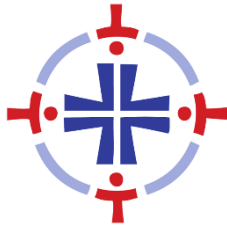




**St. Simon's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, June 7, 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

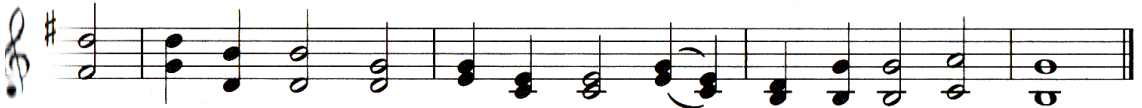
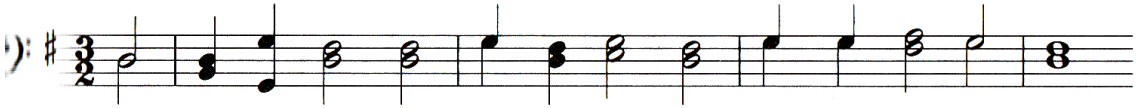
## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn

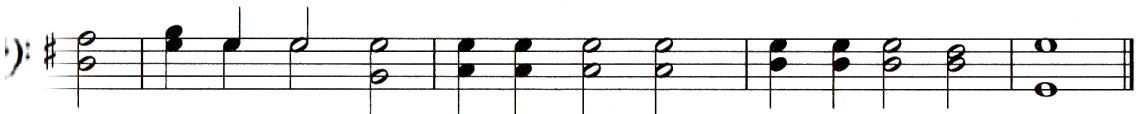
“O, for a world”



- 1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
- 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

# \*The Gloria

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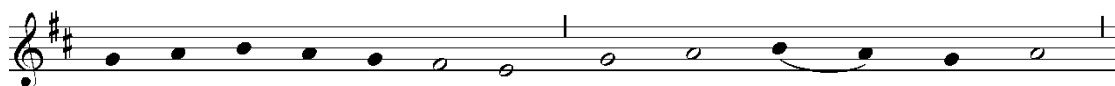
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

# The Word of God

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from the book of Hosea.

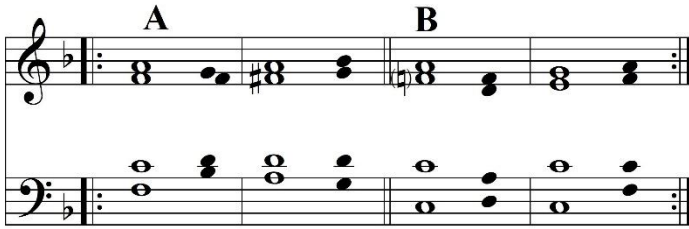
Thus says the Lord: “I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ‘Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.’ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 50:7-15



- A "Listen, my people, hear what I say.  
I, your judge, indict you, Israel. I, your God.
- B "Despite your offerings, despite your daily gifts,  
I bring charges a-gainst you.
- A I have no need for oxen from your stalls  
or goats from your pens.
- B "I own all the forest beasts,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- A I know all the mountain birds,  
every creature of the field.
- B Hungry, I would not come to you,  
I own the world and its riches.
- A "Do I eat the meat of bulls and drink the blood of goats?  
Instead of sacrifice, give thanks, keep your promises to God.
- B "When in trouble, call out to me;  
when I save you, sing my praise."

## The Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

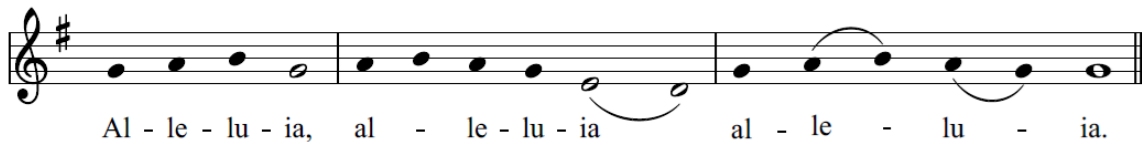
**Thanks be to God.**

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

## \*The Gospel Procession

*All join in singing both before and after the gospel.*

1st time - Intro  
2nd time - Congregation



## \*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the

leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Mary Haggerty

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

### **\*An Affirmation**

**We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant,  
so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

**We believe that God is love,  
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.**

**We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,  
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.**

**We believe that God is the light of life,  
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.**

**We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,  
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news  
of abundant life in the world God loves.**

### **\*The Prayers of the People**

Friends in Christ,  
God invites us to hold the needs of our siblings  
as dear to us as our own needs.  
Loving our neighbors as ourselves,

we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions  
on behalf of the church and the world.

