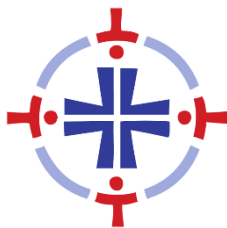




**St. Simon's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 19, 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 763

“As we gather at your Table”

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1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to  
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us



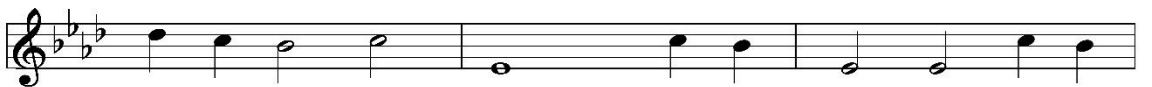
Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us  
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -



know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is  
um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -  
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will



claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your  
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and



ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save.  
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.


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

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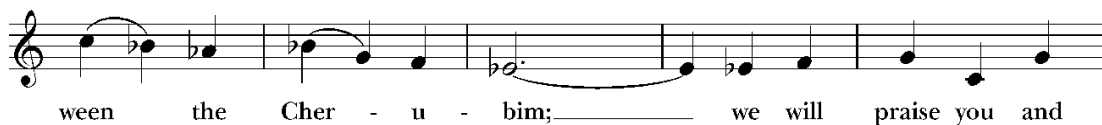
1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of the a - ges \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Glo -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



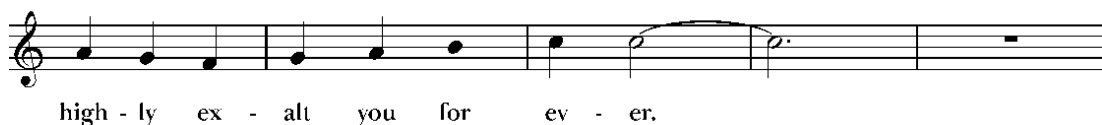
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you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



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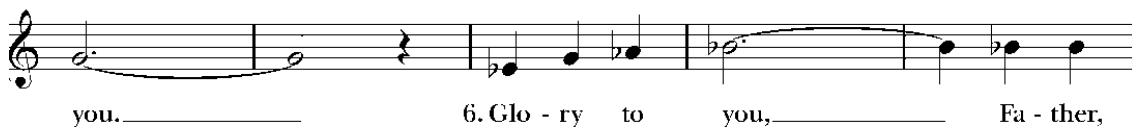
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



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



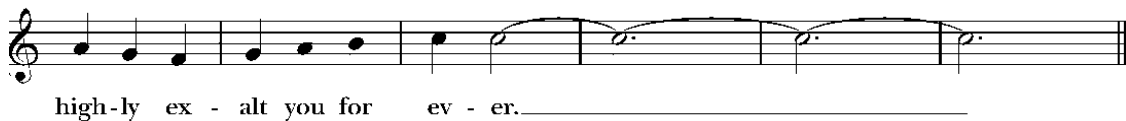
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Assembly is seated*

### The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17



- A I am filled with love,  
for the Lord hears me;
- B the Lord bends to my voice  
whenever I call.
- A Death had me in its grip,  
the grave's trap was set, grief held me fast.
- B I cried out for God,  
"Please, Lord, rescue me!"
- A What gift can ever re-pay  
God's gift to me?
- B I raise the cup of freedom  
as I call on God's name!
- A I fulfill my vows to you, Lord,  
standing before your as-sem-bly.
- B Lord, you hate to see  
your faithful ones die.
- A I beg you, Lord, hear me:  
it is I, the servant you love,
- B I, the child of your servant.  
You freed me from death's grip.

A I bring a gift of thanks,  
as I call on your name.

A I fulfill my vows to you, Lord,  
standing before your as-sem-bly,

B in the courts of your house,  
within the heart of Jerusalem. Hal-le-lu-jah!

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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**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 musical notation is for the first system of the chant. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!".

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## \*The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these

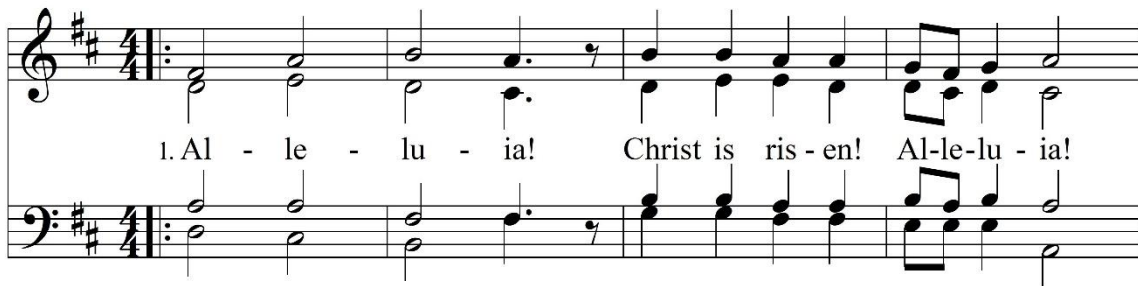
days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

