

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

10:00 A.M.

HOLY BAPTISM & EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24 - AUGUST 30

Sunday

10:00 am Holy Baptism & Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)

Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Wednesday

7:00 am Holy Grounds Gardening with Sue

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

10:00 am Summer Storytime (Basement Classroom)

7:30pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

10:00 am Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

7:00 pm Tea & Compline (Chapel)

Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

6:00 pm Family Dinner (Parish Hall)

Saturday

7:00 am Holy Grounds Gardening with Sue

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8:30 am on Zoom.

Beginning Tues, Sept 9, Tues, Wed, & Thurs services will be in the chapel and on Zoom. Monday and Friday services will be on Zoom only.

Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com

**Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

WELCOME

Summer Office Hours (starting 6/16)

Open Monday–Friday, 8:30am–1:30pm.

Clergy and staff are available by email or appointment. For emergencies, contact

Rev. Melina Dezhbod anytime.

Families with Young Children

Welcome!

Quiet activity “pew bags” and Children’s Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants–5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Summer Sunday Schedule

The 10:00am service continues with a shorter format to keep worship comfortable in our un-airconditioned church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Storytime

Join us in the basement classroom Wednesday, August 27 for “Magnified!” encouraging children to explore God’s creation and see his greatness in both things big and small. Story, snack and crafts are aimed at children aged 2-8.

Tea & Compline (Chapel)

Come grab a cup of tea and unwind with weekly in-person Compline in the Chapel. We’ll gather every Thursday at 7pm throughout the summer, through the end of August, for a peaceful evening of prayer and fellowship. Please reach out to Rev. Melina with any questions.

Summer Family Dinners

Friday, August 29 at 6:00 pm
(Parish Hall)

Please RSVP to bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org by Thursday, August 28

Before Lunch Book Talk

Tuesday, September 2nd at 11:45AM
(Garden Room)

Starting in September, **BLBT** returns on the first Tuesday of each month. We meet at 11:45 AM for socializing, followed by a one-hour book discussion starting at noon. Afterward, those who can stay enjoy lunch brought from home and more conversation. Join us Tuesday, September 2nd at 11:45 AM in the St. E’s Garden Room or via Zoom to discuss **The Great Gatsby** by **F. Scott Fitzgerald**.

Save the Date

Let’s Celebrate Welcome Home Serving Together

Sunday, September 7 at 10am
Stay tuned!

More information to follow

Ladies’ Evening Under the Stars

Get Ready for an Unforgettable
Ladies Evening Under the Stars
Delicious food, dazzling drinks and
delightful conversations!

Saturday, September 13

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

St. Elizabeth’s Church, Ridgewood
Cocktail Attire

This Outreach event, generously donated by Randy Carroll, is open to all women of St. Elizabeth’s. Some of you signed up in 2019 or 2024, however if you missed the opportunity there is still time! Please kindly submit the form in our Friday E-newsletter along with a check for \$50, payable to St. Elizabeth’s, include “Outreach” in the memo section to the church office. **RSVP by Sept 8th.**

Any questions please email Karen Hoy at karenhoy99@yahoo.com

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are September 21, October 19, and November 23. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Melina for more information.

Save the Date St. E’s Progressive Dinner

Saturday, September 27

Contact Courtney Hanson at courtneygushhanson@gmail.com if you’d like to host a group of six or more.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Nun Bitten Wir, BuxWV 208*
 Now we ask the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

*The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows in the service.
You're invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this
sacred time.*

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 8 "Morning has broken"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 232

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 567 "Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old"

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN 567 "Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old"

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Leo John Iannelli

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

HYMN 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

BCP 308

THE PEACE

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION



*An offering is taken at this time. You may place
your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR
code to donate securely online.*

THE OFFERTORY *Let us break bread together* African-American Spiritual
Arranged by Richard Walters (1956-2024)
Anastasia Swope, soprano

*Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 380, stanza

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

PROPER PREFACE FOR BAPTISM

BCP 381

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

The Congregation may remain standing or kneel after the singing of the Sanctus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the Ushers know.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

HYMN 522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 421 "All glory be to God on high"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fuga in C Major, BuxWV 174*

*Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Charles Olivo

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Wynn Seiter, Don Taylor

Ushers: Todd Hoffman, Daniel Rosario

Bell Ringers: Barbara and Kevin Burns, Todd Hoffman, Don Taylor,
Beth Van Emburgh

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Diane Firkins, Pilar Meola, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Ann Dowling

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND PLANNED GIVING INITIATIVE

Update on our capital campaign and planned giving initiative this fall: Co-chairs Gigo and Don Taylor are preparing to announce the two themes and will be sharing other details in a letter to parishioners later this month. Stay tuned for this exciting news!

