children and youth to the stories of Holy Week.

## Living in Community

### Easter Flowers

Look in the mail or at the back of the church for information about Easter flowers. For inclusion in the Easter bulletin, information must be received by March 31.

### St. Elisabeth's Choir

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

### St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. on the second floor.** We are studying the letter of James. 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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@steglencoe.org).

### Assisting Today

<i>Reading</i>	Anne Tuohy
<i>Prayers</i>	John Tuohy
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lauren Edelston Carrie Miller-Mygatt
<i>Usher</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Bev Snell



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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>

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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.*

