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The Fifth Sunday after Easter: Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please remember to wear your mask and maintain a 6-foot distance from others throughout the service. Congregational singing of hymns is not allowed at this time.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sextons of the Bell

PRELUDE

Lieder ohne Worte, Op. 30, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"
(Sung by Soloist)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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THE GLORIA Hymnal, S-279

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(Sung by Soloist)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons and Creed

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at

Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 513 “Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

(Sung by Soloist)

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

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THE PRAYERS, FORM VI AND CONFESSION

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THE ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Please refrain from sharing the Peace in a physical way except with members of your household. A wave, simple bow, or peace sign is appropriate for all others.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantata No. 68, BWV 68

Johann Sebastian Bach

Mein gläubiges Herze

Anastasia Swope, soprano

Mein gläubiges Herze,
frohlokke, sing' scherze,
dein Jesus ist nah!
Weg Jammer,
weg Klagen,
ich will euch nur sagen
mein Jesus ist da.

*My faithful heart,
rejoice, sing, make merry,
your Jesus is near!
Away misery,
away complaining,
to you I will say only
my Jesus is here.*

Ushers will not be passing offering plates at this service, but you are invited to leave your gift in the plate in the Narthex at the end of the service. We are grateful for your generous support of our many ministries at St. Elizabeth's.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A

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THE PREFACE OF EASTER

...But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life....

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The parish clergy will bring the consecrated bread to you after the Eucharistic prayer. You may either remain standing or kneel at your pew, and they will place the host in your open hand. Consecrated wine will not be distributed during this time. The clergy will be sanitizing their hands prior to serving communion. Please take a moment to sanitize your hands with the hand sanitizer available in the pews.

After the priest has served everyone in your row, you may momentarily remove your mask to consume the consecrated bread before replacing your mask. Gluten-free hosts are available when needed; simply tell the priest when they come to you.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest.

After you have received the Holy Eucharist, you may sit or kneel in your pew.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

Anastasia Swope, soprano

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum,
The bread of the angels is made bread for man;
dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.
this heavenly bread gives an end to deathly forms.
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum,
O wondrous deed, in which the poor
pauper, servus et humilis.
and humble servant consumes the Lord!*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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CLOSING HYMN 529 “In Christ there is no East or West”

(Sung by Soloist)

The congregation can exit the church either at the conclusion of the hymn or the postlude. Please maintain a safe distance from others as you exit and do not crowd in the hallways. There will be no in-person Coffee Hour after the service, but the clergy will greet you as you leave via the

California Street doors. Please either take your bulletin home with you or place in the recycle basket as you leave today's service.

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556*

Johann Sebastian Bach

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Kormanik, loving mother and grandmother, by her family; and in loving memory of and thanksgiving for the life of Denise's father, Lawrence D. Casazza, by Denise, David, and Drayton Barrand.

We are now able to resume in-person worship services.

All attendees are required to register via the online SignUpGenius page at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9a92dabf4c34-ijnperson> or by calling the parish office (202-444-2299).

Attendance is limited to **50** people so that we can remain appropriately distanced. When that number is reached each week, registration will close. It is important for us to have an accurate count of those attending each week for distancing purposes. Please plan to worship online if registration for this week's service is full. Our Sunday services will continue to be live-streamed at 10:00 am on our parish website (www.stesridgewood.org), YouTube, and Facebook page. A YouTube or Facebook account is not necessary to access these services.

The Church Office is open Monday–Friday from 10:00 am –4:00 pm (note new later opening time). 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.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available. For those who requested envelopes, if you would like to come to the office and pick up your box, please let Ann Dowling know

(201-444-2299 or adowling@stesridgewood.org) and come by during our normal office hours.

Holy Eucharist at 12:00 noon resumes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in May On May 5 and 19, there will be a small, brief, and spoken service of Holy Eucharist at 12:00 noon that will be limited to a maximum of 15 people. These services will be geared toward those who want to attend an in-person service but prefer a smaller crowd, and they will occur in the church to allow for everyone to be appropriately distanced. As with the other services, we ask that you register in advance if you would like to attend.

Youth Confirmand-led Service on Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 pm Join the members of our Youth Confirmation Class as they take on many of the roles in a service of Holy Eucharist. The number of parishioners in the church will be limited to 50, but it will also be live-streamed on the church website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

Interested in receiving communion at home? While the Rector can't yet make long home visits, he is available to bring you Eucharist and to offer brief prayers from a safe distance. If you'd like to arrange a time, please reach out to him directly at aolivo@stesridgewood.org or 201-444-2299.

“JANE AUSTEN TEA” – PREORDER NOW!