OUR MINISTRIES

Philip's Academy Paterson Volunteers Needed! Calling all young at heart and rising HS students. To sign-up for volunteer opportunities in the fall, please use the QR code. Questions: contact gigotaylor@gmail.com



Church School Registration is now open! We are excited to announce that Church School registration for the upcoming year is now open! Classes are available for children and youth from preschool through 7th grade. Sunday School begins on September 14th at 9:30 am. Join us as we grow in faith together through engaging lessons, fellowship, and prayer. Register today using forms found outside the Parish Hall or online using the QR code. For more information, please contact Beth Van Emburgh. We look forward to another fun year of learning and spiritual growth!

Church School Volunteers 2025-2026 Love kids and sharing God's Word? Join our Church School team this fall! No experience needed—just a caring heart and a willingness to grow in faith together. Opportunities available for all ages, preschool through middle school. Curriculum provided. Contact Beth Van Emburgh to learn more.

BEGINNING OF THE CHOIR SEASON

Dear Friends,

September is the beginning of the choral season for our children's choir and our Senior Choir. We will have more information shortly about the start of the children's choir this fall.

This letter is a special invitation to adults who may be interested in joining the Senior Choir or simply exploring the rehearsal process. Sunday, September 7th is our Opening Choir Sunday. It is a perfect opportunity to come to a special rehearsal and read through much of the music we will be singing through the end of the year. We will be rehearsing in the 2nd floor choir room from 3 pm to 5 pm. At 5:30 pm we have a Pot Luck dinner in the Parish Hall for the choir and everyone who is interested in the Senior Choir. We will have plenty of food, so please just come to this fellowship event after rehearsal and bring your family or a friend. The Senior Choir is truly a family in the best sense of the word. Our group is remarkably supportive, kind, and most importantly has a sense of humor. We love music, our work together, and we have fun.

Joining the Senior Choir can occur at any time. The St. Elizabeth's website (<https://www.stesridgewood.org/music>) has information about the music program, including our general rehearsal schedule. There are brochures about both choral programs on the table leading to the chapel.

Please contact me if you have any questions or simply want to let me know you would like to attend on September 7th. That would be very helpful so we can plan accordingly for food.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy start to our fall season!

Garah

Garah Landes
Organist & Choirmaster
E-mail: glandes@stesridgewood.org

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pilar's sister, Connie Martinez and Ralph's mother, Lucille Meola by Ralph, Pilar, Christian and Adam Meola.

Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

George & Shelley Mackey	Ruth Pat	Cuqui Alex Casazza
Christina Olkowski	Linda	Vincent Desimone
Julia Olkowski	Bob	Elizabeth Sofia
Cynthia Winick	Sybil	Catherine O'Connell
Mary	Alice	Marty Melamed
Tom P.	Ed	Frankye Crump
June Bové	Dan Engelke	Bruce Hennemuth
Joan H. Bové	Jean Engelke	Jane Winer
Frederick Bruno	Pat Goldman	Dorothea Hickey
David Barrand	Jim Morgan	Juan
Norma Hensler	John Wesch	Claire
Chrys Hahn	Shirley Zlotowitz	Donna
D.R.G.	John Mills	Sarah Kagan and Jake Kagan
Jeanne LeDuc	Effie	Bob and Gretchen Bell
June Locke	Diane & Frank Barletta	Louise
John Berryman	Bill Brancato	Katy
Sherry Kock	Justine & Tom Boylan	Dawn
Claire	Virginia DuDeck	Jerry Mathe
Lois Chapman	Peter Flannery	Matthew Garcia
Wendy Broadbent	Sr. Maureen Mitten	Frederick Bruno
Kristin, Claire, & Julie Clark	Jamie Whaley	Mary Jane
Julie & Jim Robertson	Douglas Feick	Claudia O'Bosky
Catherine	Sarah Pammy	Veronica Aquilino
Christian	Francisco	

We remember also those who have died, especially Hector Quiles and James Croy

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list is refreshed seasonally. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist & Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Anthony Alberti, Jeffrey Castellano,

Alicia Luick, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '26, Mike Dickson '28

Treasurer

Steve Gorey

Clerk

Catherine Carter

Vestry

Catherine Carter '26

Bruce Firkins '26

Sheryl Jordan '26

Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Steve Gorey '27

Andy Hoy '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28



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