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The Second Sunday of Advent **8:00 Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

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Romans 15:4-13 *See 10:00*

Matthew 3:1-12 *See 10:00*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

***People* And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

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10:00 Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Sextons of the Bell*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons and Creed

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat
straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's
den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying" (v. 1-2)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

*Response before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has

come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Response after the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

HYMN 75 “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying” (v. 3)

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Please take a moment to sanitize your hands with the hand sanitizer available in the pews.

After the priest has served everyone in your row, you may momentarily remove your mask to consume the consecrated bread before replacing your mask. Gluten-free hosts are available when needed; simply tell the priest when they come to you.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.

After you have received the Holy Eucharist, you may sit or kneel in your pew.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 60 “Creator of the stars of night”

Hymn 66 “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

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THE BLESSING p. 339

CLOSING HYMN 57 “Lo, he comes with clouds descending”

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174 Dietrich Buxtehude

Those Assisting at Today’s Service:

Lector:	10:00	Mary Wynn Seiter
Eucharistic Ministers:	10:00	Joan Cooke, Mary Wynn Seiter
Ushers:	10:00	Todd Hoffman, Jeff Marchetti
Processional Crucifer	10:00	Mary Wynn Seiter
Nursery Attendant:	10:00	Caroline Kern
Altar Guild:	10:00	Joanne Judah, Caroline Angelica
Livestreaming Guild:	10:00	Ryan Pettit
Coffee Hour:	10:00	Pamela Weiler, Gaye Thurston

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Charles S. and Lynette Armstrong by their daughter, Ann Armstrong; and in loving memory of Ted Krause by Carolyn Krause and family; and in loving memory

of a dear father, Donald Galletly, by his daughter, Mary Szurly.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall will immediately follow the service. We will have coffee, tea, small bottled beverages, and individually wrapped goodies. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship thanks to Pamela Weiler and Gaye Thurston.

Our COVID Protocol After 2 1/2 years, we know that COVID-19 is not going away and we have all learned to live with it. At this time at St. Elizabeth's that means that all our worship services and ministries have fully returned, and we encourage you to join in as you are able. Masks are no longer required for services or other church events, but neither are they discouraged. Please make the best decision for you and your family as you pay attention to the ever-fluctuating infection rates. Most importantly, we ask that if you are not feeling well that you see your doctor, stay home, participate in our services online, and contact the parish clergy if you have any pastoral needs.

Nametags Please feel free to get your nametag from the board next to the elevator and wear it during and after the service. If you do not have a nametag, please contact Ann Dowling in the Church Office (201-444-2299 or adowling@stesridgewood.org) to let her know.

The Church Office is open Monday—Friday from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Advent Renewal of the Parish Prayer List As we seek to revitalize our use of the parish prayer list and to refocus our attention on those for whom we pray, we refreshed our parish prayer list on the First Sunday in Advent. If you would like to add a name or continue a name that was included on our Pentecost list, please notify Ann Dowling in the Church Office (adowling@stesridgewood.org or 201-444-2299).

Parents of Young Children Welcome! We are so glad you are here. Children are joyful reminders that God is in our midst. They belong right here among God's people where you

have so faithfully brought them. We have "**pew bags**" outside the Narthex with quiet activities for young children to interact with during the service. Near the Pew Bags you will also find copies of "**The Children's Bulletin**" that corresponds with the readings of the day for older children. If you feel the need to step out with your child, **our Nursery is open on the second floor** for babies through age **3** today.

Church School: Today, our 5th–7th Grade Class meets at 9:45 a.m., then joins their family for Holy Eucharist. After 10 a.m. Children's Chapel, the PreK4–Kindergarten Class meets downstairs, and the 1st–4th Grades meet upstairs. Children in PreK4–K and 1st–2nd Grades must be signed out by a parent at dismissal at 11:20 a.m. We are always in need of additional help, particularly with our older classes. Please contact Beth Van Emburgh at: bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org to get involved!

