



**St. Simon's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 10, 2026**



## Welcome to St. Simon's

### **Celebrating God's love for all. Embodying Christ in the world.**

*If you are here today, you belong, no matter where you are on your journey of faith. Welcome.*

St Simon's is a joyful and hopeful congregation that invites all who seek God into community, questions and doubts included. Please feel free to participate as fully in the worship of God as you wish. Lift your voice in praise, respond to the prayers and readings, and come to the altar for communion or a blessing. Or, if you prefer, sit back quietly and allow God's Spirit to speak to you in the way that feels most comfortable.

**Welcome, Children.** You are invited as full participants in our worship just as you are. God delights in you.

**Welcome, Elders.** Your wisdom and experience are valued in our community. God has shaped you and you are beautiful.

**Welcome, you.**

**Welcome, everyone, to God's table.** This is the table of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, and all who seek God are invited to share in communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to give you a blessing instead. If you wish to have communion brought to you at your seat, or if you desire a gluten-free wafer, please notify an usher.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey, there is a place for you here.  
May you encounter God in this community.

# The Holy Eucharist

*\* Indicates the assembly stands, if able.*

*All portions of the service in **Bold** are spoken by the assembly.*

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn 204

“Now the green blade riseth”

*Noël nouvelet*



- 1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
- 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
- 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
- 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Gloria

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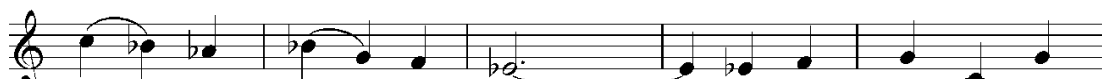
1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of the a - ges \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will  
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your




tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -




ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and




high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the




depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,



Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

# The Word of God

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Assembly is seated*

### The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 66:7-18



A Bless our God, you peoples,  
loudly sound God's praise,

B who kept our spirits a-live  
and our feet from stumbling.

A God, you have tested us, refined us like silver in fire.  
You led us into a trap,

A you put a weight on our backs,  
you let others beat us down.

B We passed through water and fire,  
but then you brought us re-lief.

A I come to your house with gifts  
to keep the vow I made.

B This promise was on my lips  
when I was af-flicted.

A I will offer sacrifice,  
burnt offerings of rams, wild bulls and goats.

B Come, listen, all who fear God,  
as I tell what happened to me.

A To God I cried a-loud,  
praise upon my tongue,

B "If I have evil in my heart,  
let my Lord not listen!"

A Bless God who did listen,  
heeded the sound of my prayer.

B God did not reject my plea,  
but pledged me constant love.

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Assembly stands as they are able to face the Gospeler.*

## \*The Gospel Procession

*The chant is sung several times before and after the gospel reading*

*Introduction = 2 measures*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!".

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!".

## \*The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Introduction = 2 measures*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score is written for a piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a time signature of 4/4. The music begins with a two-measure introduction. The lyrics are: "1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!". The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It maintains the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!". The melody and accompaniment continue in the same style as the first system.

## The Sermon

Mary Haggerty

*A period of silence is shared after the sermon.*

### \*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just a proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For those who have been disappeared, and all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Mary Edith, Jan, Sunita, Jerry, Judy, Maria, Ken and Sherry, Grayson, James, Sandy, Marc, Pat, Trish and all patients, family members and staff at Northwest Community Hospital.

*The people may add their own petitions; silently, spoken or in the chat*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The people may add their own petitions; silently, spoken or in the chat*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name of ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The people may add their own petitions; silently, spoken or in the chat*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

*In keeping with the tradition of the early church, the confession is omitted during the Great 50 Days of Easter.*

## \*The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and Assembly stand to greet one another in the peace of Christ.*

## Blessing Birthdays and Anniversaries

*All those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries of any kind are invited to add their name to the chat on Zoom or feed on Facebook*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Engagement Opportunities

**Offertory** *Text 73256 to give. In the body of the text type saintsims*

### Offertory Anthem

“If you Love me”  
Sung by St. Simon’s Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever,  
E’en the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17, Music: Thomas Tallis

### \*Presentation of the Gifts

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures

5 here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: Cre -

10 a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# \*The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Form B

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who



**We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.**

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the God-bearer, Blessed Simon and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

