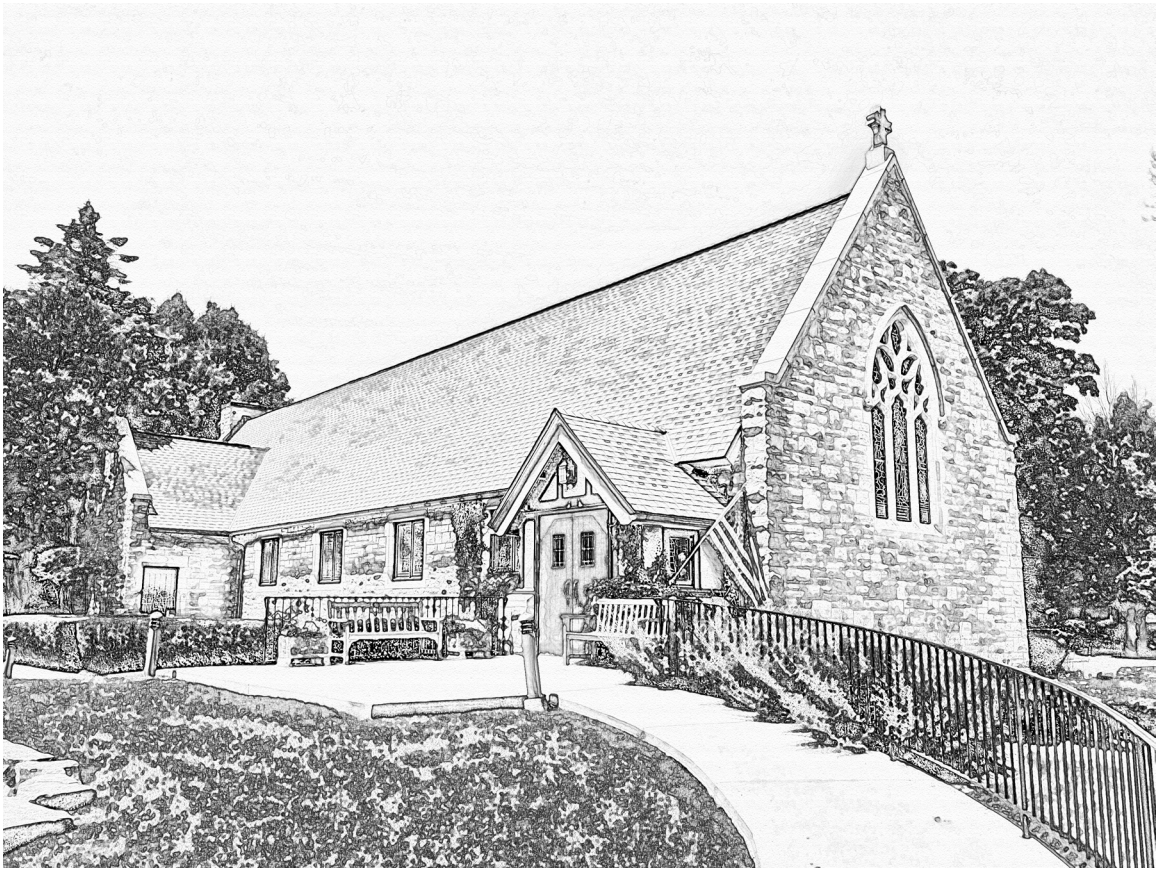
St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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.

Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 am – Spoken Eucharist
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am – Sung Eucharist
11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Sunday Forum, Sunday School

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. **Today,** Adam will continue forum focusing on the book written by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Willaims, *Discovering Christianity: A Guide for the Curious.* We will be reading and discussing Chapter 3, "What is Theology?" Copies of the chapter will be available at the back of the church.

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.

