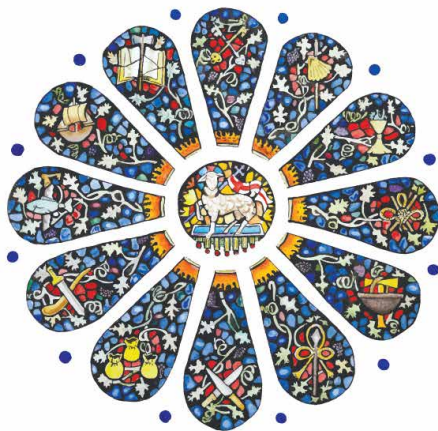


# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 7

### Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)

11:15 a.m. Lemonade & Iced Tea Hour (Parish Hall)

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

### Thursday

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

### Friday

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

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

*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

### 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 the Chapel and by the bathrooms and elevator.

### Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are August 23, September 13, October 11, November 1, and November 22. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Melina 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–5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

### Summer Parish Office Hours

Summer office hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blessing Shelf

School's out, hunger isn't. Let's fill the shelves this summer! No child should spend summer hungry. Help us to fill empty plates and hearts! Donate tuna, pasta, dry goods, snack items, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, and canned goods. Every donation makes a difference no matter how big or small. The collection period is from June 10-August 1. Contact Emily Olkowski at [olkowskiemily@hotmail.com](mailto:olkowskiemily@hotmail.com) with any questions.

### Funeral Service for Pat DeSear

Friday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m.



**Bring Joy to Our  
Community Volunteer  
for LEMONADE &  
ICED TEA Hour**

Use the QR code to sign  
up. **We need hosts for  
August 9.**

### Summer Storytime

Tuesday, August 11 at 10 a.m.  
(Parish Hall)

Join us for a fun-filled Storytime designed especially for children ages 8 and under! Bring your little ones for a morning of imagination, friendship, and faith in a welcoming and joyful environment. Each session includes an engaging story, a creative craft, and a tasty snack as we learn, create, and grow together. All children are welcome - bring a friend!

### Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3  
Save the date!

### Food for the Spirit

Tuesday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Dessert Board

(Parish Hall)

Once a month this summer, gather with us for food, fellowship, and conversation as we explore the things that truly nourish us. As we create a different themed board each month, we'll reflect on what feeds our minds, bodies, and spirits, how to let go of the things that drain us, and how to cultivate the things that bring life and joy. We will also explore and try different spiritual practices together as part of our time.

### Volunteer with St. Paul's CDC Men's Emergency Shelter, Paterson

Monday, August 17  
5:30 p.m.

The Outreach Committee needs volunteers to prepare and serve dinner for 35 homeless men working to rebuild their lives. St. Elizabeth's provides meals on the third Monday of each month, including a main dish, sides, dessert, and breakfast items. Please use the QR code to sign up.



### Final Friday Family Dinner & Games

Friday, August 28 at 6 p.m.

(Parish Hall)

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Enjoy a delicious casual dinner, connect with friends old and new, and challenge each other with games for all ages. RSVP to [bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org).

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Well-Tempered Klavier, Book I, BWV 855*      *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*X- Prelude in E minor*      (1685-1750)

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

**OPENING HYMN 304** “I come with joy to meet my Lord”      *Verses 1, 2, & 5*

**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 232*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and,  
because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it  
always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**      *Romans 9:1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it  
by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For  
I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake  
of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and  
to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law,  
the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them,  
according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.  
**Amen.**

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 343** “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”      *Verses 1-2*

**THE GOSPEL**      *Matthew 14:13-21*

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds  
heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he  
saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When  
it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place,  
and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the  
villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go

away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

**HYMN 343** “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

*Verses 3-4*

**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** *This day*

*Bob Chilcott  
(b. 1955)*

*Jewish text;  
adapted by Bob Chilcott  
Daniel Peretto, baritone*

**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 HOLY SPIRIT**

*BCP 378*

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

**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 309** "O Food to pilgrims given"

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*BCP 366*

**THE BLESSING**

*BCP 366*

**HYMN 594** "God of grace and God of glory"

**THE DISMISSAL**

*BCP 366*

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on Westminster Abbey*

*George Towers  
(1914-2008)*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Sandy Sullivan

Torchbearers: Annabelle MacLaren, Lucas MacLaren

Lector: Annabelle MacLaren

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Sandy Sullivan

Ushers: Bob Bell, Don Chappell

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Diane Firkins, Sue Reid

Lemonade & Iced Tea Hour: Joelle Henriksson

Nursery Attendant: Emily Olkowski

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman



**With Thanksgiving  
for Faithful Ministry**

The people of  
**St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church**  
cordially invite you to a

*Farewell Luncheon*

**Honoring the Rev. Melina Dezhbod**  
as we give thanks for faithful leadership,  
compassionate pastoral care, and the many  
blessings of shared ministry.

