

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER :  
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY



# St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

10:00 A.M.

FAMILY SERVICE & HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

# THE WEEK OF MAY 17 - MAY 22

## Sunday

- 10:00 am Family Service & Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:45am Midweek Recharge on a Sunday (Parish Hall)
- 12:45 pm Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)

## Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)
- 5:30 pm Cook & Serve a Meal at St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter, Paterson

## Tuesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

## Wednesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)
- 12:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist: Rite One (Chapel)
- 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\*)

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*Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30am*  
*Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto: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–5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms. Please note that we have age restrictions for our nursery. Our nursery strives to maintain a safe environment with appropriate staff to child ratios, and when older children are present our attendant cannot safely watch the toddlers. On Sundays when we have a family service, children over 5 years old are expected to worship with their parents in church. Thank you for your understanding.

### Baptism

The upcoming baptism date is 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

### **Blessing Shelf**

The donations for the May collection for the new Blessing Shelf will begin their collection period this Sunday and will continue through June 7. This month, our donations will go to Families for Families in Wyckoff, an organization helping families transition out of homelessness. Please see our Instagram @theblessingshelf.sterw for suggested donation items. Contact Emily Olkowski at [olkowskiemily@hotmail.com](mailto:olkowskiemily@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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### **TODAY Graduate Recognition Sunday**

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

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### **TODAY 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.

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### **Final Midweek Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday, May 20th at 12:00pm  
(Chapel)

We will begin this service again in September.

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### **Moms Group: Spring 2026**

Thursday, May 21st 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.

### **Final Contemplative Holy Eucharist, Potluck, & Fire-pit**

Sunday, May 24th at 5:00pm  
(Chapel)

All are welcome to this quiet, candlelit service. Come and hear a short meditation, light a candle, pray for loved ones, and share the Eucharist. The service is followed by a potluck dinner around the fire-pit.

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### **Parish Office Closed**

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

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### **Confirmation Service**

Saturday, May 30th at 10:00am  
St. Matthew's, Paramus

Seating is limited. The service will be live streamed. <https://dioceseofnewark.org/confirmation/>

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### **Duke Habernickel's Memorial Service**

Saturday, June 6th at 11:00am  
(Church)

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### **Flower Sunday & Parish Picnic**

Sunday, June 7th at 10:00am  
Save the Date!

You and your family are invited to join us Sunday, June 7 as we end our Church School year and kick off summer with a celebratory worship service followed by a Parish Picnic.

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### **3rd Annual Whiskey Night**

Friday, June 12th at 6:30pm

Fella-ship: Missed a chance at the Outreach event to sign up for our 3rd annual Whiskey Night? There are still a few open spots available for this event on Friday, June 12th at 6:30pm at Steve Anderson's house. \$100 per person to sample various whiskeys and share fella-ship! Contact Steve Anderson [andersonstevenb@gmail.com](mailto:andersonstevenb@gmail.com) to sign up.

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Trumpet in Dialogue*

*Louis Nicolas Clerambault  
(1676-1749)*

*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 412 "Earth and all stars"

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP 355*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*BCP 355*

ANTHEM *Cantate Hodie! (Sing Today)*

*Mary Lynn Lightfoot*

*St. Elizabeth's Youth Choir*

*Cantate! Cantate!*

*Cantate hodie!*

*Cantate hodie, cantate hodie!*

*Cantate hodie, cantate hodie!*

*Life your voices in a jubilant song!*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Cantate hodie!*

*Sing today with jubilation! Jubilate!*

*Let your heart be filled with joy!*

*Sing today with exaltation! Exsultate!*

*Sing and rejoice in the glorious sound of the music!*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*BCP 226*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 655** "O Jesus, I have promised"

*Verses 1-2*

**THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:44-53*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**HYMN 655** "O Jesus, I have promised"

*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*

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

## 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** *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho*

*African American spiritual  
arr. Craig Curry*

*St. Elizabeth's Youth and Children's Choirs*

*Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,  
Jericho, Jericho.  
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,  
and the walls came a tumbuhlin' down.*

