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The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am The Liturgy of the Word Rite I

[live-streamed]

PRELUDE *Nocturne in C# minor, Op. post.* Frédéric Chopin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 143 "The glory of these forty days"
(Sung by Soloist)

THE LENTEN ACCLAMATION Prayer Book p. 323

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY p. 323

THE DECALOGUE p. 317

THE KYRIE Hymnal, S-90

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Traditional)*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with

thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons and Creed

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *St. Paul, Op. 36* Felix Mendelssohn
Scene Two – The Conversion and Baptism of Paul
Recitative and Arioso
Alicia Luick, *Mezzo-Soprano*

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they

give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Response before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

*Response after the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE HOMILY	The Rev. Cathy Rafferty Quinn
THE NICENE CREED	Prayer Book, p. 326
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	p. 328
THE CONFESSION	p. 331
THE ABSOLUTION	p. 332
THE LORD’S PRAYER	p. 336
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL	
CLOSING HYMN 456	“O Love of God, how strong and true”

(Sung by Soloist)

POSTLUDE <i>Et in terra pax</i>	François Couperin
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The flowers on the pedestals in the narthex are given in loving memory of Nancy’s parents and Elisabeth and Peter’s grandparents, Marjorie and Otto Kuester, by David Larsen.

All in-church worship services have been temporarily suspended due to the high rate of COVID-19 in Bergen County. We will transition back to being fully online for worship until transmission rates decline in our area. Our Sunday services are live-streamed at 10:00 am on the parish YouTube and Facebook pages. Participate in real time, or tune in at a convenient time for you and your family. A YouTube or Facebook account is not necessary to access these services.

The Church Office is open Monday–Friday from 9:00 am –4:00 pm. Please note that COVID safety regulations are still in place: The outer doors are locked, and

masks and social distancing are required. To enter the building, please call 201-444-2299 when you arrive.

Our annual Ingathering has concluded, but there's still time to make your pledge for 2021 if you haven't yet done so. The 2021 pledge card may be downloaded on our website (www.stesridgewood.org), then filled out and returned to the church office by email, regular mail, or in person. Thank you for your generous support of the ministries at St. Elizabeth's.

A River Through the Desert is a six-session Lenten course created by St. George's Anglican College in Jerusalem. Each week the Dean of St. George's, the Rev. Canon Richard Sewell, will lead us on a virtual pilgrimage through some significant Holy Land sites. We will follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we travel from Galilee to Golgotha, and reflect on each week's theme. About this series, Dean Sewell writes, "[It's] called *A River Through the Desert* because a Lent course should aim to water faith in the way that a river will cause the desert to flower and flourish in unexpected ways." The upcoming schedule and weekly themes for *A River Through the Desert* will be: **March 3:** "The Mountain"; **March 10:** "The Sea"; **March 17:** "The Road"; **March 24:** "The Garden." The Zoom session will begin with a time of fellowship at 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights. At 7:15, we will open with prayer, watch a short video created by St. George's College, and then hear a short reflection on the week's topic by the Rector. Participants will then break into small groups on Zoom for further discussion about the week's topic until 8:05. Finally, everyone will come back together as we conclude the evening with Compline and end at 8:15 pm. Although attendance at every session is not required in order to participate, it is strongly encouraged as the sessions build on common themes each week. If you are interested in participating in this class, please email the Rev. Andy Olivo at: aolivo@stesridgewood.org.

Reminder about the Parish Prayer List We refreshed our parish Prayer List on Ash Wednesday, February 17. If you would like to repeat a name or add a name to the Prayer List,

please contact Ann Dowling in the Church Office (201-444-2299 or adowling@stesridgewood.org). There is no limit to how often a name may be added, nor is there any membership requirement for being on the list. Thanksgivings, as well as intercessions, are always appropriate for the Prayer List.

“Lenten Listening”—Friday Morning Retreat—Friday, March 5, 2021 from 8:45 am to noon Mark your calendars and join us via Zoom at St. Elizabeth’s for a retreat with Sister Monica Clare, Sister Superior of the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, NJ. Sister Monica Clare will offer a series of meditations on Zoom alternating with space between (away from the computer) for individual reflection. If you attended the Advent Retreat in December, you experienced Sister Monica’s spiritual leadership. We hope you will join us, enjoy the blessing of time set apart for drawing nearer to God, and find this time restorative. Prepare a space in your home for a morning of contemplation and reflection, refreshment and renewal, and join us. Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9A92DABF4C34-lenten> by Monday, March 1. All are welcome, no fee required. Contributions to defray the cost welcome. Any questions? Please contact The Rev. Cathy Quinn at cquinn@stesridgewood.org.