In the Church Year: All Saints to Advent

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

> One family, we dwell in him,
> one Church, above, beneath;
> though now divided by the stream,
> the narrow stream of death. -- Charles Wesley

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

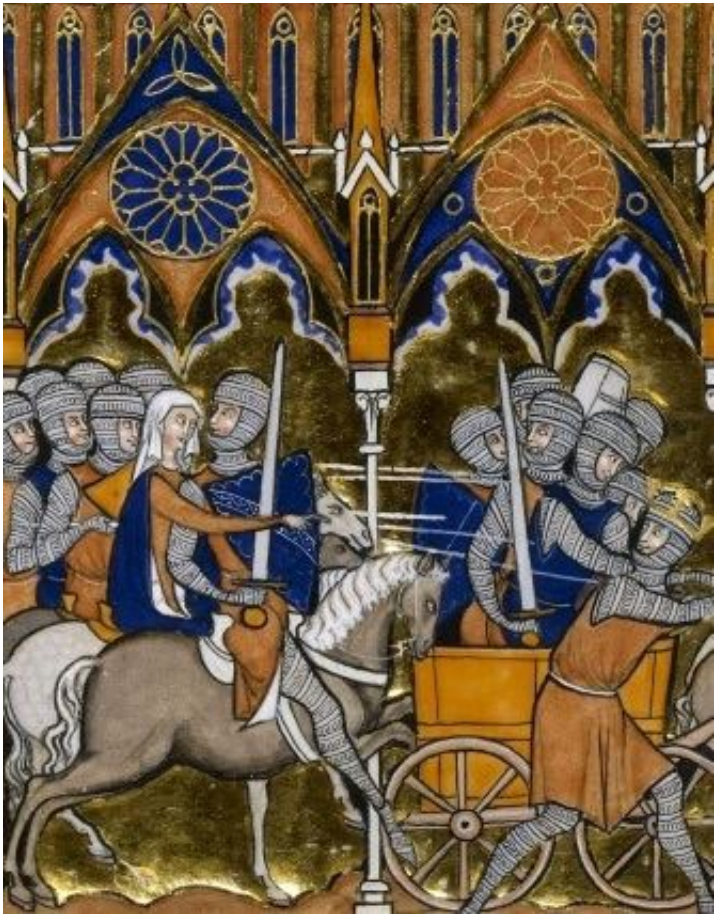
The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

— *Common Worship: Times & 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.

Rational certitude is exactly what the Scriptures do *not* offer us. They offer us something much better and an entirely different way of knowing: an intimate relationship, a dark journey, a path where we must discover for ourselves that grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness are absolutely necessary for survival in an uncertain world. --Richard Rohr
Practice: What are the big uncertainties in your life? Choose one or two this week and explore how an act of grace, love, mercy and forgiveness toward those uncertainties might change your perspective and free you from the need for certitude.



Deborah sends Barak into battle – From the Psalter of St. Louis. 13th century

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II
The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

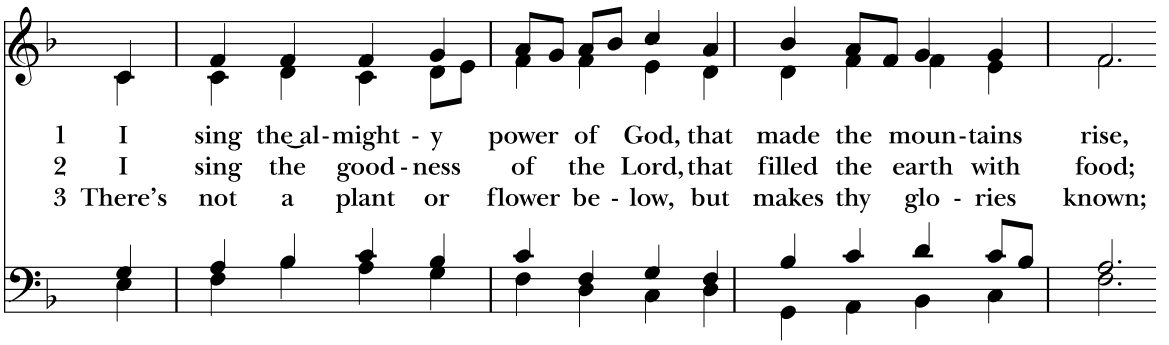
Assembly **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

"I sing the almighty power of God"





The Hymnal 1982 #398, Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Music: *Forest Green*, English Melody

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of the covenant, even when we fall into sin, your Spirit invites us to remember that you chose us to be your servant people. Awaken us to the power and gifts you pour into us for the good of creation, and grant that we may be trustworthy in all things, producing abundantly as we work to build your realm. In Jesus' Name we pray.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Judges 4:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 123

Assembly



A To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
B As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

A So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
B Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
B Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

