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# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

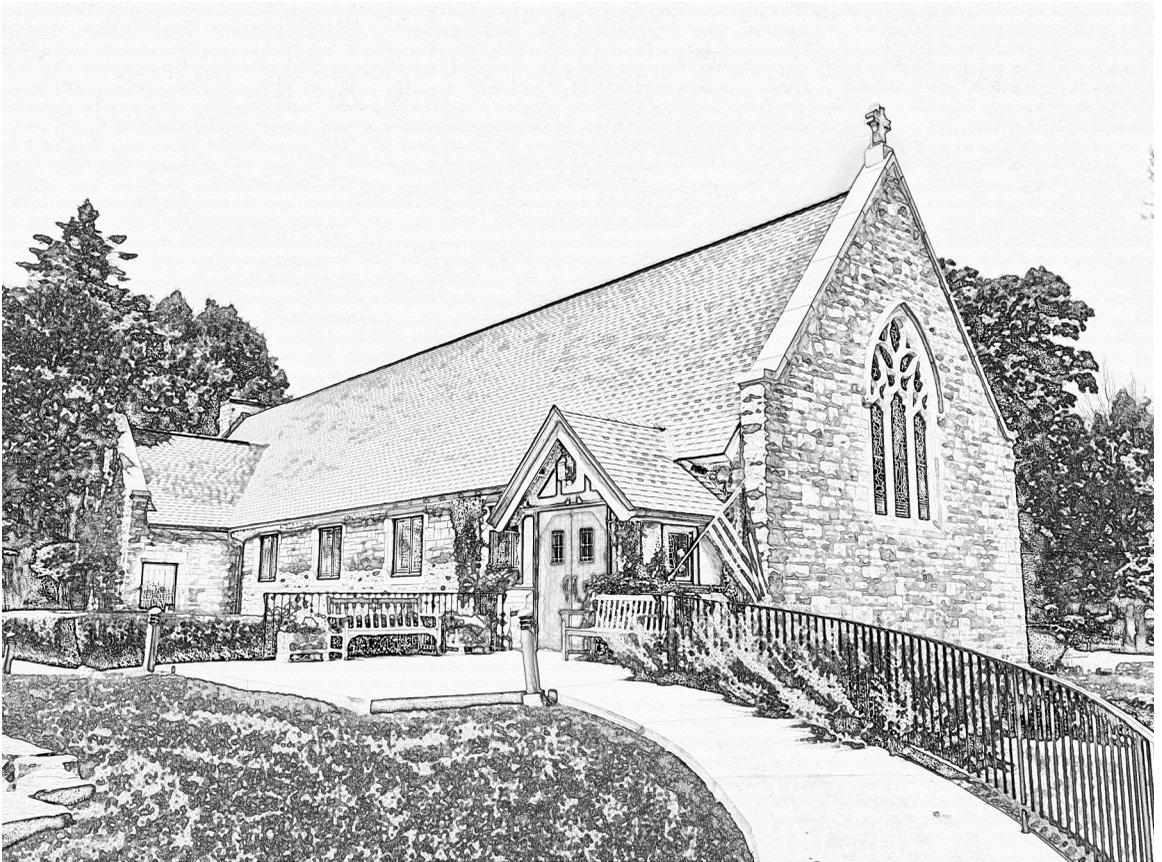
*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

March 29, 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.*

## Holy Week

The theme of Holy Week is Jesus' passion: his suffering and death on the cross. The rites of Holy Week are at the very heart of the Christian year, indeed of our Christian faith. And for many of us they are, year after year, the most meaningful and life-changing services of the church.

It is vital to keep a broad perspective during this week. We walk through the days of Jesus' suffering and death because we believe they had a purpose — the salvation of the world. We believe Jesus' death conquered death itself for us all: that is the only reason why the Friday on which he died can be called "good." Even while we are sobered by the solemn reading of the gospel stories describing Jesus' death and deeply saddened by the ongoing violence in our world, from that day in Jerusalem to this Good Friday, we hold on to the faith that in Jesus God has brought about a new creation, and death itself has been conquered. "We have been buried with him by baptism into death," wrote the apostle Paul soon after Jesus' death, "so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4) ~ *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

## Entering In

Grace cannot be understood by any ledger of merits and demerits. It cannot be held to patterns of buying, losing, earning, achieving, or manipulating, which is where, unfortunately, most of us live our lives. Grace is, quite literally, "for the taking." It is God eternally giving away God--for nothing--except the giving itself. – *Richard Rohr, OFM*

Practice: Walk the way with Jesus this Holy Week learning to live in God's grace no matter where you are led.

