

The Elizabethan



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From Fr. John:

Why we do what we do: Visitors, guests and people new to the Episcopal Church are sometimes surprised to find at least two books in the pew-racks of every Episcopal Church, neither of which is a Bible. One is always the Book of Common Prayer, which is the basis of Episcopal worship and the other is the Hymnal 1982. And it does take a bit of practice to juggle and navigate two books and a bulletin. St. Elizabeth does also provide a handful of Bibles for those who have difficulty hearing the readings, but the other two books contain vast amounts of scripture and theology. In fact, in our liturgy Episcopalians are exposed to more scripture than many “Bible-based” denominations.

Music has become an especially crucial element of Episcopal worship. General Conventions authorized hymnals for the Episcopal Church in 1789, 1826, 1871, 1892, 1916, 1940 and 1982. The first four hymnals provided only authorized hymn texts and the tunes, while not authorized, were published privately. The first that authorized both text and music was the 1916 edition.

The 1940 Hymnal drew on a variety of sources for hymn texts in addition to British and American authors. Still favored by many Episcopalians, that version included a significant representation of texts translated from Latin, Greek and German, in addition to some representation of texts translated from Dutch, Italian, French, Hebrew, Danish, Irish, Swahili, Syriac and Welsh. While this version was collected to support the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, many of these hymns are also found in the 1982 Hymnal. Several were omitted that conveyed language, theology or cultural notions perpetuating racial or gender prejudice, or religious intolerance.

In 1981, the Standing Commission on Church Music adopted a statement of philosophy stating that the next revision should be a full companion for the newly revised 1979 Book of Common Prayer, the version of the BCP that captured the Anglo-Catholic liturgical theology of the Oxford Movement. Consequently, the 1982 Hymnal contains hymns and service music that engages the expanded lectionary, the revised calendar and the renewed emphasis on baptism as a public rite. This version retains ancient texts while speaking to the present church and the church of the future.

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The editors took a more intentional look at the relationship between the catechism and Anglican theology, and made an effort to consider major periods of church history while also including a wider variety of cultures and races. Editors chose more inclusive language whenever possible and clarified more obscure language.

As a result, the blue book in the pew is organized around the red book sitting beside it. And while most parishioners may not be able to name their favorite setting for the Eucharist, almost everyone can find a favorite hymn or two. The Service music is the first section of the hymnal. There are 288 musical settings for prayers and other liturgical moments found in the various liturgies of the BCP: the daily office, the 5th c. Great Litany that we use to open Lent, Passion/Palm Sunday, the Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Baptism and the Mass, as well as more than 100 settings of canticles.

The Hymnal is then divided into sections that follow the organization of the BCP: hymns for the Daily Office (1-46); the seasons of the Church Year (47-293); Holy Baptism (294-299); the Holy Eucharist (300-347); two hymns for Confirmation (348-349); four hymns from four different centuries specific to Marriage (350-353); and three hymns for Burial of the Dead, including the only Orthodox Slavonic chant in the hymnal (354-358); one hymn devoted to Ordination (359); one hymn and one chant for the Consecration of a Church (360-361); followed by the largest section with more than 270 hymns used in a variety of ways arranged by thematic categories such as "Praise to God," "Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage" and "Holy Scripture" (362-634). Then comes a section called the Christian Life that contains 75 of the most diverse and hard to categorize hymns, including some of the church's most beloved and enduring pieces (635-709). Finally, there is a section of six Rounds and Canons (710-715) followed by four national songs that are inappropriate for liturgy, but which are used on rare occasions when churches host civic events, and by a dwindling number of churches when a national holiday falls on a Sunday.

The ancient chants and many of the classical hymns are likely to continue on well into the future, and there's no telling what will be added or revised. Several of the hymns in the 1982 Hymnal still promote an outdated promotion of warfare theology, and male imagery and language. In time, these too may fade away or they may simply come to remind us of periods of our shared history. In any case, our hymnody and all musical involvement are there to support the liturgy not as a performance or as a final statement. Properly engaged, music enhances worship, uplifts texts, moves people to deeper spiritual insights and evokes the spirit of God. Whatever voices show up to a given liturgy become the voice of the body of Christ manifested there in the sanctuary!