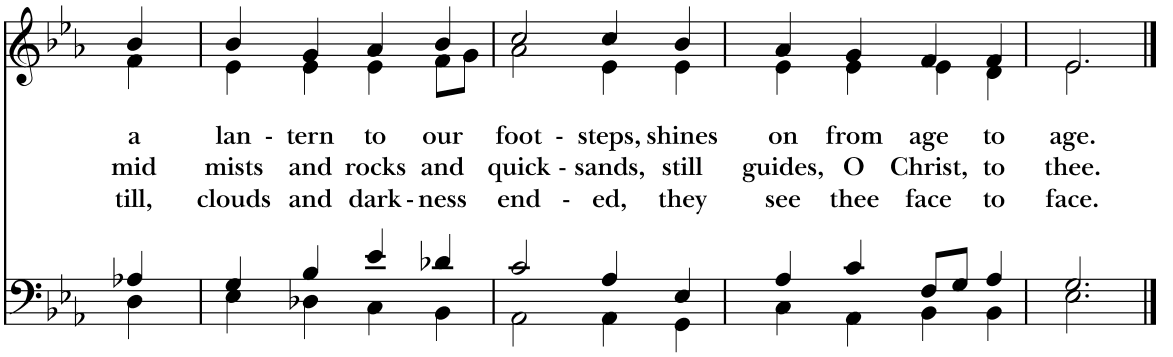
Response – Gloria Patri

A Glory to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
B As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"





The Hymnal 1982 #632, Text: William Walsham how (1823-1897), Music: *Munich*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;

so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

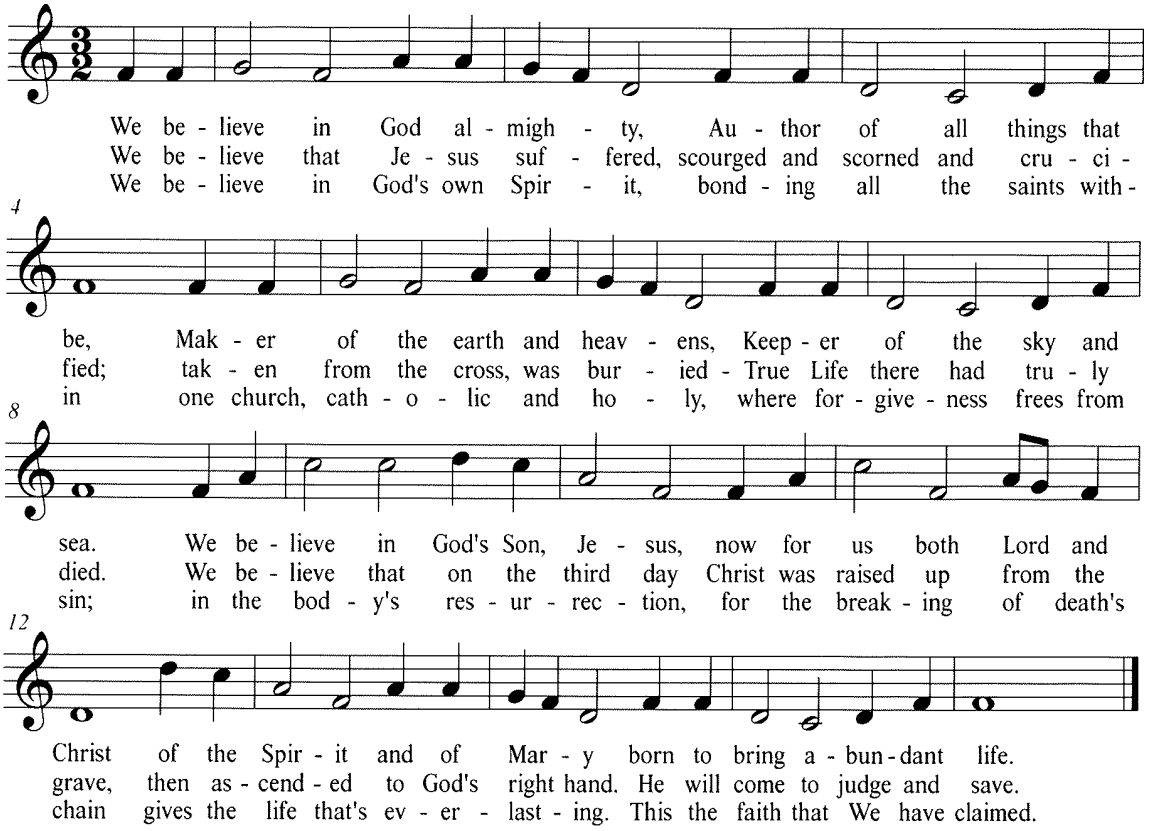
The Sermon

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 of the People.