Don't miss this rare opportunity! ECW invites you to enjoy an English tea box and Zoom program with Jane Austen scholar Kim Wilson on **Saturday, May 8th at 2 pm**. *If you're unable to join us at that time, all those who are registered will receive a follow-up email with access to view a recorded version via a weblink from May 11-25.* Although our speaker is virtual, your preordered Tea Box is a real delight!

- Tied with a bow, each **Pick-up Tea Box** features tea sandwiches, a freshly baked scone with Devon cream

and jam, sweets and Harney & Sons tea sampler. *A lovely gift to give and receive.*

- **The cost** of the virtual program and Pick-up Tea Box is \$25. The cost of the virtual program only is \$10. Pick-up at St. Elizabeth's Church May 8th 11:30 am–12:30 pm.
- **Your participation enables ECW to aid women and children.** For questions, contact tea coordinators Anita Kusy kusy707@aol.com or Sue Reid suebarreid@gmail.com
- **To PREORDER NOW**

Email: ecw@stesridgewood.org

Subject: Jane Austen Tea

Include your name & Tea Box choice: Classic or Gluten-free

Pay Online at St. Elizabeth's website:

www.stesridgewood.org Click on Online Giving tab – Select ECW Fund and type TEA in memo box, *or*

Check payable to St. Elizabeth's Church, 169 Fairmount Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

ECW Mother's Day Gift to Apostles' House Easter through Mother's Day St. Elizabeth's ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will continue the tradition of helping mothers at Apostles' House in Newark. This year Apostles House asked that new items be donated to help keep their emergency shelter supplied with linens and also to provide new items for mothers and their children transitioning out of the shelter to their own apartment. No used items are being accepted this year because of safety concerns. To make it easy for everyone, Apostles' House has created an Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/1jeCDQC> Please consider celebrating Mother's Day by purchasing an item from this list. If you prefer to purchase similar items elsewhere, this list may provide a guide to the items Apostles' House would find most useful. Items may be shipped directly to Apostles' House, 24 Grant Street, Newark, NJ 07104, or you may bring

items to St. Elizabeth's Church from April 12–May 10 between 10:00 am–4:00 pm. These items will be delivered on Monday, May 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Alimena (cell: 862-377-3351 or d.alimena@gmail.com).

*Apostles' House <https://theapostleshouse.org/program.html>
“Our family shelter offers a safe, nurturing environment for families in crisis with the goal of providing the stabilization necessary to break the cycle of poverty they experience. Each year, over 115 women and children call the shelter home in our 125-bed facility. In addition to providing shelter, the program provides three daily meals, case management, substance abuse counseling, mental health services, recreational activities and is staffed 24/7 in order to provide safety and security to our clients.”*

Prayer List Renewal for Pentecost Please remember that we refresh our list three times a year: at the First Sunday in Advent, at the beginning of our Church year; at Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the season in which prayer takes a special place in our spiritual lives; and at Pentecost **(Sunday, May 23 this year)**, the day we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, which helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray ourselves (Romans 8:26-27). As Pentecost approaches, please be in touch with the Parish Office to include a name on the prayer list for the next season. There is no limit to how often a name may be added, nor is there any membership requirement for being on the list. Names may be put on for a specified period of time within the season of the list, and names may be removed at any time. Thanksgivings, as well as intercessions, are always appropriate for the prayer list.

Women's Friday Morning Book Group The May Book for the Women's Friday Morning Book Group is an Agatha Christie mystery that she considered to be her masterpiece and that in 2013 the British Crime Writers Association voted as the best crime novel ever: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, a complex case of murder, suicide, blackmail and violent death. Newcomers are welcome to get themselves a copy and join the Book Group sleuths at their May gatherings. The Group

will be pursuing the murderer of Roger Ackroyd in its Zoom Room on the four Fridays in May—May 7, 14, 21 and 28—from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Terry Battaglia at batt@optonline.net for more information. *ZOOM INFO:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82380503238?pwd=dk5LWjFqNlp1aTZoTUVEa3ZCdmxrdz09>

Passcode: Book

Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238

A “Win Some Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt” Wraps Up the YPF Year on May 15th. Good weather made for good YPF Family fun at Ringwood Manor in March and April. Partymasters Katie and Anna Dickson are hoping for more of it on Saturday, May 15, when they’ll gather YPFers **in the front yard of St. Elizabeth’s** for the Grand Finale to the YPF year: *a Win Some Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt*. The timing for this COVID-masked, deliciously-challenging, neighborhood Scavenger Hunt will be 2:45 to 4:00 pm, and the Grand Prize will be a Gift Card for some yummy Ben and Jerry’s. There are two bonuses, like in March and April: 1) YPFers can bring siblings and friends. 2) Parents who bring lawn chairs, can have some care-free, COVID-safe socializing of their own on the front lawn while the Hunt is taking place in the California Street neighborhood. In case of rain on May 15, YPFers can Zoom to the YPF Party room at 2:45 for a *Win Some Ice Cream War of Trivial Pursuit*. The Winning Team will be the team that knows the most about St. E’s and Ridgewood—and the Grand Prize for it will be...some yummy, *hand-delivered* Ben and Jerry’s!

