

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF MAY 3 - MAY 8

Sunday

- 9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:30 am Parish Life Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 11:45 am Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)

Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

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Wednesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 12:00 pm Weekday Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:30 pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am Moms Group (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 8:30am
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 May 24 and June 28. 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 Parish Life Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30am
(Conference Room)

Looking for a way to learn more about, or get involved with fellowship activities here at St. E's? Please join us for our Parish Life Committee meeting on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30 am. We will discuss plans for our upcoming parish picnic as well other opportunities to connect, serve and grow in faith together. New and long time parishioners welcome, no long term commitment necessary! Questions? contact Cathy Cardew at cvcardew@gmail.com

Before Lunch Book Talk & Author Zoom

Tuesday, May 5th at 12:00pm
(Garden Room or Zoom)

Join us to discuss *A Change of Habit: Leaving Behind My Husband, Career, and Everything I Owned to Become a Nun* by Sister Monica Clare moderated by Valerie Florstedt. Sister Monica Clare will be joining our discussion via Zoom for our May 5th meeting! She will talk about the book for 20 minutes to a half hour then will answer questions.

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, May 6th at 12:00pm
(Chapel)

Moms Group: Spring 2026

Thursday, May 7th at 10:30am
(Garden Room)

Moms Group is back for our spring session! Join us Thursdays at 10:30am to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Gospel against a backdrop of all the mom things that the end of the school year has to offer. We'll wrap up the year with a fun Moms Night Out. Questions? Email Catherine Olivo at catherineouttenolivo@gmail.com or Elena Croy at ebcroy@gmail.com.

A Candlelight Service of Choral Evensong

Saturday, May 16 at 5:00 pm
(St. Elizabeth's Church)

Presented by the Senior Choir of St. Elizabeth's. Please join us for this beautiful musical liturgy, one of the treasures of the Anglican tradition.

Family Sunday & Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 17th at 10:00am
(Church)

We will honor those graduating during our worship together. To include your high school or college graduate in our recognition, please contact Beth Van Emburgh.

Midweek Recharge on a Sunday

Sunday, May 17th at 11:30am
(Parish Hall)

Speaker: Taylor Price

Taylor Price is a business leader and disability advocate with experience in technology and government, including leading a national campaign at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. After a diving accident at 18 left him quadriplegic, he became an advocate through the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and lives in Florida.

YPF

Sunday, May 17th at 6:00pm
Save the Date!

Contemplative Holy Eucharist, Potluck, & Fire-pit

Sunday, May 24th at 5:00pm

Parish Office Closed

Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day
Please contact The Rev. Andy Olivo at (423) 242-5313 for pastoral emergencies.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Arabesque No. 1*

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

*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 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA, Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 **Incline your ear to me; ***
make haste to deliver me.

- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
 for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
 for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
 for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
 for you have redeemed me,
 O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 **My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
 a cornerstone chosen and precious;
 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
 “The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
 and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
 but now you are God’s people;
 once you had not received mercy,
 but now you have received mercy.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 487 “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL*John 14:1-14*Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

HYMN 487 “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

*Verse 3***THE HOMILY***The Rev. Melina Dezhbod***THE NICENE CREED***BCP 358***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI***BCP 392***THE ABSOLUTION***BCP 360***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 on-line.

THE OFFERTORY *O How Amiable*

Text: Psalms 84 and 90

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)*

*O how amiable are thy dwellings,
thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.*

DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 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 D

BCP 372

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 321 "My God, thy table now is spread"

HYMN 484 "Praise the Lord through every nation"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 432 "O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174*

*Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Torchbearers:

Lectors: Mary Wynn Seiter, Cynthia Gorey

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Mary Wynn Seiter

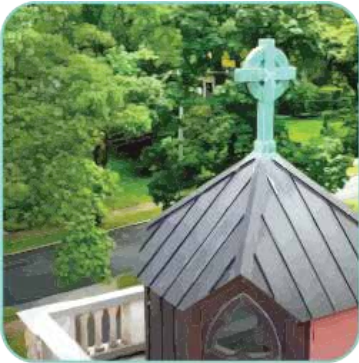
Ushers: Jeff Marchetti, Mark Ferrara, AJ Lorenz, Ellis Cole

Altar Guild: Joan Cooke, Debra Anderson, Wendy Lorenz, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: The Vestry

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman



Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Prepare The Way Capital Campaign

Update:

Just 24 Pledges Needed to Reach Our Goal



To date, we have received 76 pledges totaling a commitment of \$2,533,859. **Please pledge! There's still time to help us complete the campaign goal of 100 pledges.** Please fill out and return a pledge card today, or pledge online using the QR code provided

Campaign Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, just as your prophet John the Baptist came as a messenger to prepare the way of the Lord, you call us to that very same ministry. May all your faithful people who gather here to worship your Son be devoted caretakers of this sacred space so that we and future generations may know the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor, praise, and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of and thanksgiving for the life of Denise's father, Lawrence D. Casazza, by Denise, David, and Drayton Barrand and Tilghman (Tim) Waesche by Kris Hermance and family.

Mary Szurly is our flower memorial coordinator. Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

We remember also those who have died, especially Deborah Ross.

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list was refreshed at the beginning of 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 Hommeez

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

Vestry

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Bruce Firkins '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28

Christopher Aquilino '29

Catherine Carter '29

Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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