Come Holy Spirit, take and transform our societies  
**That your beloved may find justice, equity, and community.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Come Holy Spirit, take our world's leaders and bring renewal  
**That your beloved may have safety, peace, food, water, education, and medicine.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Come Holy Spirit, fill your Church  
**That your beloved would be changed in prayer, grow in faith, serve in your name, and partner with you.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Come Holy Spirit, cleanse us of all violence in thought, word, and deed  
**That your beloved may live together in right relationship.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Come Holy Spirit, strengthen and heal all who suffer, especially Gayle, Lew, 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.

**That your beloved may turn again to thank and praise you.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Come Holy Spirit, console all who mourn  
**That your beloved may not be overwhelmed by loss, but find comfort and strength.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Come Holy Spirit, guide us through change and the unknown  
**That your beloved may rest in your eternal changelessness.**

*Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat*

Hear our prayers, God of power,  
And through the ministry of your Son  
fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may desire you as the fullness of life  
and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world.<sup>1</sup> **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent,  
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## \*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 saintsmons*

Offertory Hymn 676 ♪

“There is a balm in Gilead”

*Balm in Gilead*

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed  
 whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to  
 heal the sin - sick soul. 1 2 soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly  
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

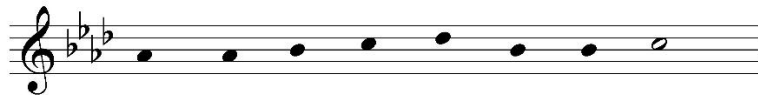
*Repeat Refrain*

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 Je - sus, and say, “He died for all.”

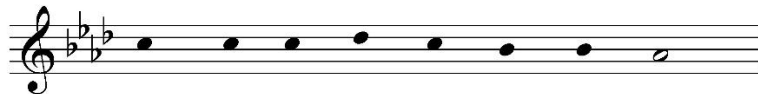
## \*Presentation of the Gifts



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow;



Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;



Praise God a-bove, for what love's done;



Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Spi-rit, One! A-men.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

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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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.**

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

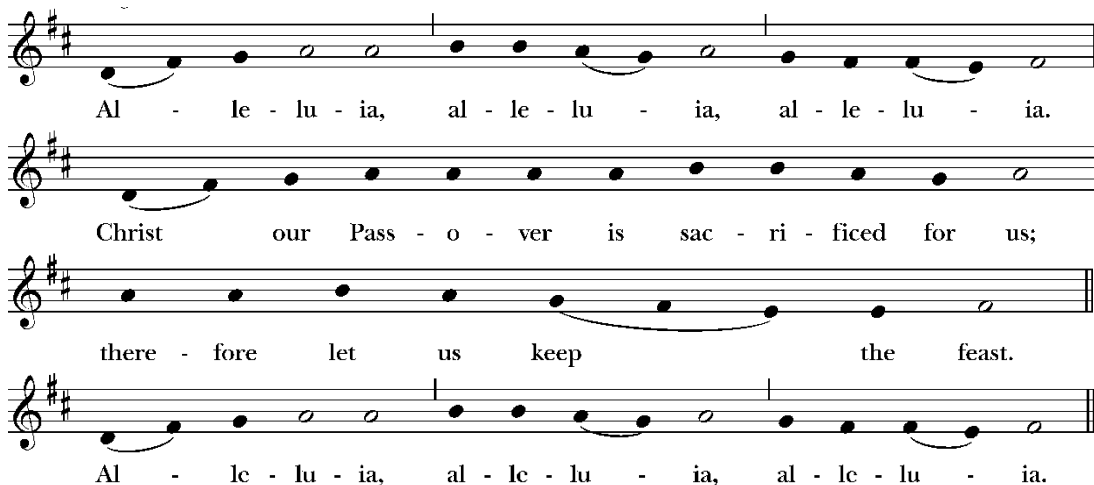
***AMEN.***

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 Fraction

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Presider and those worshipping online consume the host together 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.*