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Articles, calendar items and ideas may be mailed or emailed to the addresses below or left in *The Elizabethan* box in the Parish Office.

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Landscaping

Many thanks to all who have been contributing to the gradual emergence of a “fuller” landscape at St. Elizabeth. Thank you for the donations which are helping to fund plants and soil. Thank you for the flower donations at Easter which have given us several lovely hydrangeas to plant in the shade garden by our entrance. Several additional plants have been purchased by Ryan and Gazalle Davis and Carolyn Terry. Kathy Hollo has donated the pretty dark heuchera (coral bells) and bamboo. Several plants are donations from the deanery garden at St. John’s Cathedral, Spokane.

The columbarium garden was very overgrown so the soil and plants have been replaced. The Sunday School children led by Linda Knutson planted the colorful flower boxes and urns. Labor has been provided by Paul Haggland and Wes Ingrum, Linda Knutson, Ryan and Gazalle Davis, Janey Montgomery and Carolyn Terry. Neighborhood House added some landscaping around their entrance. Neighbors walking by have commented positively. I recently saw a bumble bee checking out a new blossom for pollen. Our hospitality is showing.

Carolyn Terry
Junior Warden

Happiness may be thought,
sought or caught but never
bought!

This Old House of God....Building Update

The Parish Hall and kitchen continue to be posted on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) commercial leasing site. If you know anyone that is interested in leasing the space, please have them contact Tony Hettler.

We have had 25 yds. of play chips delivered. Thanks to So. Preschool for their financial donation and thanks to Marty Frisvold and the Bridge School for spreading the chips. We are going to be having another 15 yds. of chips delivered in the next month to finish up the play yard!

The parish hall closet flooring project has been completed and the tables and chairs have been moved back into the closet by the wonderful Wes and Paul!

The Neighborhood House renovation work is coming to closure. Some of Neighborhood House activities in the last month are:

- ◆ Finishing up the kitchen remodel
- ◆ Repaired the west side exterior doors
- ◆ Updated our electrical closet with fireproof sheetrock and shelving
- ◆ Toddler play yard fencing and play chips
- ◆ Landscape work on the southwest side.
- ◆ Completed exterior ADA ramp and railing
- ◆ Repaired and installed electrical connections for building roof fan (the fan hasn't been working in years!!)
- ◆ Received Burien Fire Department certification

They are in the process of making final punch list pick-ups and getting the required certification from various state and governmental agencies.

Christine Ramirez found a building maintenance instruction binder from the 1990's era! We will be updating the maintenance manual with data from our repairs and improvements over the last few years.

The plans for long-term maintenance of the building and grounds need to be addressed. If you have a desire to share your talents, please contact Carolyn Terry.



St. Elizabeth Fund Raising - **Where Shopping & Giving Unite!!**

We now have some additional options for donating to St. Elizabeth while shopping!!

You are now able to link your rewards card/number to St. Elizabeth! Whenever you use your rewards card/number when shopping, you will be helping St. Elizabeth earn a donation. Every little bit helps!!

If you have a rewards card/number, you can sign up on-line with the following organizations through the following links:

Bartells – www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/bcaringcard

Amazon Smiles - smile.amazon.com

Fred Meyers - <https://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards>

Boeing Employee Individual Giving Program – contact your HR or Boeing Total Access

If you need help accessing/signing up on the retail websites, feel free to contact Christine Ramirez or Linda Knutson.

Sunday Morning Class Schedule:

Adult Formation at 9am in the St. John room, June 4th, 11th, and 18th

Inquirer's Class at 9am in the St. John room on June 25th

Adult Formation at 9am in the St. John room, July 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Inquirer's Class at 9am in the St. John room, July 30th

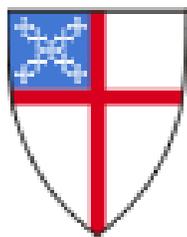
Our next Potluck will be July 30th after the service

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