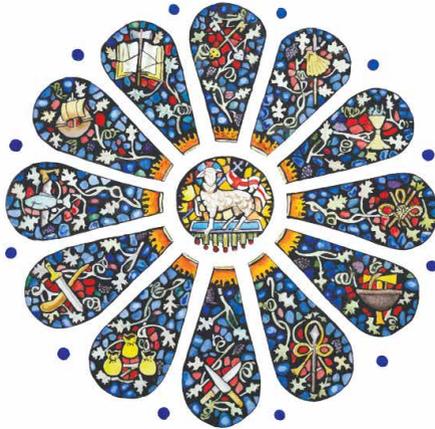


THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - MARCH 13

Sunday

- 9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite One (Church)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am Requiem Forum (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm Diocese Family Hockey Game (Prudential Center, Newark)

Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 6:30 pm Rector's Lenten Series: Soup, Class, & Compline (Parish Hall)

Tuesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Wednesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 12:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Painting the Psalms & Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 10:00 am Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am Moms Group - Book discussion chapters 8&9 (Garden Room)
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

*Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30 am
Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com
Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning

WELCOME

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are April 12 and May 24. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Requiem for the Living- Dan Forrest

TODAY Forum, Sunday, March 8th

Requiem Performance,

Sunday, March 22nd at 10 am

On Sunday, March 8th, at the conclusion of the 10 am service, please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and a Forum on the upcoming Requiem.

The Requiem will be performed at the 10 am service on Sunday, March 22nd.

2026 Rector's Lenten Series

Half Truths:

Things the Bible Doesn't Say

This year's theme will feature a short video by the United Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton, followed by guided discussion about some of the most common platitudes. Join us on **Mondays in Lent** as we gather together for food, discussion, and prayer.

Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

We invite you to join us for a time of Intercessory Prayer immediately after the noon service of Holy Eucharist on the **Wednesdays of Lent**. Together, we will pray over parish prayer list and lift up any other prayers on our hearts and minds.

We will also offer Anointing with Holy Oil for anyone who would like to receive additional prayers of healing. You're invited to come to one or both services.

Painting the Psalms

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm

(Parish Hall)

During Lent, Evening Needlecrafters will coincide with Painting the Psalms. We'll reflect on a Psalm and respond creatively.

Open to all, this is a simple space to slow down and encounter God through Scripture and art.

Moms Group: Special Lenten Session

Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am

(Garden Room)

Special Topic: *To Be Made Well: An Invitation to Wholeness, Healing, and Hope* by Amy Julia Becker; 3/12 chs. 8&9

Spring is near!

Garden Guild Meeting

Sunday, March 15th at 11:15

(Children's Chapel)

Movie Screening

Sunday, March 15 at 11:30am

You're invited to the screening of the documentary "The Philadelphia Eleven," about the trailblazers who became the first women to be ordained priests in the Episcopal Church. Come and explore the story of women's ordination as we enter our 52nd year.

RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ADA72AA3FFC07-61981136-thescreening#/>

YPF

Sunday, March 22

More information coming soon.

5 PM Contemplative Eucharist

Our 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist will now be held monthly, followed by a potluck-style family dinner. Join us **March 22** for prayer, worship, and CHILL.

Easter Lilies

At St. Elizabeth's, our altar is decorated for Easter with lilies given in memory of loved ones. To add or update a memorial, contact Mary Szurly at memorialflowers@stesridgewood.org or 201-337-3167 by Sunday, March 29. If you've had one before, no action is needed unless you want to change or discontinue it. The cost is \$35—pay by check to "St. Elizabeth's Church" (memo: Easter Memorial) or online through the website's Altar Flowers Memorials option.

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Sonata in A minor, KV. 310* *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
II- Andante cantabile con espressione *(1756-1791)*

*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 522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

OPENING ACCLAMATION *BCP 323*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *BCP 323*

THE DECALOGUE *BCP 317*

KYRIE, Hymnal S-91

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *BCP 167*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

**4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

**6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, *

though they had seen my works.

**10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”**

11 So I swore in my wrath, *

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him

from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 692 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 692 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 329

THE CONFESSION

BCP 331

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

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 *Requiem for the Living*

Dan Forrest

III. Agnus dei

(b. 1978)

Anastasia Swope, soprano

*Agnus dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis,
dona eis requiem.*

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us,
grant them rest.*

*Agnus dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem,
miserere nobis,
dona eis requiem.*

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace,
have mercy on us,
grant them rest.*

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 380, stanza 3

**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 I

BCP 333

PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

BCP 346

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-114

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 337

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-158

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 309 "O Food to pilgrims given"

HYMN 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE BLESSING

BCP 339

HYMN 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Kyrie*

François Couperin
(1668-1733)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Sandy Sullivan
Lectors: Denise Vollkommer, Joan Cooke
Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Sandy Sullivan
Ushers: Todd Hoffman, Tim Graham
Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Pilar Meola, Denise Vollkommer
Coffee Hour: Crowdsourcing
Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo
Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

**2026 Outreach Auction
Boots, Blessings, & BBQ
Save the Date April 18
6:00-9:00 pm**

Join us for a Line-Dancing
& Fellowship Event to raise
funds for St. Elizabeth's
Outreach Programs
No dance experience
necessary
Email invitation to follow

Prepare The Way Capital Campaign Pledge Update

To date, we have received 63 pledges
totaling a commitment of \$ 1.9M.

**Please pledge! There's still time to
help us complete the campaign goal.**
Please fill out and return a pledge
card today, or pledge online using the
QR code provided here.

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Lori's father Clyde Keene by the Howard and Kirouac Families.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Family of Mary Ann	Robert
Alice	DeGraw	Robyn Pring
Bill Brancato	Frankye Crump	Rochelle Kilzy
Blanca Rojano	Frederick Bruno	Ruth
Bob	George & Shelley Mackey	Ruthie
Bob Bell	Grace Behringer	Sarah
Bob C.	Gunnip Family	Segovia Pasichniak
Bruce Neandross	Jack	Sophie
Carlos Pinto Family	Jamie Whaley	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Catherine	Jane Winer	Thomas Maloney
Catherine O'Connell	John Berryman	Vincent Desimone
Chris C.	John Mills	Winston
Christian	Juan	Mary Ann Newcomb & Family
Christina Olkowski	Julie & Jim Robertson	Matthew Garcia
Claire	June Bové	Ken Thiess
Colten	Justine and Tom Boylan	Ellen Ingber
Connie	Kim Heitzenrater	Wes Pace
Cookie C.	Linda	Marcus Noble
Danikka Dillon & Family	Lois Chapman	John Palmer Family
David Barrand	Lora Salt	Herb Berl
Dean Hawthorne	Margaret	Vincent Colling
Denny	Marty Melamed	
Diane and Frank Barletta	Mary	
Diane Pring	Milt	
Donna	Nancy Schrempp	
Doris	Nancy Teichman	
Dorothea Hickey	Pat	
Dot Meyer	Pauline Fiore & Family	
Effie	Peter Flannery	
Elizabeth Sofia	Qian (Chen) Liu	
Evelyn & Steve Dyke	Rick	
	Robbie	

We remember also those who have died, especially Nancy McAllen, Dorothy Catherine Lohman, Jack Keyhoe, Frank Archer, Brook Newcomb, and Frederick "Zeke" Ziegel.

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Lent. 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 Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '28, Mike Dickson '27

Treasurer

Steve Gorey

Assistant Treasurer

Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

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Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

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