St. Elizabeth's Christmas Pageant: Our speaking-role cast is set, but there's always room for non-speaking participants! Children aged 3rd–7th grade are invited to participate in this time-honored tradition, so invite a friend to be a Kindergarten or 1st Grade angel, 2nd or 3rd Grade sheep, 3rd–5th Grade camel, or 3rd–7th Grade shepherd! **Children cast in speaking roles must be present for the next two Church School sessions to practice their lines** and today is the day we select a lucky 2nd Grader for the Black Sheep! For more information or to find out how you can help with our pageant, please contact Beth Van Emburgh at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.

Tree Lighting and Christmas Caroling On Wednesday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m., we will gather in the last moments of twilight on the front lawn of the church to turn on the lights on our small (but growing!) live Christmas tree. By lantern, candle, and other lights, we will sing carols for about thirty minutes, followed by hot chocolate and refreshments, hosted by our amazing Teen Outreach group and assisted by YPF. This is an unmatched opportunity to create a holiday memory of holy and festive joy suffused with some of our most beloved music. Families, children of all ages, neighbors,

holiday houseguests, resident shepherds, and visiting kings are all welcome.

Angel Tree St. Nicholas Day Edition There is a tree in the Parish Hall filled with colored paper angel tags and white dove tags. Each tag has a QR code to order a gift for a Ukrainian child or mother for St. Nicholas Day, when Ukrainian children traditionally receive presents. Gifts can be shipped to Lyubov or to you to wrap for distribution on December 16th. If shipping to yourself, please return gifts, wrapped and **WITH THE TAG ATTACHED** to St. Elizabeth's by Sunday, December 11th. Contact Beth Van Emburgh at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org or Lyubov Ferara at lyubov@ferara.com with any questions.

Celebrating Billy's Ordination In response to numerous questions about suggestions for an individual's gift to him in thanksgiving for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday, November 28th, gifts to the Associate Rector's Discretionary Fund would be an appropriate option. Donations may be made on our secure online portal at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZ6G/campaign/C-13AXK> or checks made payable to "St. Elizabeth's Church" with "Billy's Ordination" in the memo area may be mailed in or dropped off in the office. If you were unable to attend the service and would like to see the recorded video, go to our YouTube channel @StElizabethEpiscopalChurch.

Journey through Advent Series We will be offering a 3 week Advent series in the Parish Hall on Monday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th. We will gather for dinner at 5:45. Formation will begin at 6:30. We will finish at 7:20. There will be activities for children provided. The Advent season guides us in preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the second coming. During Advent and Christmas, we share with those who witnessed and experienced the birth of Jesus as we remember the story. We ourselves live between the first coming of Jesus and the second. The Christmas story is the story of the incarnation, the story of God breaking into the human story. Each session will include information and discussion on the various individuals from these stories such as Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men.

We will take a look at scripture readings from the first 2 Chapters of Matthew and Luke to set the framework for the topics being discussed each session. The journeys of the individuals in the nativity story as well as their circumstances and context will be explored along with our own unique journeys and experiences. We will explore major themes of these stories and our faith as we walk through this Advent season. The children's activities will include break-out sessions based on the themes and discussions from the adult formation session. A video of each session will be uploaded to our YouTube channel for those who would prefer to listen online or cannot make every session.

December Faith and Film — Sunday, December 4 One Sunday each month we will gather to watch a movie and have a brief discussion following the film. Movies will be shown in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m., and popcorn and refreshments will be provided. In December we will watch *The Bishop's Wife*, the 1947 comedy starring David Niven, Cary Grant, and Loretta Young. The movie is about an angel (Grant) who comes to earth to help a bishop (Niven) and his wife (Young) raise money for their church. This movie is considered to be an underrated Christmas classic! Spring dates for *Faith and Film* sessions are: January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 23. For more information, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo.

