



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist: Rite Two

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sextons of the Bell

PRELUDE - *Andante elegiaco*

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 577 "God is Love, and where true love is"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book, p. 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

p. 355

GLORIA, HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN 605 “What does the Lord require”

(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 605 "What does the Lord require" (verses 3-4)

THE HOMILY The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE NICENE CREED Prayer Book, p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI p. 392

THE ABSOLUTION p. 360

THE PEACE (*standing*)

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY - *Christ has broken down the wall* Mark A. Miller
(b. 1967)

Cantare - Joyful Noise - The Senior Choir

(See text on last page)



A collection 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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

p. 361

THE PROPER PREFACE "*Of God the Father*"

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 LORD'S PRAYER

p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

p. 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 by the congregation and choir 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. **The practice of intinction (dipping the
bread into the wine) is no longer permitted. If you wish to receive
the wine, please drink directly from the Chalice.** It is perfectly
acceptable to receive communion in one kind (the bread only). Gluten-
free hosts are available upon request. Those who are not baptized,
or who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a
blessing, indicated by placing crossed arms over the chest.*

*When directed by the ushers, the congregation is invited to come
forward to the altar rail to receive communion. You may stand or kneel*

at the altar rail. After you receive, you can return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let an usher know and one of the ministers will come to you.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 482 "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy"

HYMN 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - *To Christ alone be the glory*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

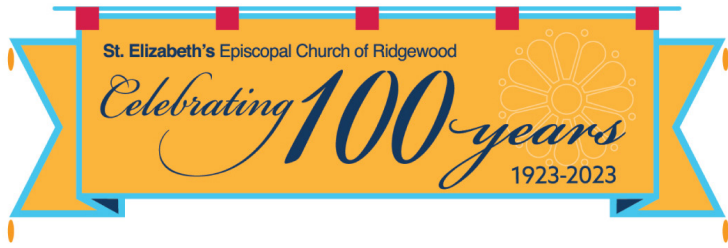
Those Assisting at Today's Service

Lector:	Debra Anderson, Katie Dickson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jim Alimena, Debra Anderson
Processional Crucifer:	Jim Alimena
Ushers:	Don Chappell, Peter Thauer
Coffee Hour:	Beth VanEmburch
Altar Guild:	Gigo Taylor, Karla Tombaugh
Nursery Attendant:	Meilin Muller
Livestream Guild:	Ryan Pettit

The Church Office has returned to normal hours and will be open 10:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday

The Flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat's mother, Barbara Lewis by Pat, Hugh, Alex, Torey and Jake Middleton; and in loving memory of Patricia Scheelje and B. Franklin Reinauer by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; and in loving memory of Todd Hoffman's grandmother Ann Merkle, by Todd, Deanna, Matthew, and Katie.

Coffee Hour will be in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship thanks to Beth VanEmburch



A FINAL WORD

As we enter into the 2023-2024 church school year and the restart of our worship and social programs, we are reminded that last year at this time we began our 10-month Centennial celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to honor our past and inform the parish and the broader community of the history, traditions and ministries of St. Elizabeth's Church these past 100 years. The publicity to the neighborhood and local community was well received, evidenced by many personal compliments. As a fitting end to the year of celebration, St. Elizabeth's received a formal certificate by the Bergen County Executive recognizing its commitment to providing a welcoming environment for worship, services and programs.

THANK YOU

The Centennial year would not have been possible without the efforts of many parishioners and the guidance of our rector Andy Olivo, who helped to create, shape and gracefully edit our vision for the Centennial events. Thank you, Andy.

We also would like to thank our wardens, Peter Angelica and Buffy McKay, for their availability, suggestions and guidance, and to the staff for their eagerness to help in any way.

Emma Reichert has our eternal gratitude for bringing our vision for the Centennial publicity to life with her extraordinary artistic talent and graceful patience.

Equally important to the success of the Centennial celebration was the strong team of volunteers who enthusiastically and lovingly pitched in, from setting up for events to planting, photography, and musical entertainment. With our apologies to anyone left off this list, we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals:

Jim Alimena, Steve Anderson, Barbara Brady, Dick Davies, Lyubov Ferara, Karina Ferrales, Niko Ferrales, Bruce Firkins, Diane Firkins, Valerie Florstedt, Gabriella Gabera, Meriam Gabera, Cynthia Gorey, Steve Gorey, Mary Hayes, Zaara Israni, Sheryl Jordan, Joanne Judah, Sherry Kock, Anita Kuzy, Tom McKay, Susan Munhall, Marnie Price, Sue Reid, Mary Wynn Seiter, Steve Pasterick, Don Taylor, Gaye Thurston, Beth Veca, Diane Walker

God bless,
Debra Anderson & Gigo Lee-Taylor

Changes in Sunday Worship Schedule We have transitioned to a single service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. In the coming days, the staff will announce additional opportunities for worship and formation. Should you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at aolivo@stesridgewood.org.