## The Poet Thinks About the Donkey

by Mary Oliver

On the outskirts of Jerusalem  
the donkey waited.  
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,  
he stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,  
leap with delight!*  
*How doves, released from their cages,  
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.  
Then he let himself be led away.  
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!  
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.  
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.  
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,  
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

# The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

## The Liturgy of the Palms

### The Prelude

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Opening Acclamation

*Common Worship Times and Seasons*

*Presider* Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world, Christ enters Jerusalem to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

### The Reading

**Matthew 21:1-11**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
 Look, your king is coming to you,  
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Presider* God be with you.

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

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

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

*Presider* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

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

*Assembly* **Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Procession

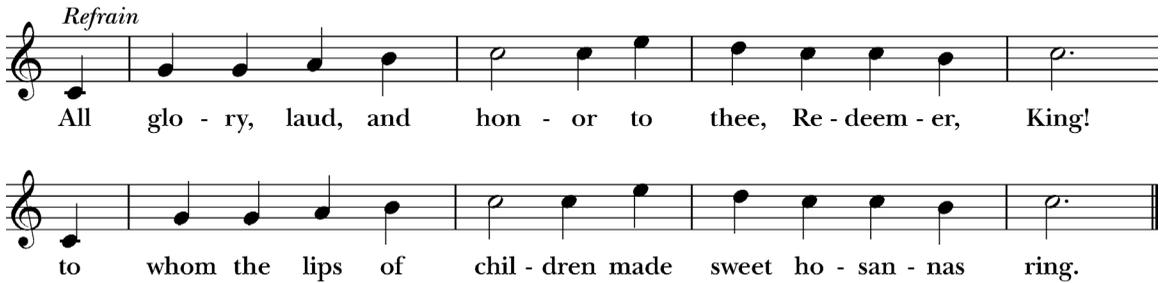
*Presider* Let us go forth in peace.

*Assembly* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Hymnal 1982 #154, *Text:* Theodulph of Orleans, *Music:* *Valet will ich dir geben*

## The Word of God

### The Collect

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph and glory. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm, in Christ's holy name we pray.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## The Lessons

### The Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

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

*Remain seated for the psalm.*

**The Psalm****Psalm 31**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save 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

"A stable lamp is lighted"



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose  
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall  
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And  
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky;                      The stars shall bend their voic - es,  
 ride in tri - umph by;                      The palm shall strew its branch - es,  
 yield - ed up to die;                      The sky shall groan and dark - en,  
 low is lift - ed high;                      The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry. \_\_\_\_\_                      And ev - ery stone shall cry,  
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 And ev - ery stone shall cry. \_\_\_\_\_                      And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine;                      A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,  
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb,                      And lie with - in the road - way  
 For ston - y hearts of men:                      God's blood up - on the spear - head,  
 In prais - es of the Child                      By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. \_\_\_\_\_                      2 This  
 To pave his king - dom come. \_\_\_\_\_                      3 Yet  
 God's love re - fused a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_                      4 But  
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please be seated.*

## **The Gospel**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

*Gospeler*      The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,  
the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
your Re-deem-er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;



While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before

the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power  
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.



2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;



O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!



Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

“It is fi - nished!” hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;

2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.

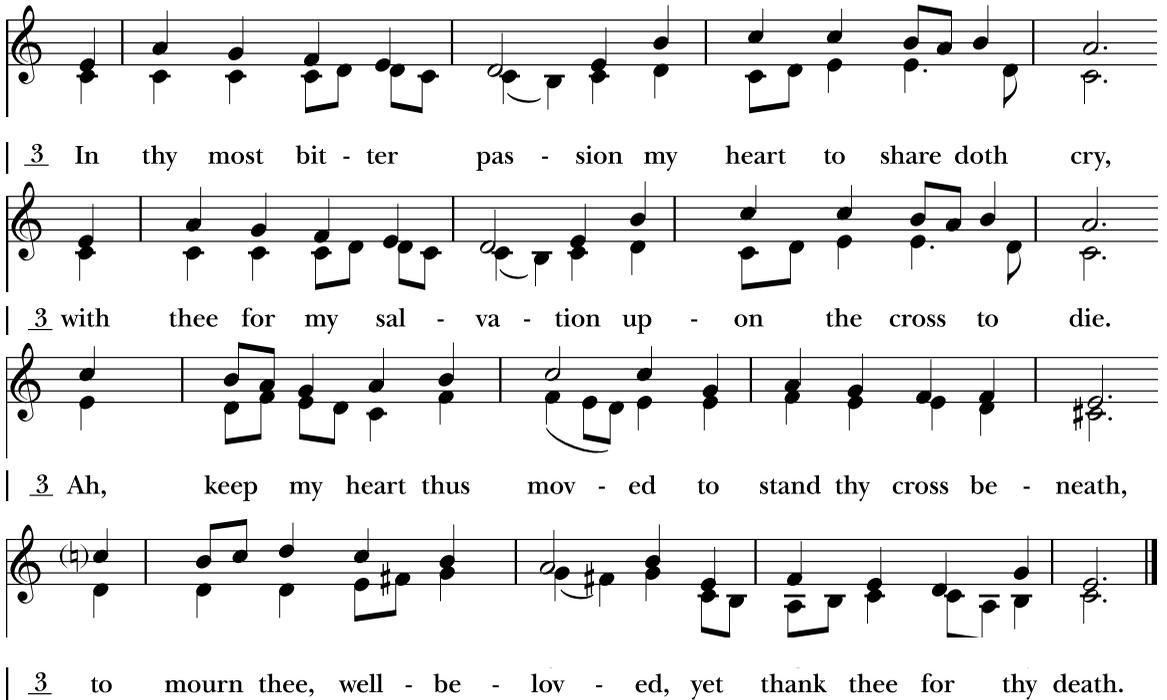
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:

2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.



3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

## 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.*

## The Prayers of the People

*The Book of Common Prayer, Form III*

*Intercessor* O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*Assembly* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
 serve you;  
*Assembly* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*Assembly* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
 Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of  
 the world;  
*Assembly* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*Assembly* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*Assembly* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest, particularly Gary Hendrickson  
 and Genevieve.  
*Assembly* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*Assembly* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Today we pray especially for:

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Anne Tuohy

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?

*Presider*

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*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*

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### Offertory Anthem

“To Mock Your Reign”

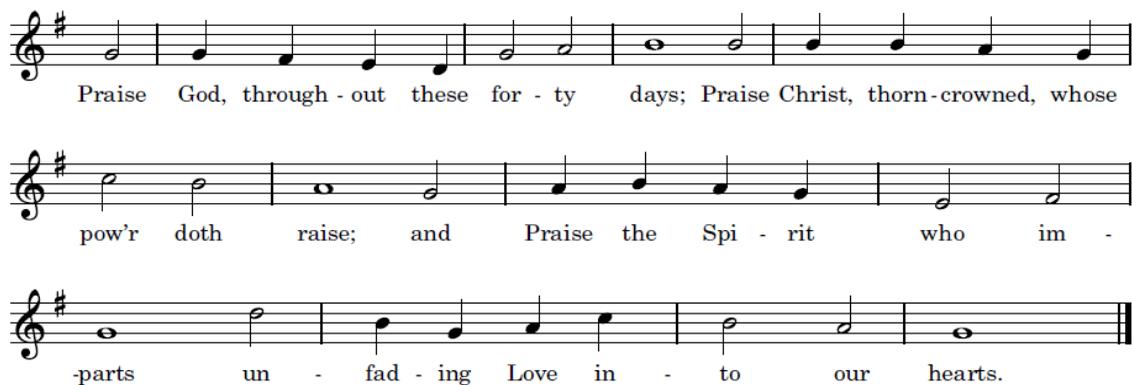
*To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.  
They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is your crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.*

*In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak,  
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.  
They did not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame  
you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.*

*A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.  
They did not know, as we do now, Though empires rise and fall,  
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.*

*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 thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails and a crown of thorns.

With lovingkindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs.

Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth.

Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people.

And so we rejoice with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, singing the song of your unending praise.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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 S124, *David Hurd*

*Presider*

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter now our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body in the world. Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread, and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 sin. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

*Presider*

Great is the mystery of faith.

*Assembly*

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

*Presider*

Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church, on all who are humbled by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, of faith or of love.

As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness' sake or grieve those they have cherished or bend the knee to one who does not honour them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their deepest desiring, Father, Son and Holy Spirit ever one God, in all ages and for evermore.

*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*

## 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

"Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle"



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict  
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -  
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and  
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble  
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews  
 \*6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his  
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the  
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and  
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in  
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy  
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -  
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is  
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and  
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est  
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly  
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.  
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.  
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.  
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.  
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.  
 6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

The Hymnal 1982 #166, Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?) Music: *Pange lingua*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Common Worship Times and Seasons*

*Presider* Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
 and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
 give us the mind to follow you  
 and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
 to the glory of God Almighty.