ECW Meeting – Monday, December 5 at 5:00 pm via Zoom Episcopal Church Women (ECW) invite you to the year-end meeting. Seasonal topics to be discussed. Please join us! If questions, contact Caroline Angelica @ 201-638-5829. *Zoom link:*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280611117?pwd=V1lpeHNSSVdUbWlWcFVXU3pScjVJQT09>

The Advent Concert with our Senior Choir, Cantare, and chamber orchestra will be Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm. This is our first Advent Concert since 2019! We are also very excited to be including choristers from our Youth Choir! The concert is free, though we are very grateful for donations. No tickets are required with seating on a first-come basis. Dress may be casual and children who can sit and listen to music

for an hour are most welcome. We usually suggest that children should be six years or older. If your child loves music and is a little younger, please know that they are welcome. There will be a reception following the concert. The Advent Concert program runs about 1 hour and is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and family to St. Elizabeth's for this highlight of our choral season!

Christmas Memorials Our Christmas memorials provide all the poinsettias, greens, and bows used to decorate the church for the festive season of Christmas. *Anyone wishing to have a Christmas memorial for the first time or to change an existing one* should contact Mary Szurly at 201-337-3167 by Sunday, December 11th. If you have had a memorial in previous years and there is no change, there is no need to contact Mary. The cost per memorial is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to **St. Elizabeth's Church** with "**Christmas memorial**" written in the memo area.

Women's Friday Book Group The Friday Women's Book Group, beginning on December 2, for three weeks only, will meet on Zoom for our Advent readings from 10 -11:30 am. Each week's reading involves a quotation, a prayer, a story (fiction or nonfiction), and at least one poem. Authors range from Mother Teresa to Pete Hamill, and our conversations typically range from the spiritual to the ordinary. **Meeting ID: 832 8050 3238 Password: Book** Anyone who would like to join the group is welcome. Your presence will enrich our group. Please contact Chrys Hahn at cchrzhahn@gmail for more information and materials. For help with getting onto the Zoom link, please contact Alyce Ann Myers either by email (aamfoodtra@aol.com) or by phone (973-229-4239)

2022 ECW Christmas Greens Sale...The Tradition Continues at St. Elizabeth's Church This year the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood invite you to purchase your Christmas greens and decorations at **Goffle Brook Farm and Garden Center**, 424 Goffle Road, Ridgewood, 201-652-7540 www.gofflebrookfarms.com. When you pick out your Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias, Lights, Ornaments or

Centerpieces, mention you are supporting St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Ridgewood. Goffle Brook Farm will generously donate 15% of the pre-tax sale* to our ECW fund to support programs for women and children. **Shop between November 25 and December 24. Open 7 days a week (8:30 am–6:00 pm Sunday–Wednesday; 8:30 am–8:00 pm Thursday–Saturday).**

**excludes Christmas Tree and Firewood purchases*

Thank you for supporting the work of St. Elizabeth's ECW. Call Caroline Angelica with any questions @ 201-638-5829.

Weekday Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. Pray and read Scripture with others on Zoom only on Mondays and Fridays and on Zoom *and* in person in the Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For Zoom enter Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password (if asked): Morning. Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at: jim.alimena@gmail.com.

Help for Ukraine If you would like to donate supplies that are most needed for Ukraine, please see the Amazon wish list that parishioner Lyubov Ferara has created from discussions with medical personnel in Ukraine: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GX82WHHIZF9E?ref_=wl_share.

Please remember to give Parishioners may now e-pay their pledges and make their other charitable donations to St. Elizabeth's online. The secure Online Giving portal may be found on our website. The Online Giving page may be directly accessed on the Online Giving tab at the top, underneath the St. Elizabeth's banner. If you have not returned a pledge card and would like to do so, the form may be downloaded from our website. Just click on The Church tab at the top of the page, then scroll to Stewardship and select Annual Pledging. You may also request a pledge card from the Church Office by contacting Ann Dowling at adowling@stesridgewood.org or 551-206-6999). ***Your generous gifts allow us to continue to do our good work, which is needed now more than ever.***

Connect with us online We're on Facebook!

