



# St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

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## **The Second Sunday of Advent**

### **8:00 Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

*Please remember to wear your mask while indoors and maintain a 3-foot distance from others throughout the service.*

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LESSONS

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*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Philippians 1:3-11

See 10:00

Luke 3:1-6

*See 10:00*

AT THE OFFERTORY

*Celebrant*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

***People And of thine own have we given thee.  
Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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## 10:00 Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sextons of the Bell*

PRELUDE

*French Suite no. 5 in G Major* Johann Sebastian Bach  
*I. Allemande*  
*II. Sarabande*  
*III. Gavotte*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Lessons and Creed

THE FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the

offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 4 The Song of Zechariah [*spoken*]

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the

Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the

shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON    Philipians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying" (vs. 1-2)

THE GOSPEL    Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

HYMN 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying" (vs. 3)

*During the singing of this portion of the hymn, children in Grades 3-7 and their teachers will **follow** the cross to their classes.*



DOXOLOGY (Hymn 380, verse 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.

## **The Holy Communion**

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...Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing...	
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*At St. Elizabeth's we offer God's blessing to everyone during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine, either standing or kneeling. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Those who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive are invited to receive a blessing in the name of God. Simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the Eucharistic Ministers.*

*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.*

#### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 59 "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"

Hymn 339 “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING p. 339

CLOSING HYMN 67 “Comfort, comfort ye my people”

*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 a simple Coffee Hour in the Courtyard (weather permitting) and Parish Hall. Masks are not required outdoors, but they are encouraged for those who are not yet vaccinated or who have underlying health issues. Please maintain a safe distance from other households while enjoying your refreshments and fellowship.*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Praeludium and Fugue in F Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**The altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Charles S. and Lynette Armstrong by their daughter, Ann Armstrong; and in loving memory of Ted Krause by Carolyn Krause and family; and in loving memory of a dear father, Donald Galletly, by his daughter, Mary Szurly.

**A Service of Lessons and Carols** This afternoon at 4:00 pm, we are delighted to offer a Festival of Lessons and Carols. It is a beautiful, candle-lit service, featuring Old and New Testament readings with Carols and Anthems sung by our Senior Choir, Soloists, and Scholars. George Swope will be our Guest Organist. Lessons and Carols also offers opportunities for the Congregation to sing the beautiful music of Advent and Christmas with our choir. Highlights include works by Giovanni Palestrina, John Rutter, Grayston Ives, Tomás Luis de Victoria, Daniel Kantor, Ola Gjielo and seasonal favorites arranged by David Willcocks. Please invite

your family, friends and neighbors to this highlight of the season!

**The Nursery (Infant – PreK 3s) Is Open!** Parents with babies up through 3-Year-Olds, come on upstairs to our new nursery space on the second floor and meet our attendant, Annabelle Winston! Annabelle is a senior at Bergen Academies, has certifications in Childcare, CPR, and Heimlich Maneuver Infant to Adult, and has a dedicated love of and experience in working with little ones.

**Our COVID Protocols** Parishioners are no longer required to pre-register for services, and we are no longer going to assign seats. We still ask that you enter through the California Street doors and give your names to the person at the check-in desk. You can then proceed to the church and find an open seat. We will continue to rope off every other pew, and we ask that you be mindful of other households as you seat yourselves. If you need any assistance finding a seat, please check with one of our ushers. At this time, our bishop asks that when we gather indoors for services (particularly when there is congregational singing) that we continue to remain masked. Masks continue to be optional when outdoors for Coffee Hour and other parish gatherings.

**Nametags** Now that we are able to gather for Coffee Hour again, 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 Ann Dowling in the Church Office ([adowling@stesridgewood.org](mailto:adowling@stesridgewood.org) or 201-444-2299) to let her know.

**Coffee Hour** We will have small bottled waters and individually wrapped goodies available after the service outside in the Courtyard (*weather permitting*) and the Parish Hall. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.  
**We are in need of Coffee Hour hosts for upcoming Sundays.** Please sign up on the sign-up board if you would like to help.

**The Church Office is open Monday—Friday from 10:00 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.

**Christmas Memorials** Our Christmas memorials provide all the poinsettias, greens, and bows used to decorate the church for the festive season of Christmas. *Anyone wishing to have a Christmas memorial for the first time or to change an existing one* should contact Mary Szurly at 201-337-3167 **by December 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you have had a memorial in previous years and there is no change, there is no need to contact Mary. The cost per memorial is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to **St. Elizabeth's Church** with "**Christmas memorial**" written in the memo area.

**Advent Renewal of the Parish Prayer List** As we seek to revitalize our use of the parish prayer list and to refocus our attention on those for whom we pray, we refreshed our parish prayer list last week on the First Sunday in Advent. If you would like to add a name or continue a name that was included on our Pentecost list, please notify Ann Dowling in the Church Office ([adowling@stesridgewood.org](mailto:adowling@stesridgewood.org) or 201-444-2299).