Grades Pre K–4: Sunday Morning Zoom Event on March 14 at 11:15 am. We have a fun half-hour planned for kids from PreK on up through 4th Grade, so please join us! Children will have special roles as helpers, so we will be in touch soon to assign those, as well as sending out some materials in advance, along with the Zoom link. Hope to see you there!

Call for Children's Artwork and Prayers During the season of Lent, each issue of our digital Christian Education Weekly will be featuring artwork and prayers provided by our young people. Though anything of a religious nature that inspires a child to write or draw is welcome, our overall theme is The Kingdom of God: the ways that Jesus shows us what that is, and the ways that we can make it happen in the world.

See your Christian Education Weekly email for a PDF list with prompts for doing artwork and writing prayers.

Can You Read Us a Story? We've heard that those in our Chapel congregation have really enjoyed seeing and hearing some familiar and much-missed kids and grownups in our weekly story time! Though the response to this project has been wonderful, we still have a few spots open for anyone who would like to tell the Bible story of the week on video. You don't need to be a "Chapel Family" to do it—teenagers, grandfolks, and friends are all welcome. We want to see (and hear) you! Contact the Church School office at chostetler@stesridgewood.org if you'd like information about the open dates.

Friday Women's Book Group Except for March 5, when the Book Group will attend the Lenten Retreat, on four other Fridays in Lent—February 26 and March 12, 19, 26—the Book Group will be reading and discussing its Lenten Book. The Lenten Book is *A BEAUTIFUL DISASTER: Finding Hope in the Midst of Brokenness* by Marlena Graves. In writing that's grounded in scripture, a contemporary American woman, Marlena Graves, shares her very relatable stories of how "God showed her the way" through the suffering of poverty, a dysfunctional childhood, parental mental illness, prison, the death of loved ones, and her own bad decisions. If you have any questions or need sign-in information, please contact Terry Battaglia at batt@optonline.net.

St. E's Meal Support Our parish has a long history of pitching in and helping one another in times of trial and travail—and today, that wonderful way to show love through food is still an important part of how we support each other. If you would like to be part of our meal delivery support team, please email Mary Wynn Seiter at mwseiter@lawnj.com to be added to the distribution list for our FoodTidings platform for organizing meal support, or phone her at 201.981.3774.

Weekday Morning Prayer Online Morning Prayer takes place via Zoom Monday through Friday at 8:30 am. This 20-

minute service is a great way to start the day. The meeting opens at 8:20 and people can stay on afterward to visit. Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com with any questions. To participate:

- Go to Zoom.com and enter
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8389084437>
Meeting ID: 838 908 4437
Password if needed: tea

Weeknight Compline The clergy offer this service each Monday through Friday at 8:30 pm. To participate in Compline, go to St. Elizabeth's Facebook page by searching St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood. You do not have to have your own Facebook page to watch the video.

Weekly Monday Evening Bible Study Join us tomorrow night, **March 1, and on March 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00 pm.** We will review the gospel lesson for the Sunday before, using the contemplative method of Bible Study known as *Lectio Divina*. No prior experience required. Drop-ins welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198695502?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198695502?pwd=Ukw3S0g5akQwMzQxZ0hkNm9iOTc5QT09)
[pwd=Ukw3S0g5akQwMzQxZ0hkNm9iOTc5QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198695502?pwd=Ukw3S0g5akQwMzQxZ0hkNm9iOTc5QT09)
Meeting ID: 891 9869 5502 Passcode: Lectio

Moms Group—Monday, March 1 at 4:00 pm Join us for this monthly prayer and conversation over Zoom. Moms with infant and toddler children through moms with college graduates again living at home with them - all gather to share stories of joy and sorrow, to pick up tips for navigating this time of isolation in close quarters, to explore how we can help our neighbors, to stay connected to each other as members of congregation, and to stay close to God. We conclude with a short service of Evening Prayer.