*You may talk about the men of Gideon,  
you may talk about the men of Saul.  
There's none like good old Joshua  
at the battle of Jericho.*

*Now right up to the walls of Jericho,  
he marched with spear in hand.  
"Go blow those ram horns," Joshua cried,  
"for the battle is in God's hands!"*

*Then horns began to bellow,  
and trumpets began to sound,  
and Joshua commanded the children to shout, "Come on down!"  
And the walls came a tumbuhlin' down.*

**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 495 "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!"

HYMN 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 214 "Hail the day that sees him rise"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

*Georg Philipp Telemann  
(1681-1767)*

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Crucifer: Ellis Cole

Torchbearers:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Carter, David Barrand

Ushers: Steve Gorey, David Jones

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Wendy Lorenz, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Marnie Price

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo and Olivia Jones

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

### **High School Graduates:**

Anna Dickson - Ridgewood High School

Katalina Ferrales - Northern Highlands Regional High School

Kristian Ferrales - Northern Highlands Regional High School

Mikael Ferrales - Northern Highlands Regional High School

Grace Freeborn - Ridgewood High School

Caroline Kern - Northern Highlands Regional High School

Hanna Liljegen - Northern Highlands Regional High School

John Muller - Ridgewood High School

Melin Muller - Ridgewood High School

Charlotte Ohnegian - Northern Highlands Regional High School

Emily Olkowski - Ramapo Regional High School

Gabriella Ragazzo - Northern Highlands Regional High School

Kate Schmitt - Ridgewood High School

Kelsey Shafer - Ridgewood High School

Christopher Yevchek - Ridgewood High School

### **College Graduates:**

Drayton Barrand - Stevens Institute of Technology

Zack Boesch - Kent State University

Harper Campbell - Lehigh University

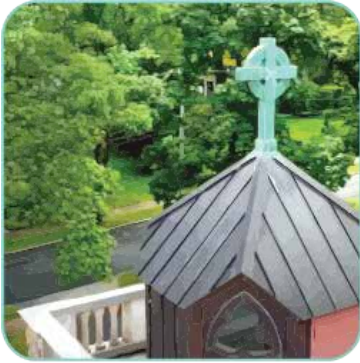
Daniel Libenson - Turning Point Program at Bergen Community College

Daniel MacLaren - Loyola University of Maryland

Henri Reyes - College of the Atlantic (Maine)

Matthew Sullivan - Marist College

Olivia Yevchek - George Washington University



# Prepare<sup>the</sup>Way

## *Caring For Our Sacred Space*



### ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### Pledge Update

**Just 23 Pledges Needed to Reach Our Goal**

**Check out the Campaign Pledge Center in the Chapel Hallway**

**Only five weeks to Celebration Sunday**

**June 21 @ 10 a.m.**

To date we have received 77 pledges totaling a commitment of \$2,543,859. The estimated cost of the projects is \$2.6 million. **Please pledge! There's still time to help us complete the campaign goal of 100 pledges by June 30.** Please fill out and return a pledge card today, or pledge online using the QR code provided here.



#### Update from the Vestry

Thanks to the generous pledging from our congregation, our Capital Campaign projects' planning is now underway. Although project estimates came in higher than expected, the giving spirit of this community has enabled the Vestry and Campaign Committee to move forward with funding for all of the original projects.

The Vestry has approved contracts with the following partners: Local Parti Architecture & Design and their engineering team; Patrick J. Murphy & Associates, Organbuilders; and Hughes Environmental Engineering.

Together, we are showing strong, faithful support for preserving the legacy of St. Elizabeth's while building for its future. There is still time to be part of this inspiring project as the campaign continues through June 30th. Stay tuned for updates on project timelines and progress as this work on our beautiful sanctuary and parish house begins.

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed Altar Guild members; her parents, Edna and Walter Canner, by Carolyn Krause; Frank Kraus by Alice and Tom Palmer, Joseph, Thomas and Frank

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

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We remember also those who have died, especially Donald Schink and Ellen English.

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### Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list will be refreshed on Pentecost. 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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