*Assembly* **Amen**

*Assembly* **Faithful God,**  
**may we who share this banquet**  
**glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**our salvation, life, and hope,**  
**who reigns as Lord now and forever. Amen.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Beverly Snell – March 29

Larry & Vicki Handwerk – April 3

Mike McClurg – April 4

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

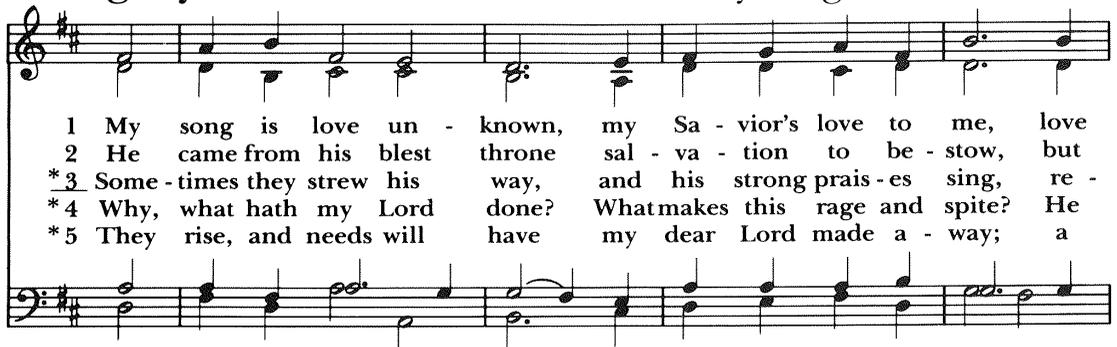
## The Blessing

*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.

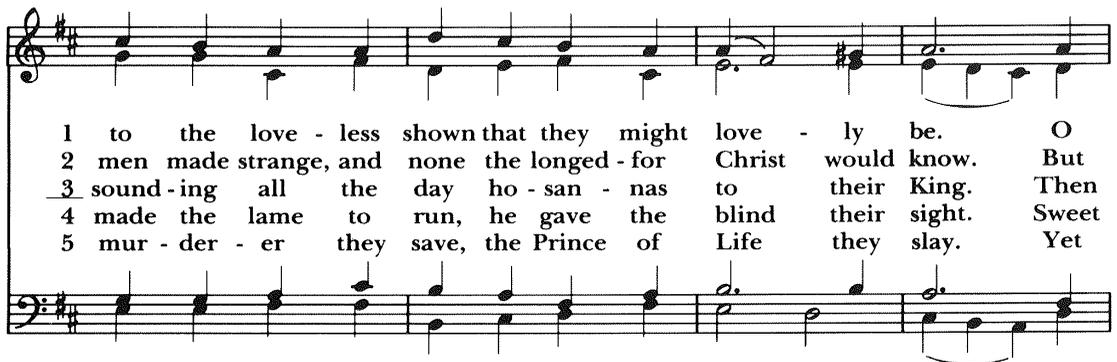
*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

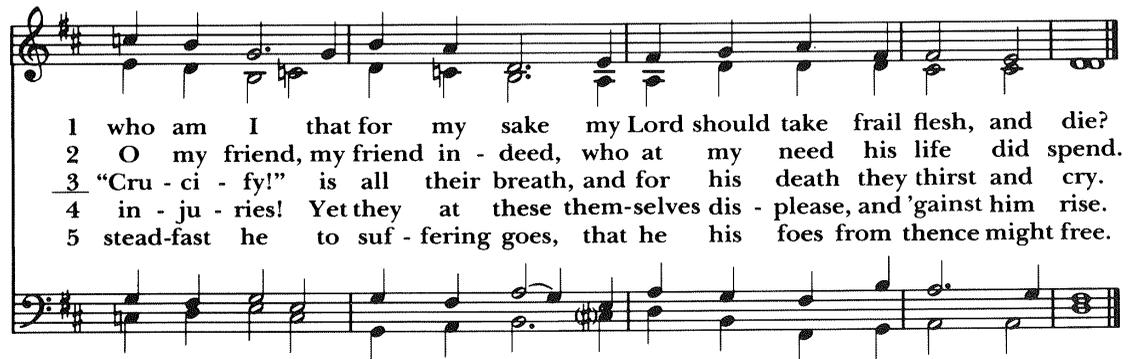
"My song is love unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 \*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

\*6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heaven was his home;  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 no story so divine:  
 never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 could gladly spend.

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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### **Holy Week and Easter**

#### **Wednesday, April 1**

7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar

#### **Good Friday, April 3**

12 noon (NEW TIME) - Good Friday Service with Veneration of the Cross

3:00-4:15 pm - Holy Week Journey with Jesus for children and youth  
at St. Augustine's, 1140 Wilmette Ave.

Co-hosted by St. Elisabeth's and Christ Church, Winnetka

#### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

7:00 pm - Great Vigil of Easter at Christ Church, 784 Sheridan Road

#### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am - Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite II, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

## **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.

# The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

## Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

### Clergy & Staff

|                         |   |
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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>       |
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### 2026 Vestry

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| Polly Baur                    | Fred Johnston                       | Kara Superfine                     |
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| 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.*