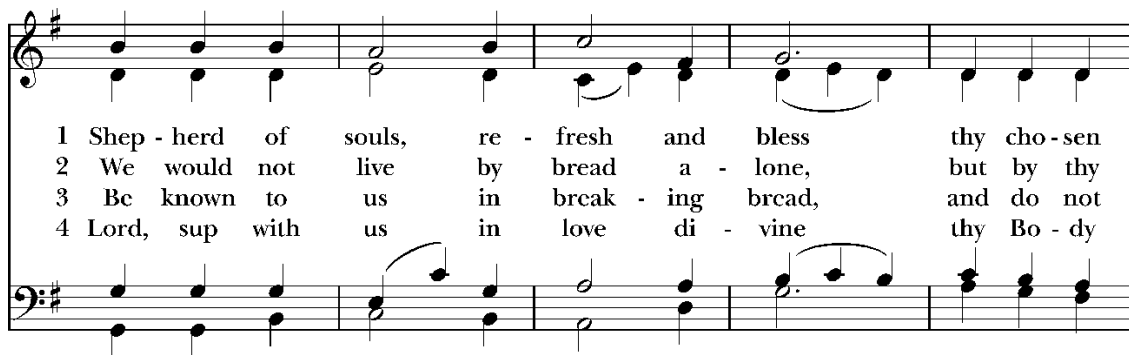
*Both the common cup (chalice) and individual cups are offered. Join the line for the chalice on the left (pulpit) side or the line on the right (screen) side to receive the individual cups. Grape juice is available in the individual cups.*

*Note: Generally, we will begin to sing the communion hymn once the final group of communion recipients has knelt at the rail. This way, more of the congregation can fully participate in singing most of the communion hymn.*

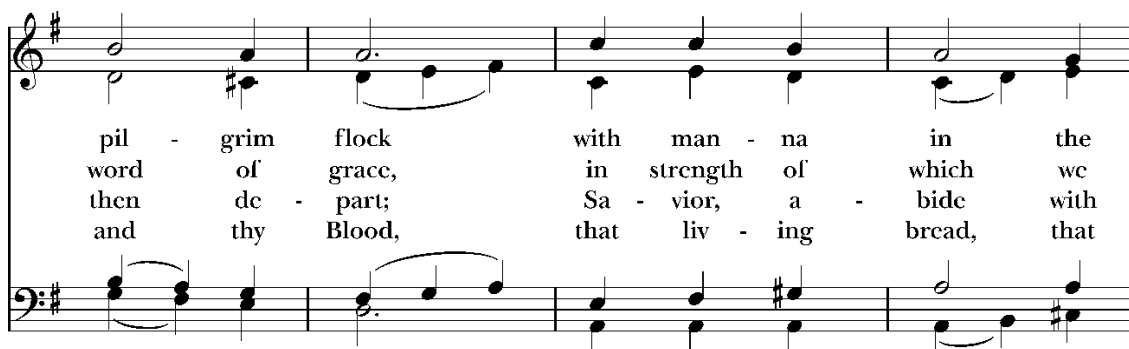
Communion Hymn 343 

“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 - bid 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**

Let us pray.

In gratitude for this moment,  
this place,  
those around us,  
Christ among us,  
we give ourselves to you our God.

Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have met the risen Christ  
and cannot be the same.

**Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.**

**So may we live to your glory  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.  
Through Jesus our brother,  
with the aid of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

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.

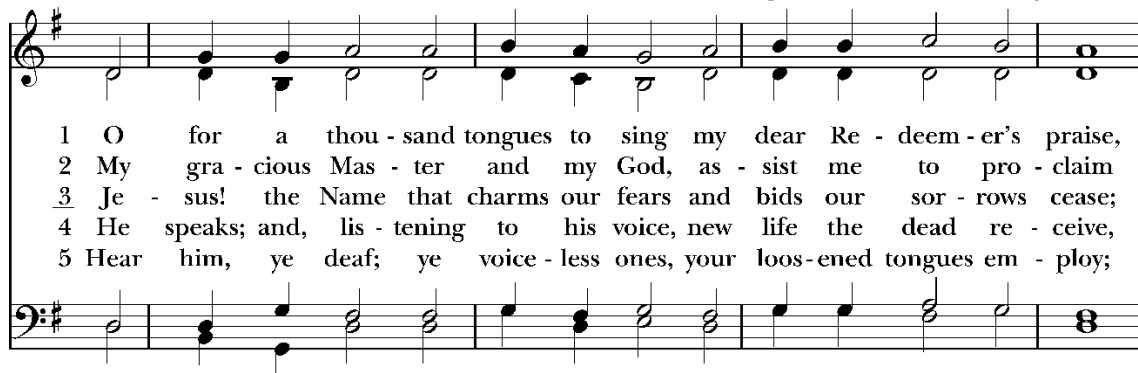
In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## \*The Blessing