Zoom Link for Moms meeting on **Monday, March 1 at 4:00 pm:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82841395324?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82841395324?pwd=MThFUxBzYTdzci9WL2lQSDJZWUpuZz09)
[pwd=MThFUxBzYTdzci9WL2lQSDJZWUpuZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82841395324?pwd=MThFUxBzYTdzci9WL2lQSDJZWUpuZz09)
Meeting ID: 828 4139 5324 Passcode: Moms

StoryTime Live at 5:00 pm with The Rev. Cathy Quinn
Join us on Facebook for **StoryTime Live with The Rev.**

Cathy Quinn on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm** (recording available to watch video after streaming). No Facebook Account necessary. Go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/459106968172376/live/>

The YPF will meet on **Saturday, March 20 at 1:00 pm**, rain or shine. If the weather is good, the group will meet at Ringwood Manor for a giant game of Hide 'n Seek on the grounds of this historic state-owned manor house, 35 minutes from Ridgewood. Parents will accompany their sixth or seventh grader, and any siblings or friends are also welcome. YPF family groups will leave Ridgewood at 1:00 pm, rendezvous at the Manor, walk the boundaries of the game, play from 2:00–3:00 pm and be back home between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. Weather *not* permitting, the YPF will meet over Zoom at 1:00 pm to compete as teams in a War of Trivial Pursuit about St. E's and Ridgewood. The prize: hand-delivered ice cream bars!

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed St. Elizabeth's week to volunteer at the Midland Park Thrift Shop is **Tuesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 25**. We need volunteers both in the morning from 10:00 am–12:00 noon and in the afternoon from 1:00–3:00 pm. St Elizabeth's receives funding from this shop to help sponsor our outreach programs. If we are not able to provide volunteers, then we cannot receive the ECW dividend checks. We are asked to volunteer at the store only once a year, but we need to donate clothes and small household articles throughout the year. Be sure your donation is tagged with #4 for St. Elizabeth's. Please call Ann Dowling at 201-444-2299 or e-mail her at adowling@stesridgewood.org if you can volunteer and are comfortable doing so.

Community Thrift Shop The Thrift Shop is open and taking donations. They would like seasonal clothing and items, but are limited in their space, so only 2 shopping bags or boxes at this time please. Drop-off for donations is now on Mondays, from 10:00 am until noon. Please mark your bags/boxes with **#4**, as St. Elizabeth's is credited with a portion of our sold donated items. Location for the Thrift

Shop is 85 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park. Shop is located on lower side of shopping center, near to Goffle Road. Their telephone number is 201-652-7661. Any questions regarding donations, please call Caroline Angelica at 201-638-5829.

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. The Online Giving page may be 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 by contacting Ann Dowling at adowling@stesridgewood.org or 551-206-6999).

Your generous gifts allow us to continue to do our good work, which is needed now more than ever.

We want to hear from you if you are coordinating a parish activity from home Are you leading a group activity? Please send us the details for listing in our weekly St. E-News as well as in *The Tower*. Contact Communications Administrator Debra Anderson at: danderson@stesridgewood.org and copy Ann Dowling at adowling@stesridgewood.org.

St. Paul's Men's Shelter St. Elizabeth's Church has been an active supporter of this mission for many years. This is an excellent opportunity to provide assistance to a worthy and appreciative group of men who are trying to rebuild their lives. We provide this service on the third Monday of each month. The following dates are available to help this worthy group: **March 15, April 19, and May 17**. Currently, prepared meals for approximately 18 men are dropped off at the shelter because of COVID restrictions. **Please consider helping these men by dropping off a meal. Many groups who have assisted the shelter in the past are no longer helping because of COVID-19. Please contact Denise Vollkommer at denise.vollkommer@gmail.com or**

201-637-1536 with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

Diocese of Newark “Finding Hope” Lenten Invitation

The Rev. Margaret Otterburn, member of the Empowering Team of Diocesan Council, is compiling daily inspirational stories focused on “Finding Hope,” written by members of our diocese to serve as this year’s Lenten offering. **All are invited to participate, both laity and clergy.** The story should be limited to about **200 words**. If you wish a specific date, please let Margaret know; otherwise, she will assign one to you. Please respond as soon as you can to margaretotterburn@msn.com. She hopes to complete the assignments for March dates before February 29.

Church Leader University will be held (via Zoom) this **Saturday, March 6**. Stay at home and join us online (for workshops relevant to this extraordinary time) via computer, tablet or smart phone!

Schedule:

- 8:30 am Check In
- 9:00 am Message from the Bishop
- 9:45 am Session A
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:30 am Session B

Further information, including how to register, is on the diocesan website: dioceseofnewark.org/clu-spring-2021

Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to participate but **registration is required.**

The deadline to register is this Wednesday, March 3, at 5:00 pm!