Nametags Please feel free to get your nametag from the board next to the elevator and wear it during and after the service. If you do not have a nametag, please contact the Church Office at 201-444-2299 to request one.

Parents of Young Children Welcome! We are so glad you are here. Children are joyful reminders that God is in our midst. They belong right here among God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. We have "pew bags" outside the Narthex with quiet activities for young children to interact with during the service. Near the Pew Bags you will also find copies of "The Children's Bulletin" that correspond with the readings of the day for older children. If you need to step out with your child, **the Nursery (Infants–3-year-olds during the summer) is open upstairs on the second floor.**

Church School Announcements: Registration for the 2023-2024 Church School year is OPEN. Please take a physical registration form or fill out one online at <https://forms.gle/2urJgzGMFAPJ89xx8> or use the QR code. Registration insures we know about any potential allergies, birthdays, and planning for class activities.



We are still in need of a class co-leader and class substitutes. Curriculum, lesson plans, activities and materials are provided each week for Class Leaders. Please contact Beth Van Emburgh with any questions.

Following this morning's service, we will have our first Church School class in each classroom. All classes will be dismissed at 11:30 am. Parents of children in 2nd grade and under must sign their children out of class at dismissal. We will celebrate our first day with ice cream sundaes at coffee hour

Come join our Children's Choirs! We meet for singing, crafts, fun and fellowship on Wednesdays, and sing in the main service about once a month. Joyful Noise is for kids in Grades K - 3, and meets from 4:30- 5:00; Cantare is for Grades 4 - 8, and meets from 5:15-6:15. There's nothing

like singing in a choir--it's a wonderful way to get free music lessons, make friends, serve our church community, and learn about God's love by singing about it! Please contact Catherine Hostetler at chostetler@stesridgewood.org if you have any questions.

Bethlehem Artworks Display: September 24 at Coffee Hour

You're invited to meet Husam, Daliah, and Jason Qumsieh, originally from Beit Sahour, a small town next to Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The Qumsieh Family now resides in Connecticut and works with Bethlehem Artworks. During Coffee Hour on September 24 they will display and sell handmade olive wood religious items, such as crosses, nativities, statues, and more, all made by Christian families in the Holy Land. They will also have conversations with parishioners about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land, whose population has dropped to just over 1% in all of Israel and Palestine.

Sign up to join a St. Elizabeth's Supper Club You're invited to make connections with fellow adult members of our church community by signing up to be a member of a Supper Club. We'll organize folks into small groups of 6 - 8, and your group will meet once a month for a meal and fellowship (supper can also mean lunch/brunch/dinner – whatever you'd like to do) from October - December. What is a Supper Club? They are gatherings to encourage connections and conversation in a relaxed setting. Meals can be a potluck, prepared by the monthly host, a trip to a restaurant, dinner and a movie—the options are endless. The group decides who will be the host member each month, when and where the gathering will take place, and the format. Supper Clubs are great for newcomers and for long-time members of the parish, and each group can structure them in the best way and at the best time that works for the group. If there is interest in continuing to meet beyond December, we will begin a new session in January. The hosting and location schedule will be up to each group. Members of the same household can sign up together on the same form. Scan the QR code to sign up. Please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo with any questions.



Mitchell Hernandez, Tenor Section Leader

We are very pleased to announce that Mitchell Hernandez is our new Tenor Section Leader and Soloist for the Senior Choir. Please join me in welcoming Mitchell! Mitchell Hernandez is originally from Canyon,

Texas, where he obtained his B.M. in Vocal Performance from West Texas A&M University. Mitchell is pursuing his M.A. in Music Composition from Montclair State University, where he studies composition with Scott Davenport Richards, and voice with Dr. Julia Rolwing. Mitchell has written pieces for musical theatre, chamber ensembles, dance, choir, and musique concrete. Mitchell has portrayed roles such as Beast in Beauty and the Beast, Pirelli in Sweeney Todd, George Gibbs in Our Town (opera), Ralph Rackstraw in H.M.S. Pinafore, Ferrando in Così fan tutte, Doppelgänger in Monstersongs, Monostatos in The Magic Flute, Marco in The Gondoliers, Gherardo in Gianni Schicchi, and Frederic in The Pirates of Penzance.

Funeral Service for Helen Barrand A funeral service for longtime parishioner Helen Barrand, who died on Sunday, August 13, will take place at St. Elizabeth's on Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. *I invite you to continue to hold David, Denise, Drayton, and all of Helen's family in your prayers.*

Meals at St. Paul's Emergency Men's Shelter On the third Monday of every month, parishioners from St. Elizabeth's bring dinner to the homeless shelter. It is one of the best activities our church does to help others. This year, again, we need your help to prepare and serve meals. **The dates volunteers are needed are: October 16 and December 18.** This is a wonderful opportunity for teens, families, confirmands and sponsors. For more details or information, please contact Denise Vollkommer at 201-637-1536 or denise.vollkommer@gmail.com.