Flower Planting at the Church/Grades Pre-K to 3rd! On Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 am, we invite children in Pre-K through 3rd Grade to show up in their messy clothes, grab a trowel (we will provide), and plant some spring flowers in the Children's Garden. A snack will be provided. Just email chostetler@stesridgewood.org by Friday, May 21 to let us know you're coming (how many, please)!

Sunday, June 6 is Flower Sunday! Grow those flowers! Once again we are collecting flowers from parishioners to decorate the annual Flower Cross, which will become part of our Flower Sunday presentation (with a performance by the Cantare Virtual Choir!). We will be in touch soon with more info about schedule and pickup or drop-off of flowers, but in the meantime, all green thumbs (or brown thumbs, or whatever you got—all are welcome!) are hereby put on notice!

Church School Teachers Needed For Next Fall. We have every hope and intention of being back in the classroom next Fall, and so we are putting out our annual call for teachers. There will be five class groups next year: Pre-K to K, 1st/2nd Grades, 3rd/4th Grades, 5th Grade, and 6th/7th Grades. New school years are always new beginnings and, coming out of this year of pandemic, we are looking forward to next Fall even more than usual as a time for opportunity and real change. We want to find new ways to support our volunteer teachers, to make them feel comfortable and prepared for teaching. We want to find new ways to excite children about coming to Church School for fellowship, for fun, and to learn about God's abundant love for and acceptance of them. Finally, we have a volunteer Church School, and so first of all, we need YOU. In the coming days, we will be sending out letters asking for your gift of love, time, and commitment to our children—please take the time to read them, and consider signing up for a session. We will be looking to fill our Fall slots first, but if that doesn't work for you, please let us know your availability for Winter or Spring. More details about the year will emerge as we go forward, but we hope in the meantime that you will commit to work with us to make a lively, welcoming, enriching program that children are eager to come to. Please contact the Church School Office at chostetler@stesridgewood.org to let us know if you can teach, which grade levels you prefer, and especially whether you are available for the Fall session.

Weekday Morning Prayer Sign-in 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.us and select “Join A Meeting” Enter the Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password (if asked): Morning

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Abby Lee (alee@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:

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Wynn Seiter
Ushers: Don Chappell, Bill Keeley
Altar Guild: Caroline Angelica, Gigo Taylor
Livestream Guild: Abby Lee, Chet Klope

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. 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*; Grace Arscott, *Financial Administrator*; Abby Lee, *Communications Coordinator*; Fredy Reyes, *Sexton*; Anthony Alberti, Greg Hostetler, Alicia Luick, and Anastasia Swope, *Soloists*

Intercessory Prayer List

May 2, 2021

Ted Ruby	Anna Salmon	Judy Dendy
The Padron Family	Mary Jane	Kata Ferrales Catherine
Dean & Frances Swope	Richardson Janet Chalmers	Patrick Emma Rose
Ken Dudzik	George & Shelley	Théresè
Michael Dudzik	Mackey	Matthew
Virginia DuDeck	Alan & Marilyn	Amy
Clark Nicholas	Michel	Morrie
Barbara LeVay	Harry & Jean Place	Peri Aria
Sr. Maureen Mitten	Jim & Julie Robertson	Amy Laura & Roger Gaillard
Sally Hirschey	Syd Salt	Janet Langlois
Matt Hicks & Family	Andy Hoy	Rhys Firkins
Rohan II	Helen	Ellie Laursen
Merry Beckett	Paula	Kirsten Muth
John Bové	Stukenborg	Veronica Graziano
John Mills	Alex Casazza	Jessica
Dorothea Hickey	Marty Melamed	Maylin Biggadike
Grace Hickey	Elizabeth Sofia	Oliver Biggadike
Claire Lent	Vincent	Dana Amadeo
John Lobo	DeSimone	Erik Padron
Jane & Monty	John Kliegl	Michelle Beaton
Loretta & Family	David Barrand	The Dodrill Family
Marjorie & Sandy Feldman	Adrienne Rich Dooley	Celeste Herrick Wayne Kelley
	Judy Carcich	Margaret Seiter

We remember also those who have died, especially Vicki Edelman, Marie Dodrill, Baby Nora, and Noemi.

