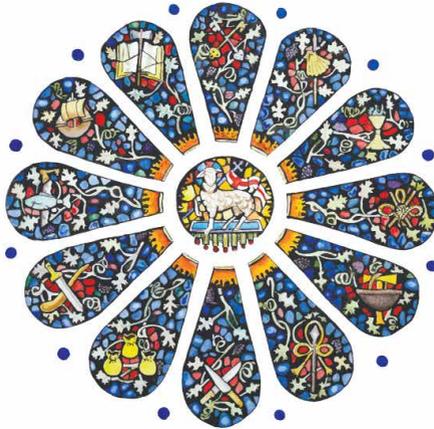


FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

&

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING

THE WEEK OF MARCH 22 - MARCH 28

Sunday

- 9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
- 10:00 am Requiem & Holy Eucharist: Rite One (Church)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 am Brass Polishing Event (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 2:30 pm YPF (Sky Zone, Allendale)
- 5:00 pm Contemplative Holy Eucharist, Potluck, & Fire-pit

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 Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am Moms Group - Book discussion chapters 12, 13 & Epilogue (Garden Room)
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Saturday

- 10:00 am Passion Reading Rehearsal (Church)

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, May 10, 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

**TODAY Requiem for the Living-
Dan Forrest**

**Requiem Performance,
Sunday, March 22nd at 10 am**

**Altar Guild Brass Polishing Party
TODAY at coffee hour! Everyone is
welcome!** Please stop by the parish hall
and lend some elbow grease to shine
the beautiful brass used in our weekly
worship services, many of which date to
the founding of St. Elizabeth's Church
over 100 years ago.

TODAY YPF

Sunday, March 22 at 2:30pm
Sky Zone, Allendale - \$15 per person
Collecting new sock donations

**TODAY 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist &
Firepit**

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

RSVP [https://www.signupgenius.com/
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chili](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A5AC2EA6FFC25-62128347-chili)

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

Join us for Intercessory Prayer
immediately after the noon Holy Eucharist
on **Wednesdays during Lent**. We will pray
for those on the parish prayer list and any
other intentions on our hearts. Anointing
with Holy Oil will also be offered for those
seeking additional healing prayers. You are
welcome to attend 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;
3/26 chs. 12, 13, & Epilogue

Art Exhibit

Through April 4

Jim Alimena's paintings will be on
exhibit at the Louis Bay 2nd Library &
Community Center, 345 Lafayette Avenue,
Hawthorne. M-Th 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-
5:30pm, Sat 10am-5pm.

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.

Grab and Go - Help the Bunny!

During Coffee Hour, the Easter Eggs will
be out for families to "Grab and Go" to
help the Easter Bunny prepare for his big
day! Please fill a bag of paired eggs and
return to St. Elizabeth's by Sunday, March
29th with NUT-FREE, INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED treats to share!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Fugue in C minor, Op. 37*

*Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)*

Janet Montroy, organ

*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 411 "O bless the Lord, my soul!"

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

KYRIE, Hymnal S-91

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 167

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them,

and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 516 "Come down, O Love divine"

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my

brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 516 “Come down, O Love divine”

Verse 3

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 on-line.

OFFERTORY HYMN 511 “Holy Spirit, ever living”

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

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

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 140 "Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun"

HYMN 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

The Congregation may be seated for the Requiem.

Requiem for the Living

Dan Forrest
(b.1978)

Note: In some cases, the traditional texts have been re-arranged slightly. Some extra-liturgical texts have been interpolated, and the traditional Dies Irae has been replaced by a biting essay on the vanity and pain of existence. The two movements which then follow have been inverted from their usual order: the Agnus Dei is offered as a prayer to the Lamb of God for an answer to pain and sorrow, and the Sanctus then follows as an awe-inspired response.

I. Introit-Kyrie

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Hear my prayer,
for unto Thee all flesh shall come.
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy.*

II. Vanitas Vanitatum

*Vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas!

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.
Lacrimosa,
et locutus est, pereat dies in qua natus sum.*

*Vanity of vanities, all is vanity! (from
Ecclesiastes)
Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.
Full of tears, (from the Dies Irae)
he said, Let the day perish wherein I was
born. (from Job 3:2-3)*

III. Agnus Dei

Anastasia Swope, soprano

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.
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,
have mercy on us; grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of
the world,
grant us peace; have mercy on us;
grant them rest.*

IV. Sanctus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!*

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest!*

V. *Lux Aeterna*

Alicia Luick, mezzo-soprano; Jeffrey Castellano, tenor

<i>Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:</i>	<i>May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord,</i>
<i>Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.</i>	<i>in the company of Thy saints forever: for Thou art merciful.</i>
<i>Et lux perpetua luceat eis.</i>	<i>Let perpetual light shine on them.</i>
<i>Come unto me,</i>	
<i>all ye who labor and are heavy laden,</i>	
<i>and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)</i>	
<i>Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,</i>	<i>Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,</i>
<i>et lux perpetua luceat eis.</i>	<i>and let perpetual light shine upon them.</i>
<i>Dona nobis pacem.</i>	<i>Grant us peace.</i>

THE FINAL PRAYER

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee that we, together with them, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir and Altar Party process out in silence.

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

GUEST MUSICIAN

Janet Montroy, organ & piano

THE SENIOR CHOIR OF ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Sopranos: Joan Hickey, Jennifer Hommez,

*Anastasia Ellanna Swope, Christine Van Teyens

Altos: Denise Barrand, Amy Berryman, Meg Doty,

*Alicia Luick, Karla Tombaugh

Tenors: Paul Berryman, *Jeffrey Castellano, Randy Carroll

Basses: *Daniel Peretto, Rob Shacklett

**Senior Choir Section Leaders*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Guest Musician: Janet Montroy

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Torchbearers: Lucas MacLaren, Edith Jordan

Lector: Annabelle MacLaren

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Don Taylor

Ushers: Steve Gorey, Jeff Marchetti

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Anne Carson Hovey, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Mary Hayes

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

Bell Ringer: Jeff Marchetti

Celebrate Easter

Sunday, March 29th	Palm Sunday	10:00 AM
Mon. & Wed. March 30 & April 1st	Holy Eucharist	12:00 PM
Thursday, April 2nd	Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday	12:00 & 5:00 PM
Holy Saturday, April 4th	Easter Egg Hunt – Front Lawn	10:00 AM
Easter Sunday, April 5th	Family Holy Eucharist	9:30 AM
	Festive Holy Eucharist	11:30 AM



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. No dancing required. Guests welcome! See Friday's E-news email for RSVP link.

Prepare The Way Capital Campaign Pledge Update

To date, we have received 69 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.

Prepare^{the}Way
Caring For Our Sacred Space

 ST. ELIZABETH'S
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of B. Franklin Reinauer II by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and David's father, Harry P. Barrand Jr. by David and Denise Barrand.

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	Virginia DuDeck
Diane and Frank Barletta	Mary	Lori Cardinale
Diane Pring	Milt	Michelle Todd
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 Frederick "Zeke" Ziegel and William A. Oehlschlager Jr.

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.



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