Workshops:

- A1: Episcopal Polity 101
- A2: Let's Reconnect: Spiritual Gifts in a Time of Pandemic
- A3: Stewardship: 2020 in Hindsight – Lessons Learned, Future Adaptations

- A4: Insurance for your Church – why do you need, what does and should it cover, and what do you need to do?
- A5: More than Muted Singing: Keeping Choirs Engaged over Zoom
- A6: Episcopal Evangelism 101
- A7: Maintaining Mentally and Spiritually Healthy Leadership in a Pandemic
- A8: Growing in Faith at Home: Deepening Your Spiritual Life
- A9: Introduction to Developing Congregational-Based Youth Ministry
- B1: Let's Reconnect: Small Group Ministry
- B2: Online Communications & Worship
- B3: Church Safety
- B4: Church Finances 101
- B5: Lay Leadership: Wardens & Vestries
- B6: All Things Youth Ministry
- B7: Polity 102: What Does Our Diocese Do?
- B8: The Spiritual Life
- B9: Social Justice-New Jersey Together

St. Elizabeth's is invited to join a Diocesan Regional Ministry Network Zoom Meeting with our Bishop for clergy *and* all lay members of St. Elizabeth's, reflecting on what we, our churches, and our communities have learned and experienced as we have adjusted to the changes this pandemic time has demanded of us, on **Thursday, March 11th from 6:30–8:30 pm**. On the Monday before the meeting, the Diocese will email the Zoom invitation to clergy and Wardens, which will then be available to everyone. Zoom call information cannot be posted publicly on our website or social media to prevent "Zoom-bombing." It is not necessary to register for these meetings.

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.

Our weekly e-blasts continue. If you are having issues with receiving St. E-News communiques, please:

- Check your Spam or Junk folders.
- Make sure you have added us to your Contacts list.
- Contact Debra Anderson
(danderson@stesridgewood.org)

Serve Christ

From our Rector...

- Check in on your friends and neighbors and fellow parishioners.
- Say your prayers.
- Do small acts with great love.

Those assisting at today's service:

Altar Guild: Gigo Taylor

Upcoming Services and Events

Mon., Mar. 1	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	4:00 pm	Moms Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
	8:30 pm	Compline
Tue., Mar. 2	8:00 am	Ridgewood Clergy
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:30 pm	Outreach Committee??
	8:30 pm	Compline
Wed., Mar. 3	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	8:30 am	District Clergy
	7:00 pm	<i>A River Through the Desert</i> Lenten Series #3 ("The Mountain")
	8:30 pm	Compline
Thu., Mar. 4	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	8:30 pm	Compline
	8:30 pm	Compline
Fri., Mar. 5	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	11:00 am	Book Group
	8:30 pm	Compline

The Wardens and Vestry Mary Hayes and Peter Angelica, *Wardens*; Jim Alimena, Matthew Croy, Ed Ferrara, Karina Ferrales, Tim Graham, David Jones, Susan Munhall, Alice Palmer, Marnie Price, Karla Tombaugh, Diane Walker, Wayne Yankus

The Staff of St. Elizabeth's The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo, *Rector*; The Rev. Cathy Quinn, *Assistant Rector*; The Rev. Susan A. Schink, *Non-stipendiary Priest Associate*; Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Catherine L. Hostetler, *Associate Choirmaster and Associate for Christian Education*; Mike Watson, *Associate for Youth Ministries*; Ann Dowling, *Parish Administrator*; Debra Anderson, *Communications Administrator*; Grace Arscott, *Financial Administrator*; Fredy Reyes, *Sexton*; Anthony Alberti, Greg Hostetler, Alicia Luick, and Anastasia Swope, *Soloists*

Intercessory Prayer List

February 28, 2021

Ted Ruby	Mary
The Padron Family	Jane Richardson
Dean and Frances Swope	Janet Chalmers
Ken Dudzik	George and Shelley
Michael Dudzik	Mackey
Virginia DuDeck	Alan and Marilyn Michel
Clark Nicholas	Harry and Jean Place
Barbara LeVay	Jim and Julie Robertson
Sally Hirschey	Vicki Edelman
Matt Hicks and Family	Syd Salt
Rohan II	Marie Dodrill
Merry Beckett	Andy Hoy
Baby Nora	Noemi
John Bové	Helen
John Mills	Paula Stukenborg
Dorothea Hickey	Alex Casazza
Grace Hickey	Marty Melamed
Claire Lent	Elizabeth Sofia
John Lobo	Vincent DeSimone
Jane and Monty	John Kliegl
Loretta and Family	David Barrand
Marjorie and Sandy	Adrienne
Feldman	
Anna Salmon	

We remember also those who have died, especially Katherine Blessed Klapp, Jay Lebosco, and Pantton Adams.