The Creed



The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form V

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Paula our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald our president and JB our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Sally Graver
Sherry Schellenbach
Isabelle Thomson
Kara Superfine
Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds
Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Leigh, niece of Annette & Fred Johnston
Patricia & Richard, friend of Annette & Fred Johnston
George
we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died, especially Heather Campbell, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Elisabeth and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Assembly **To you, O Lord our God.**

Presider Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. -- *Book of Common Prayer*

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

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 Music

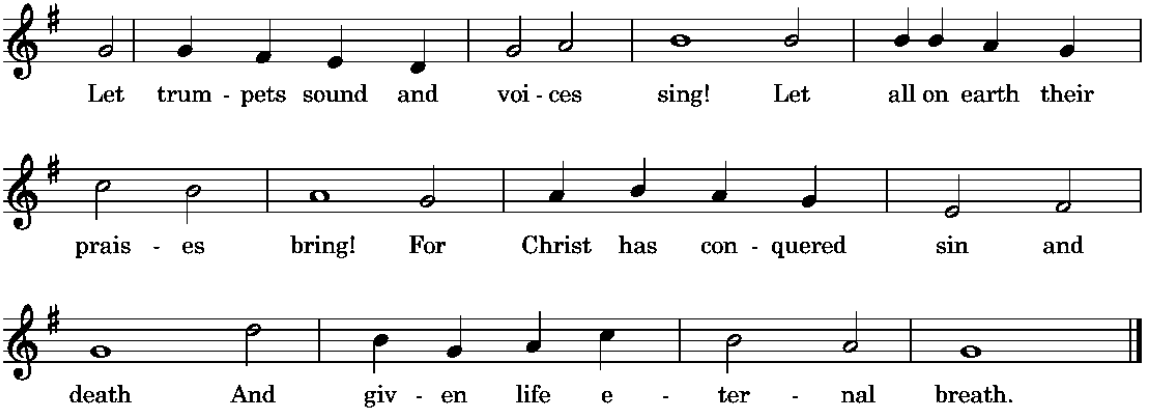
"Sovereign Maker of All Things"



Worship #966, Text: Carl P Daw, Jr (b. 1944), Melody: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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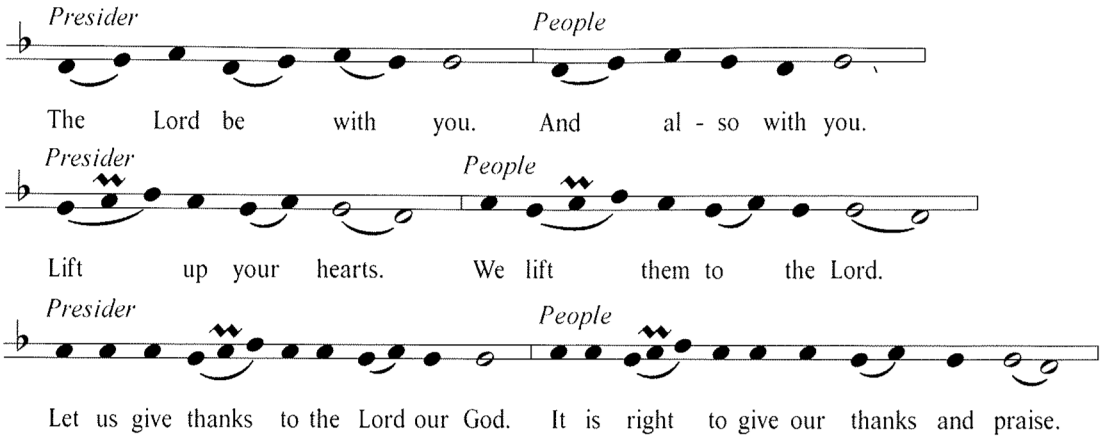
Doxology



