

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 a.m. Lemonade and Iced Tea Hour (Parish Hall)
12:00 p.m. Acolyte Training (Church)
3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
5:30 p.m. Choir Potluck Dinner (Parish Hall)

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

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8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:00 p.m. Evening Needlecrafters
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Zero-5 Mini-Musicians (Basement Music Room)

Morning Prayer is offered on Zoom only, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m.

Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com

**Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

WELCOME

Cooling Station and Water

If the church is too hot for your comfort, you may sit in the Chapel where there is air conditioning and watch the livestreamed service on the large wall-mounted TV. Water is available in the hallway between the Narthex and Chapel, as well as by the bathrooms and elevator.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are October 18, November 1, and November 22. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy for more information.

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and children's worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants through age 5 is open upstairs (second floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Regular Parish Office Hours Resume

Office hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday. Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing Shelf

The latest collection is for Ridgewood Social Service Association. Please donate snack size applesauce, laundry detergent, shampoo, mac & cheese, pasta, rice, cold cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and juice. The collection period is August 2–September 20.

Welcome Home Picnic

Sunday, September 20 at 11:15 a.m.
Next Sunday!

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3
5 p.m. cocktails at 61 California St.,
followed by dinner and dessert
\$75 per person

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training

Sunday, October 4, following Sunday
Worship in the Church.
If you have any questions about Lector
Training, contact Catherine Olivo.
If you have questions about or interest
in becoming an Eucharistic Minister,
contact Rev. Andy.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 3 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's Front Lawn
Bring pet food or a toy as a donation for a
rescue shelter.

Before Lunch Book Talk

Tuesday, October 6, at noon in the
Garden Room and on Zoom. The group
will be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote in
Silk: A Novel of Chinese Immigration to
the Pacific Northwest (Inspired by True
Events)* by Kelli Estes followed by lunch
(bring your own).

Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238
Passcode: Book

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Resumes on Wednesday, October 7, at
12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day /
Indigenous Peoples Day

Serve Together Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 18 following 10am
Worship. Save the date!

CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Registration is now open on our website! Classes begin September 27. Class leaders are still needed, so please consider growing in faith alongside your children. All materials and lessons are provided. Contact Beth for more information. Questions? Contact Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Passacaglia*

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Virginia Stephens, piano

The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows. You are invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this sacred time.

OPENING HYMN 577 “God is love, and where true love is”

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA, Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT

BCP 233

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and

the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to

the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 440 "Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

HYMN 440 "Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

Richard Farrant

Text from J. Bull (1568)

(c.1525-1580)

Soloists Quartet: Anastasia Swope, Alicia Luick,

Jeffrey Castellano, Daniel Peretto

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen*

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 A

BCP 361

PROPER PREFACE OF GOD THE FATHER

BCP 377

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 341 "For the bread which you have broken"

HYMN 379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Virginia Stephens, piano

Arr. by Zach James

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Guest Organist and Pianist: Virginia Stephens

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Torchbearers: Charles Olivo, Mary Claire Olivo

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Mary Wynn Seiter, Mary Hayes

Ushers: Jim Alimena, David Jones

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Diane Firkins, Sue Reid

Lemonade and Iced Tea Hour: Terry Battaglia

WELCOME HOME ♦ LET'S CELEBRATE

Welcome HOME SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER ♦ 20 ♦ AT 10 AM

2026



10 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST ♦ FEATURING "HOLY SMOKERS"

BRING FRIENDS ♦ ALL ARE WELCOME

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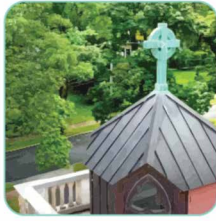
PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
5 P.M. COCKTAILS
HOSTED AT 61 CALIFORNIA ST.
FOLLOWED BY DINNER & DESSERT

\$75 per person
RSVP 917-750-7498
to Courtney Hanson

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Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

A New Chapter for Our Sanctuary

After a very successful Prepare the Way capital campaign over the last year, we are officially in "project mode"!

Work on our sanctuary renewal and improvement project will begin in early October. It is a large and somewhat complicated undertaking, so the next few months will bring change and modifications to our usual worship habits as we accommodate construction. We will keep everyone apprised as the schedule takes shape. We are working with a construction project manager who understands our need for safety and as minimal disruption as possible.