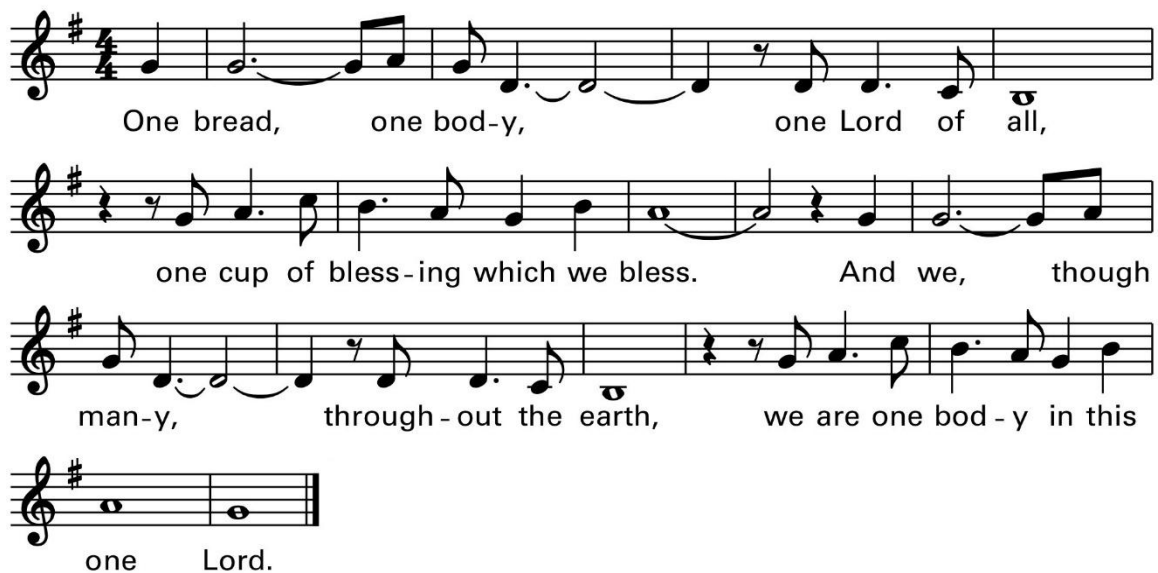
**Our Father, who art in heaven, | hallowed be thy Name, | thy kingdom come, | thy will be done, | on earth as it is in heaven. | Give us this day our daily bread. | And forgive us our trespasses, | as we forgive those | who trespass against us. | And lead us not into temptation, | but deliver us from evil. | For thine is the kingdom, | and the power, and the glory, | for ever and ever. | Amen.**

**\*The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Fraction



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though  
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this  
one Lord.

## The Invitation

The gifts of God freely given for all.

*The Presider consumes the host with those online with these words:*

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*Everyone has a place at God's table and all are invited to share in communion. You may stand or kneel at the rail. Wine is offered in individual cups around the outside of the tray. Grape juice is offered in the middle. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. If you would like to participate but do not wish to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead.*

*Both the common cup (chalice) and individual cups are offered. Join the line for the chalice on the left (pulpit) side or the line on the right (screen) side to receive the individual cups. Grape juice is available in the individual cups.*


# Communion Hymn 333

“Now the silence Now the peace”

*Now*



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty




hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea




Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing



Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful




ccl - c - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs



Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's



vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

## \*Post Communion Prayer

*After communion, the Presider says:*

\*Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*When members of the community are unable to attend the service, representatives of the people are sent with bread and wine to extend our communion with them.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## \*The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Closing Hymn 107

“Let all things now living”

*Voices Found*



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - di - ent - ly shine; the hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## \*The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude



*Flowers on the Altar today  
are given for the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Helen M Knight and Jeanette Cordero  
from their children  
Cristina, George, Gary and Dan*



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The Rev. Jennifer Hulen, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Haggerty, *Sabbatical Supply Priest*

Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

Martin Pazdoich, *Music Director*

## Today's Service Leaders

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Sara Lewandowski
Chalice Minister	Dave Howley
Readers	Anna McKinley
	Allison Newhouse
Intercessor	Marlene Casiano
Ushers	Patricia Grund   Bill Haggerty
Altar Guild	Maura Howley
Porter	Rich Milburn
Organist	Martin Pazdioch
Technical Production Team	David Romanowski