Music: *Old 100th*

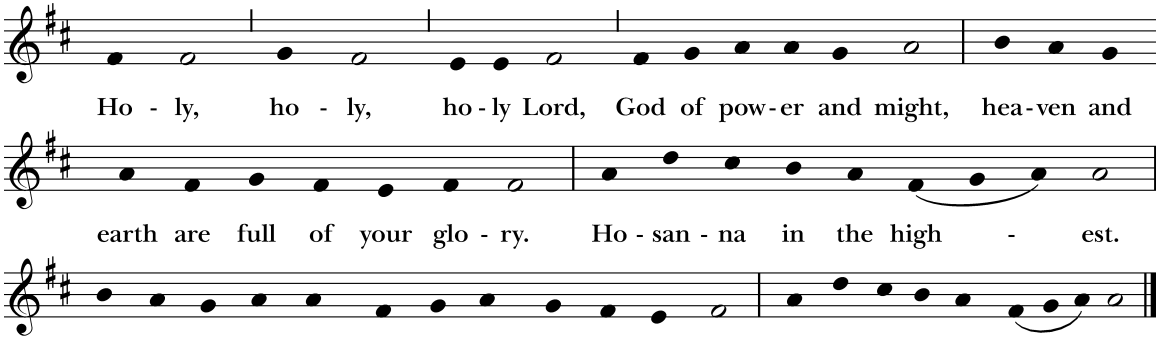
The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3



Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The Hynnal 1982 #S124, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

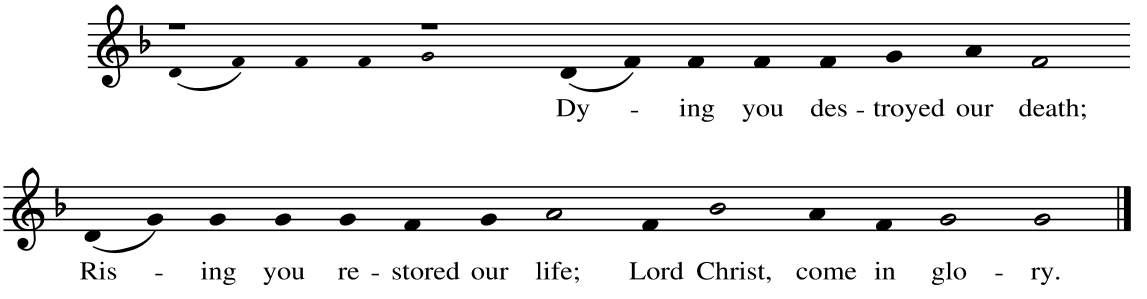
Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



Setting: Jonatha Dimmock

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Elisabeth, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Amen.**

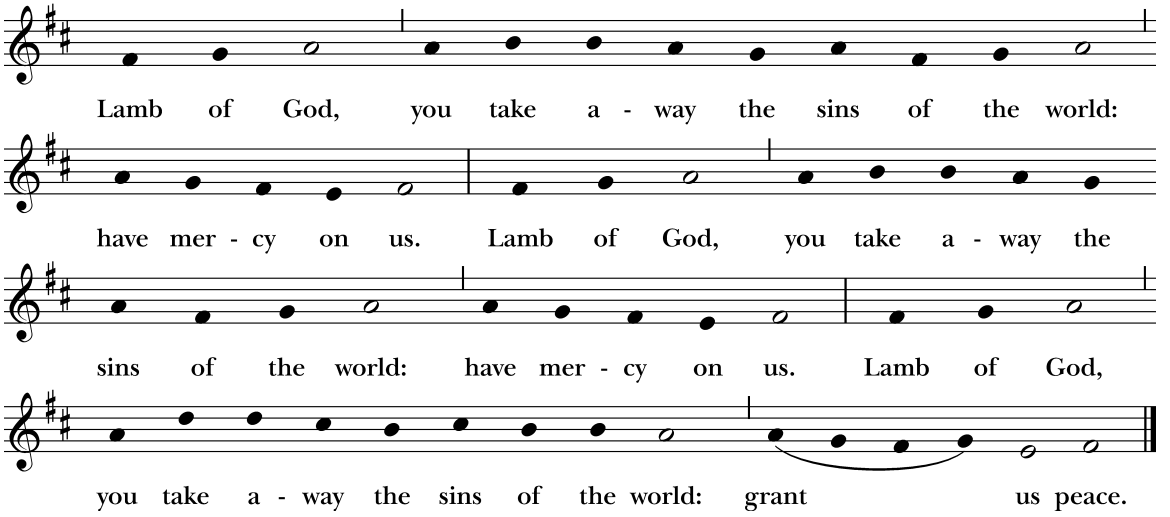
The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,**
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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