The work will include adding air conditioning, preparing the organ chamber for the improvements and completion of our organ (to happen in 2027), completing necessary roof work, and adding insulation to improve energy efficiency.

These are important investments in the future of St. Elizabeth's that will preserve our sanctuary as a place of welcome, worship, music, and celebration of important sacraments for generations to come. Thank you to all who have made this work possible.

This is an exciting - and ultimately joyful - new chapter for St. Elizabeth's and our beautiful sacred space!

Okay, here we go: thank you!!

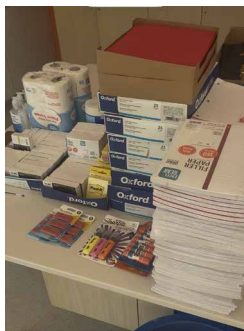


A Small But Necessary Upstairs Kitchen Refresh

The upstairs mini-kitchen, used mostly by the church school, choir, staff, and for conference room events, was in need of a repair and refresh. Work included new flooring, woodwork refinishing, cabinetry repair, painting, and the addition of an under-sink water filter system. Thanks to Steve Anderson, Gaye Thurston, Anne Carson, and Ray Hovey for volunteering time and services to get this project completed well under budget. The larger parish hall kitchen is scheduled for renovation in the summer of 2027.



**Use the QR Code to make a
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cially grateful to the Ridgewood community and friends for
ore than \$1,200 in school supplies, and to the St. Elizabeth's
nteers who organized supplies and helped teachers prepare our
for our young people.

sity provided more than supplies and volunteer hours; it helped
ght environment to nurture potential—one where our young
earn, grow, and thrive.

or investing your hearts, hands, and hours in our young people
g such wonderful friends of Philip's Academy.

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eileen Hickey Dowling by the Dowling family.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Al	Evelyn and Steve Dyke	Midge
Alex Casazza	Family of Mary Ann	Milt
Alice	DeGraw	Mina
Amy Brink	Frank	Nancy Schrempp
Anita	Frankye Crump	Nancy Teichman
Anne	Frederick Bruno	Pat
Barbara	Gaye	Paula Paulson
Bill Brancato	George and Shelley Mackey	Pauline Fiore and Family
Blanca Rojano	Gretchen	Penny
Bob	Gunnip Family	Peter Flannery
Bob Bell	Jack	Prasse Family
Bob C.	Jaime	Qian (Chen) Liu
Bruce	Jamie Whaley	Quinn
Bruce Neandross	Jane Winer	Richard Brunelle
Catherine	Joanne	Rick
Catherine O'Connell	John Berryman	Robbie
Chris	John Mills	Robert
Chris C.	Juan	Robyn Pring
Christian	Julie and Jim Robertson	Rochelle Kilzy
Christina Olkowski	June Bové	Ruth
Claire	Justine and Tom Boylan	Ruthie
Connie	Kate	Sarah
Cookie C.	Ken Thiess	Sarah
Danikka Dillon and Family	Kim Heitzenrater	Segovia Pasichniak
David Barrand	L Russ	Sophie
David Hawthorne	Lequan and Stephen Dudzik	Sr. Maureen Mitten
David Y.	Linda	Sue VanderPloeg
Dawn	Lois Chapman	The Rev. Dean Weber
Denny	Lora Salt	Thomas Maloney
Diane and Frank Barletta	Marcus Noble	Valerie
Diane Pring	Margaret	Vincent Colling
Dick Davies	Marty Melamed	Vincent Desimone
Donna	Mary	Virginia DuDeck
Doris	Mary Ann Newcomb and Family	Virginia Leahy
Dorothea Hickey	Matthew Garcia	Wes Pace
Effie	Michael Colling	Winston
Elizabeth Sofia		Yochio Kurahashi

We remember those who have died, especially Doug Judah, Joanne Judah, Beverly Hennemuth, Maritza Macdonald, Laura McGowan, Christi Pope Merrell, Sara Gilmartin Fitzmaurice, and Alice Oehlschlager.

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Pentecost. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the parish office.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF AND VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. Andy Olivo

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist and Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance and 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

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Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28

Christopher Aquilino '29

Catherine Carter '29

Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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