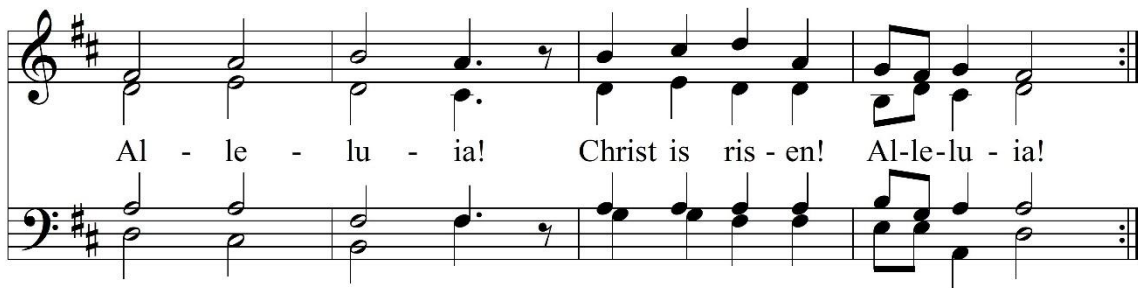
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Introduction = 2 measures



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



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

## 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, Virginia, 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

“O Risen Lord”

Sung by St. Simon’s Choir

1. O risen Lord, O glorious Son,  
Now is the mighty battle won;  
Songs of praising we are raising;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. On the third morning he arose  
Shining in victory o’er his foes;  
Earth is singing, heaven is ringing;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. After the death that him befell,  
Christ, our Lord, has harrowed hell;  
Sing with gladness, gone is sadness;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Now let us all to God give praise,  
Let us our hearts and voices raise;  
May our living be thanksgiving;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Joh Mason Neale Music: K. Lee Scott

## \*Presentation of the Gifts

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score includes measure numbers 5 and 10.

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.

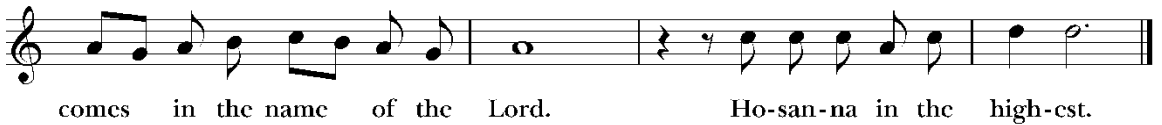
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

**For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from bondage, and made us free to stand before you. In him, you have healed our infirmity, forgiven our sin, and made a way home for us from exile.**

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

**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,

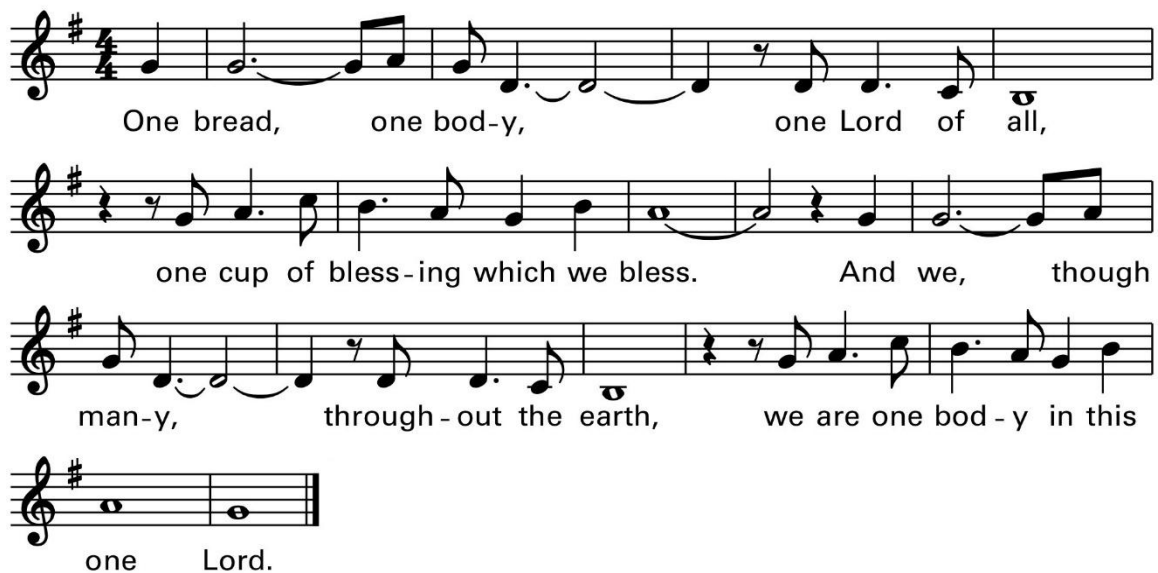
**Our Father, who art in heaven, | hallowed be thy Name, | thy kingdom come, | thy will be done, | on earth as it is in heaven. | Give us this day our daily bread. | And forgive us our trespasses, | as we forgive those | who trespass against us. | And lead us not into temptation, | but deliver us from 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 343

“Shepherd of souls”

*St. Agnes*



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

## \*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 the Author, the Only -Begotten, and the Gift, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Closing Hymn 594

“God of grace and God of glory” *Cwm Rhondda*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

\*The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

# Postlude

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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	Dave Howley
Chalice Minister	Jo Gantzer
Readers	Clara Callahan
	Jo Gantzer
Intercessor	Bob Arnold
Ushers	Robbin Thompson   Bill Haggerty
Altar Guild	Jeana Clark
Porter	Karen Waechter
Organist	Martin Pazdioch
Technical Production Team	David Romanowski