The Hynnal 1982 #S161, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Invitation to Communion

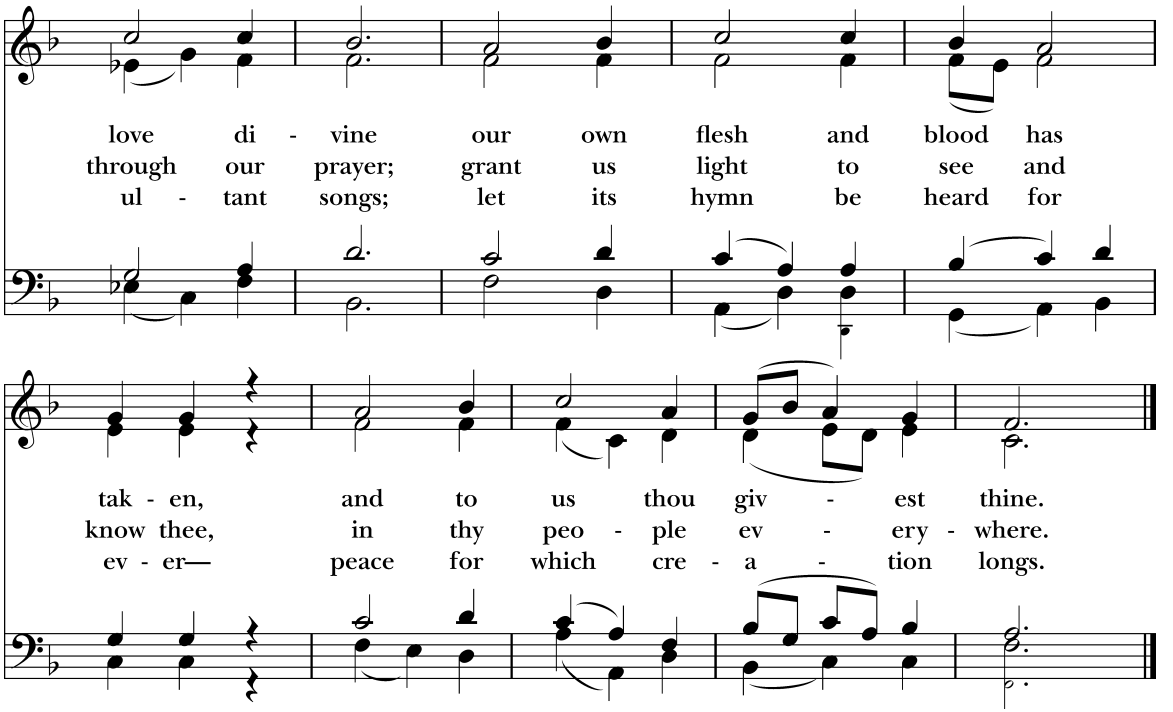
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing. Please stand or kneel at the altar rail.. 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

"Come with us, O blessed Jesus"





The Hymnal 1982 #336, Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr (1820-1891), Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Sebastion Bach (1685-1750)

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Kara Superfine – November 16 Adam Spencer – November 20