**2021 ECW Christmas Greens Sale...The Tradition Continues at St. Elizabeth's Church** This year the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood invite you to purchase your Christmas greens and decorations at **Goffle Brook Farm and Garden Center**, 424 Goffle Road, Ridgewood, 201-652-7540 [www.gofflebrookfarms.com](http://www.gofflebrookfarms.com). When you pick out your **Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias, Lights, Ornaments or Centerpieces**, mention you are supporting **St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Ridgewood**. Goffle Brook Farm will generously donate 15% of the pre-tax sale\* to our ECW fund to support programs for women and children. **Shop between November 26 and December 24. Open 7 days a week (8:30 am–6:00 pm Sunday–Wednesday. 8:30 am–8:00 pm Thursday–Saturday).**

*\*excludes Christmas Tree and Firewood purchases*

Thank you for supporting the work of St. Elizabeth's ECW. Call Caroline Angelica with any questions @ 201-638-5829.

**Another ECW Tradition Continues As Well...Christmas Gifts for The Apostles' House Men** Look for the Christmas

Tree display at the California Street entrance and take a label to buy a gift. You may choose a name and specific item: shoes/sneakers, pants, or shirt. Please return the wrapped and labeled gift by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Extra socks are always welcome! Items will be delivered Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Diane Alimena at [d.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:d.alimena@gmail.com).

**Pew Bags** We are thrilled that the pew bags of quiet activities for children we put together are getting used! However, they are not take-aways. They are meant to STAY at St. Elizabeth's so the next child can use them. If you accidentally took one, please bring it back and return it to the basket. The plastic bags they are currently in are temporary until the canvas bags come in. Thank you!

**New Hope Christmas Market Amazon Wish List** New Hope Community Ministries will once again help the low-income population they serve to “buy” presents for their children at the New Hope Christmas Market. You can order items New Hope knows will bring joy to a child at their Amazon Wish List site <https://amzn.to/3r5ssVn>. You may choose to deliver items directly to New Hope Community Ministries, 331 N. 11th St., Prospect Park, NJ 07508. Or, any items brought to the church will be taken to New Hope on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap items. Thank you for continuing the ECW tradition of giving with your

**Weekday Morning Prayer** The service is live on Zoom Monday through Friday. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the service is also in the Chapel at St. Elizabeth's. This is a successful blend of in-person and online worship. The church and Zoom room open at 8:20. Please use the door opposite the stairs to the Rectory. To participate via Zoom: Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and select “Join A Meeting.” Enter the Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password (if asked): Morning. Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:jim.alimena@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Women’s Friday Morning Book Group** You are welcome to join with other women via Zoom from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm each Friday with a cuppa as we travel in time and space to

the 1960s in Fairacre, England. On Friday, December 10 we will discuss the 3<sup>rd</sup> story, "No Holly for Miss Quinn," in the collection *Christmas at Fairacre* by Miss Read, and on Friday, December 17 our plan is to visit together and read a short collection of poems compiled by Chrys Hahn. The poems will be available in booklet form for everyone. To join the meeting, please click here [Friday Book Group](#) OR go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and select "Join A Meeting" then enter the Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Book. Any questions? Contact Diane Alimena at: [d.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:d.alimena@gmail.com). You are always welcome and your presence will enrich our group!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:	8:00	Mike Watson
	10:00	Mary Wynn Seiter
Eucharistic Minister:	8:00	Mike Watson
	10:00	Mary Wynn Seiter
Processional Crucifer:	10:00	Lindsey von Summer
Ushers:	10:00	David Barrand, Don Chappell
Altar Guild:		Gigo Taylor, Caroline Angelica
Livestream Guild:	10:00	Abby Lee
Check-In:	10:00	Ann Dowling
Coffee Hour:	10:00	Lyubov Ferara

**The Wardens and Vestry** Mary Hayes and Peter Angelica, *Wardens*; Jim Alimena, Matthew Croy, Ed Ferara, 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*; Beth Van Emburgh, *Associate for Children, Youth, and Family*

*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 December 5, 2021

Virginia DuDeck	Erna Tom
Clark Nicholas	Jane McHugh
Sr. Maureen Mitten	Emilio Cheuy
Dana Amadeo	Terry Jordan
Aster Riley	Mardelle Ebell
Vicky Hoy	Sylvia Jordan
Rhys	Helen Barrand
John Bové	Paula Stukenborg
John Mills	Alex Casazza
June	Marty Melamed
Mary	Elizabeth Sofia
Jane Richardson	Vincent DeSimone
Ken Dudzik	Harvey Auger
Michael Dudzik	Dick Woodhouse
George & Shelley Mackey	David Barrand
Alan & Marilyn Michel	Claire Lent
Harry & Jean Place	Grace Hickey
Jim and Julie Robertson	Dorothea Hickey
Bill Keeley	The Lobo Family
Paul	Jane and Monty
Adrienne	Pauline Fiore
Carol Outten	Craig and Family
Joyce Swope Hively	Catherine
James Pring	Patrick
Penny	Johnny
Gina La Furn	Mary P
Vic Cenicola	Luciano
	Francesca

We remember also those who have died, especially former parishioner Anne Mathews, who died on November 30<sup>th</sup>; longtime parishioner Syd Salt, who died on November 28<sup>th</sup>, Donald Bugden, Bill Yeomans,

Lennie Garver, Gwen and Steve Kelleher, Deanne Pring, and Guy Maioriello.