- To find us on Facebook, simply type "St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood" in the Facebook search tab, or click on the link on our website. **Please note that anyone can access the services available on our Facebook page**, even those who have not signed up for Facebook.
- If you have a personal Facebook page, please Like us! And also share St. Elizabeth's posts with your friends; we can call this e-evangelism!
- Additionally, we invite you to Like our church's Instagram page. Look for pictures of our beautiful stained glass windows and other treasures from around St. Elizabeth's Church. It's another way you can feel connected to our church even while you are away from it.

Our weekly e-blasts continue. If you are having issues with receiving St. E-News communiques, please:

- Check your Spam or Junk folders.
- Make sure you have added us to your Contacts list.
- Contact Ryan Pettit (rpettit@stesridgewood.org)

Serve Christ

From our Rector...

- Check in on your friends and neighbors and fellow parishioners.
- Say your prayers.
- Do small acts with great love.

The Wardens and Vestry Peter Angelica and Buffy McKay, *Wardens*; Jim Alimena, Matthew Croy, Ed Ferrara, Karina Ferrales, Todd Hoffman, Moe Ismael, Susan Munhall, Marnie Price, Gigo Lee-Taylor, Gaye Thurston, Diane Walker, Wayne Yankus

The Staff of St. Elizabeth's The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo, *Rector*; The Rev. William "Billy" Adams, *Associate Rector for Church Growth*; The Rev. Susan A. Schink, *Non-stipendiary Priest Associate*; Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Catherine L. Hostetler, *Associate Choirmaster*; Beth Van Emburgh, *Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*; Ann Dowling, *Parish Administrator*; Grace Arcscott,

Financial Administrator; Ryan Pettit, Communications Coordinator; Fredy Reyes, Sexton; Anthony Alberti, Brian Hays, Alicia Luick, and Anastasia Swope, Soloists

Choral Anthem
A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells

A spotless Rose is blowing
Sprung from a tender root
Of ancient seers' foreshowing
Of Jesse promis'd fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter
And in the dark midnight

The Rose which I am singing
Whereof Isaiah said
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great
love and might
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night

Text: Anonymous 14th Century

Intercessory Prayer List December 4, 2022

Virginia DuDeck	Alan & Marilyn	DeSimone
Marie Peters	Michel	Harvey Auger
Sr. Maureen	Jennifer Mackey &	Catherine
Mitten	Family	O'Connell
Aster Riley	Sheri Levitt	David Barrand
Tom Boylan	Jim & Julie	Catherine
David Phipps	Robertson	Patrick
Justine Boylan	Sarah	Sophie
Jeff	Sue Mango	Francesca
Lavinia Calaceto	Bill Keeley	Nancita
George Mazzella	Paul	Robert
& Family	Meghan	Carlitos
James Pring	Caroline & Evey	Marjorie
Grace Hickey	Joanne	Bob
Dorothea Hickey	Adela	Esther
Claire Lent	Gina La Furn	Patricia
Jane	Vic Cenicola	Debbie
Ann & Jim F.	Ron Naspo	Susan
Barbara & Frank S.	Barbara M. Burns	The Maita Family
Juan	June Bové	Theresa
Craig	John Mills	Joy
Dennis Fiore	Don Taylor	The Dunne Family
Sheila G.	Helen Barrand	The Pizzuto
Penny	Paula Stukenborg	Family
George & Shelley	Alex Casazza	Joe
Mackey	Marty Melamed	Andrew
Harry & Jean	Elizabeth Sofia	Brooks Forrester
Place	Vincent	

We remember also those who have died, especially Deanne Dunne, Christopher John Maita, Basil Pizzuto, The Rev. Richard Louis, Ray Kelly, and Barbara Conklin.



WE ARE TURNING 100

Thank you for joining us this morning for Sunday services at our historic church, affectionately known as “the chapel on the hill” from the day we opened our doors nearly 100 years ago. We’ll be celebrating our centennial anniversary in a variety of ways through June of 2023, and we invite you to participate in all the festivities.

SAVE THE DATE

Centennial Celebration Cocktail Party

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Details to come



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