**Sunday, August 30**  
Following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Parish Hall

Please join us for fellowship, gratitude, and the  
opportunity to wish Rev. Melina every blessing  
as God calls her to a new chapter in ministry.

Use the QR code to RSVP.



To give thanks to Rev.  
Melina's ministry, you can  
contribute to a purse that we  
will give to her. You can give  
your gifts securely using the  
QR code to the right or mail  
or drop off a check in the  
parish office with "Melina's  
purse" in the memo.



## EPISCOPAL JEOPARDY

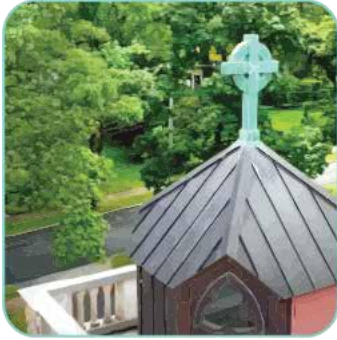
Did you miss Episcopal Jeopardy on July 19? We'll be running the questions by category each week and the answers the following week.

| Category: | Bible                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Category: | Episcopal 101                                                                                              |
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| 100       | Name the four Gospels.<br><b>Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | 100       | Who is the first woman to serve as Archbishop of Canterbury?                                               |
| 200       | The Bible is split into the _____ and the _____ Testaments.<br><b>Old and New</b>                                                                                                                                                  | 200       | The group serves as the governing board of a parish and includes the Rector, Wardens, and elected members. |
| 300       | Name 3 of the 7 "I am" Statements in the Gospel of John.<br><b>The Bread of Life<br/>The Light of the World<br/>The Gate (Door) for the Sheep<br/>The Good Shepherd<br/>The Way, and the Truth, and the Life<br/>The True Vine</b> | 300       | Does the Episcopal Church have nuns and monks?                                                             |
| 400       | How many creation stories are there in the Bible?<br><b>Two</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | 400       | Was the Rev. Robert Thomson the first Rector of St. E's?                                                   |
| 500       | Name a major and/or a minor prophet in the Old Testament.<br><b>Major: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel<br/>Minor: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi</b>           | 500       | What year was the Episcopal Church in America established?                                                 |

## CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

### Join our Leadership Team

This fall, we're looking for new Church School Leadership Team members as several leaders will be graduating or moving on. All lesson materials are provided, including readings, discussion guides, activities, and crafts. Confirmed students in grades 9–10 may volunteer with an adult, and Confirmed students in grades 11–12 may volunteer in pairs. All volunteers must complete Safe Church training. Classes begin in mid-September. Questions? Contact Beth at [bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org).



# Prepare<sup>the</sup>Way

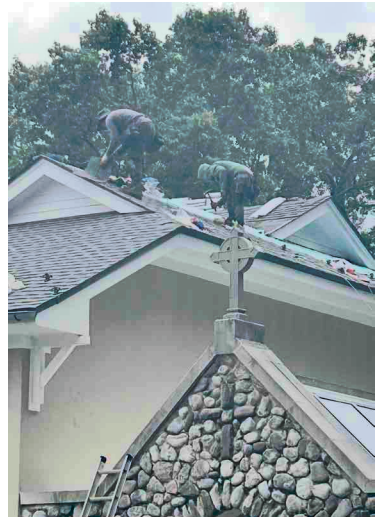
## *Caring For Our Sacred Space*



### ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### Work Has Begun!

Thanks to your generosity through the capital campaign, the replacement of the Parish House roof began on Thursday, July 23 and continued this past week. It's exciting to know these long-awaited improvements are finally beginning. Thank you for helping make them possible!



#### Please Contribute!

Pledge online using the QR code provided here.



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Claire Marshall Hermance 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

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

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We remember also those who have died, especially Pat DeSear.

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### 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 & 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 Hommez

### **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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