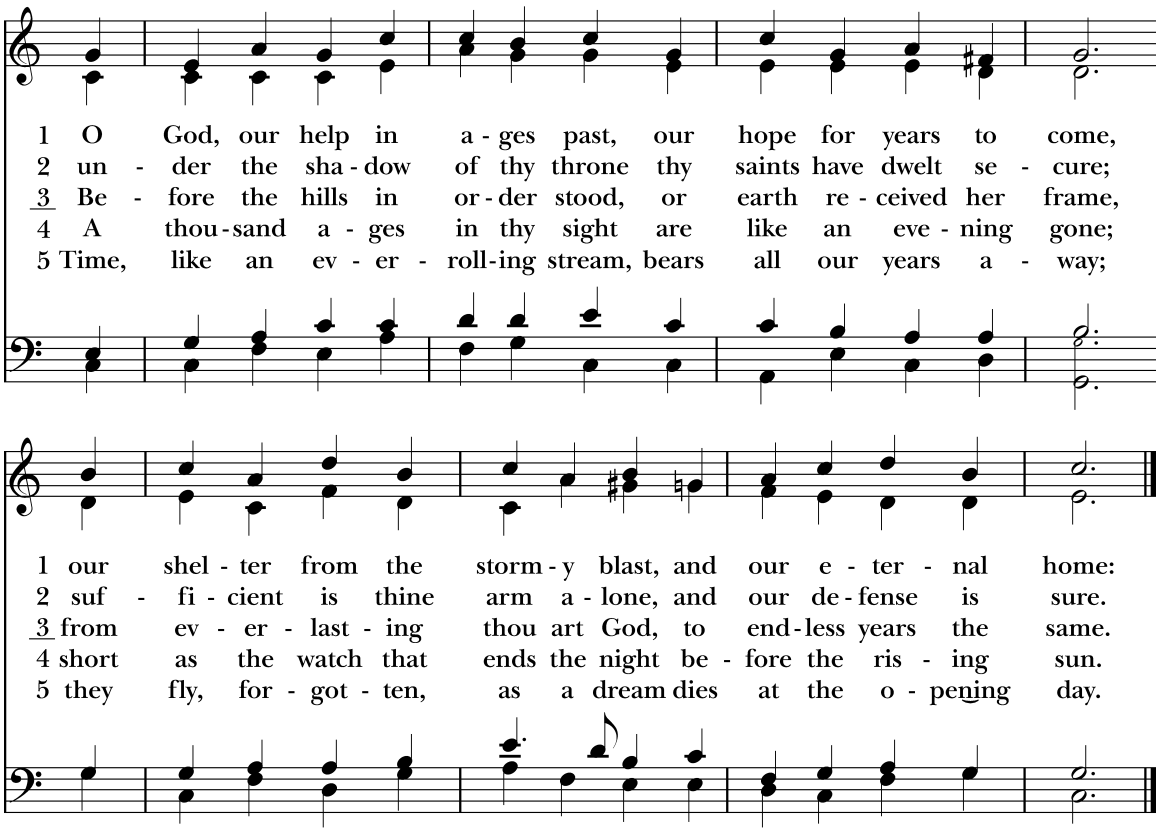
The Blessing

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "O God, our help in ages past"



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

The Hymnal 1982 #680, Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Music: *St Anne*, William Croft (1678-1727)

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Partners in Outreach

Caring for Children

Bundled Blessings is a diaper bank in Evanston, operated by the First United Methodist Church and provides over 47,000 diapers monthly to more than 900 children through 21 partner agencies. Bundled Blessings addresses diaper need—a widespread issue not covered by programs like SNAP or WIC. During the month of November, the monies from the Sunday non-pledge offerings will go to support this program.

Family Promise

Many thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers from St. Augustine and St. Elisabeth who supported our Family Promise families in October. Delicious meals, overnight support, and sincere fellowship happened every night. In fact, around the table after dinner one night the moms expressed their appreciation saying that of the congregations where they were housed St. Augustine's is the one with the most welcoming set up, nice sleeping rooms and people every night who spent time in some great conversations. Our volunteers see that appreciation goes both ways as we engage with these determined parents working to return to stability. Thank you to all who support Family Promise in various ways: hands on support and in-kind donations of goods and funds. Our next host week is **November 15-22.** Help will be needed for set up, overnight support, meals and fellowship. Please scan the QR code to sign up. Any and all support is welcome and needed. Many hands make work light! For more information, please contact Jim or Rocky Baur.

Making Christmas Special

This year we will once again be participating in the ReVive Christmas Basket Program to provide Christmas gifts for clients of the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing in Chicago. The signup sheet and information/gift packets will be available beginning next week in the Guild Room. Pick-Up day is **Friday, December 11**: All boxes and donations are due at St. Elisabeth's by 9:00 am that morning. If you have any questions, please contact Rene Surgi. Phone: 847-835-0983 Mobile: 847-254-0934.

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. Elisabeth's Bible Study group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

We are currently reading *Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World* by historian Tom Holland. A history of the Christian idea throughout time, as the dust jacket says, "From Babylon to the Beatles, Saint Michael to #MeToo, Dominion tells the story of how Christianity transformed the modern world." For more information, contact Chuck Chadd.

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m. (Please note the earlier start time this year.) All are welcome - no experience, background, or skill is required. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. See you there!

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

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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 (September – June)
10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:30 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.