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"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."
James 1:17, NRSV

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Dear Parishioners,

Every message about our pledge campaign begins with Gratitude, and I am so very grateful for all the ways that this parish has met the challenges of this year and found common ways to share a community of love and joy with our neighbors. Thank you.

Our campaign theme this year is about Every Perfect Gift and reminds us how everything that we receive and everything we give comes from God. In our rector's letter to us recently, she focused our attention on the gift of Time in the trifacta of *Time, Talent, and Treasure*. I would like to highlight the gift of Talent.

Talents, the blessings with which we are imbued by God, are even more beautiful when they are freely given, as I have seen you do so often in our life together. Talents are a double gift – by Grace, you have received them, by Grace, you generously share them.

"Well, I am not talented! What can I give?" some might say. But you are, each of you, wonderfully gifted. I have heard it in the voices of our musicians and seen it in the beautiful Altar flower arrangements. I have appreciated your talent in the way you give your wisdom, counsel, and experience to our committees. We see it manifest in the way you raise your families and teach your children to be loving! We have tasted your talent in the treats shared at coffee hours and potlucks! Each of you has something you do well, and I am grateful that you share those talents with our community and our neighbors.

As you receive your pledge materials this year, and learn more about Every Perfect Gift, please know that your guidance and support are deeply appreciated by me and by this community of faith. I thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

Blessings,

Elizabeth

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