ST. E-NEWS is sent out every Friday via email with the latest updates and events taking place at or around St. Elizabeth's. If you are not signed up to receive it, you can do so by going to the Events tab on our website, stesridgewood.org, If you are having issues with receiving St. E-News communiques, please check your Spam or Junk folders and make sure you have added us to your Contacts list. Contact Ryan Pettit (rpettit@stesridgewood.org) with any questions.

Weekday Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. Beginning September 12 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday services will be in the chapel and on Zoom. Monday and Friday services will be on Zoom only. Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning. Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com.

Women's Friday Morning Book Group meets on Fridays from roughly 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We begin with conversation, then move into

a prayer and discussion of the book. New members are always welcome! Your presence will enrich our group. Any questions may be directed to Chrys Hahn at cchrzhahn@gmail.com. Zoom information is in the weekly St. E-News email.

Please remember to give Parishioners may now e-pay their pledges and make their other charitable donations to St. Elizabeth's online. The secure Online Giving portal may be found on our website, directly accessed on the Online Giving tab at the top, underneath the St. Elizabeth's banner. If you have not returned a pledge card and would like to do so, the form may be downloaded from our website. Just click on The Church tab at the top of the page, then scroll to Stewardship and select Annual Pledging. You may also request a pledge card from the Church Office. Your generous gifts allow us to continue to do our good work, which is needed now more than ever.

Connect with us online We're on Facebook! To find us on Facebook, simply type "St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood" in the Facebook search tab, or click on the link on our website. Please note that anyone can access the services available on our Facebook page, even those who have not signed up for Facebook. If you have a personal Facebook page, please Like us! And also share St. Elizabeth's posts with your friends; we can call this e-evangelism! Additionally, we invite you to Like our church's Instagram page. Look for pictures of our beautiful stained glass windows and other treasures from around St. Elizabeth's Church. It's another way you can feel connected to our church even while you are away from it.

The Wardens and Vestry Peter Angelica and Buffy McKay, *Wardens*; Matthew Croy, Bruce Firkins, Todd Hoffman, Moe Ismael, Sheryl Jordan, Susan Munhall, Emma Reichert Pasterick, Gigo Lee-Taylor, Gaye Thurston, Diane Walker, Wayne Yankus

The Staff of St. Elizabeth's The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo, *Rector*; The Rev. William "Billy" Adams, *Associate Rector for Church Growth*; The Rev. Susan A. Schink, *Non-stipendiary Priest Associate*; Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Catherine L. Hostetler, *Associate Choirmaster*; Beth Van Emburgh, *Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*; Ann Dowling, *Parish Administrator*; Grace Arscott, *Financial Administrator*; Ryan Pettit, *Communications Coordinator*; Fredy Reyes, *Sexton*; Anthony Alberti, Mitchell Hernandez, Alicia Luick, and Anastasia Swope, *Soloists*

Parish Prayer List September 17, 2023

Sarah	Christina Olkowski
Sue Mango	Abby
Meghan	Virginia DuDeck
Kayti	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Elizabeth	Diane Barletta
Caroline	Frankye
Joanne	Ann Dowling
George & Shelley Mackey	Barbara M. Burns
Harry & Jean Place	June Bové
Alan & Marilyn Michel	John Mills
Jim & Julie Robertson	Grace Hickey
Mary	Dorothea Hickey
James Pring	Claire Lent
Paula Stukenborg	Juan Lent
Alex Casazza	Jane
Marty Melamed	Jim F.
Elizabeth Sofia	Barbara & Frank Sullivan
Vincent DeSimone	Jenna Logan
Harvey Auger	Bill Mifsud
Catherine O'Connell	Pat Marker
David Barrand	Bill Keeley
Robert Salmon	Bethann
Marty Doggett	Courtney, Nick, & Wills Surace
Gina LaFurn	Joanne Judah
Nancy Chapin	The Hunter Family
Denise Barrand	Kris Peterson
Evelyn Jaegar	Suzanne O'Neil
Connie Colella	Michael D
Martha	Margaret Seiter
Bob	Ross
Bruce	Sue
Christine	George King
Mario	George Mazzella & Family
Joan H. Bové	Josephine Scotti
Bill Mifsud	Sue Reid
Miles Falck	Donna Dorsey

We remember also those who have died, especially
Thomas Neal Walsh and Virginia Petrochko Iori

To add a name to the prayer list or memorial list, please visit our website
for the request form, or contact the Parish Office

Choral Anthem
Christ has broken down the wall

Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

Christ has broken down the wall.
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one:
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled:
we're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love freely offered here:
cast aside your doubts and fears

We will tear down the walls.
We will tear down every wall!
God has called us one and all:
Christ has broken down the wall.
Christ has broken down the wall.