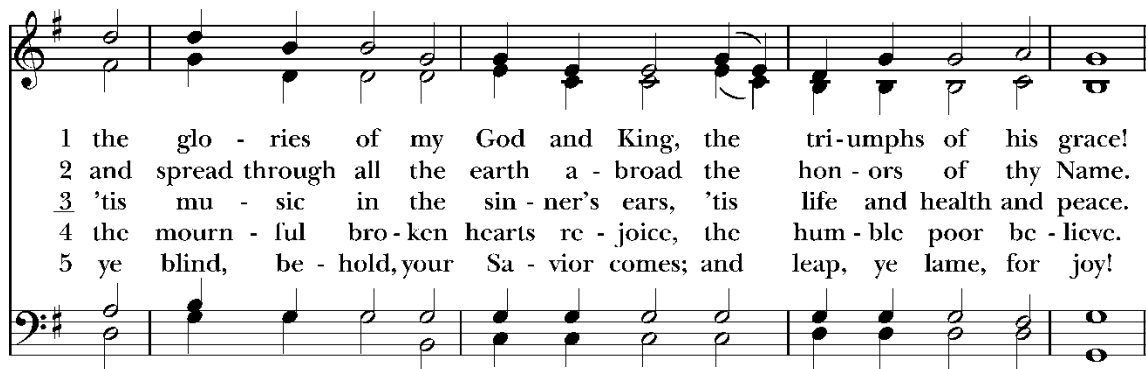
### Closing Hymn 493

"O for a thousand tongues"

*Azmon*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;




1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

## Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

 This symbol, next to a hymn, denotes that the hymn (music and/or lyrics) was identified as a “favorite” as part of our recent Hymn Favorites survey.

Those who wish to receive prayers for healing,  
with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil,  
please come to the communion rail following the postlude.  
Those who wish to join in praying for others,  
please do so as well.

The birthday of the Church sets the tone for the Long Green season.

As Christians, we follow a liturgical calendar that encompasses different seasons – each with its unique significance and symbolism. Each season presents an opportunity to deepen our faith, reflect on Christ’s life, and draw closer to God.

The celebration of the Holy Spirit’s descent upon the disciples is known as Pentecost Sunday (this year it was May 24). This day marks the end of the Easter season and the beginning of a new chapter in Christianity. On this day, believers commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit who empowered the apostles to spread Jesus’ teachings across nations.

Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter Sunday and represents the birth of Christ’s Church on earth. It serves as a reminder for us to embrace spiritual renewal and allow God’s spirit to dwell within us so we can act as His messengers here on earth.

*“The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to community around you.”* – Morrie Schwartz  
Morrie Schwartz beautifully summarizes the spirit behind practicing kindness\* towards others regardless of whether or not there is a special occasion to do so. Pentecost serves as a reminder of our interconnectedness and the need for compassion and empathy at all times.

Reflecting on the significance of Pentecost, reminds us of how important it is for us to celebrate and cherish our religious traditions while also using them as fuel to lead more meaningful lives. It’s not merely about following customs mechanically but truly understanding their deeper spiritual essence—a goal we can all strive towards throughout the year.

#### \*Practicing Kindness

- Love your neighbor as yourself
- Be a light in the darkness by being kind and positive
- Extend grace and forgiveness
- Practice hospitality
- Spread joy and encouragement

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## Today's Service Leaders

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Jo Gantzer
Chalice Minister	Rene Campe
Readers	Michael Medsker Kathy Ponce
Intercessor	Dianne Shields
Ushers	Rachel Jarosik   Bill Haggerty
Altar Guild	Jeana Clark
Porter	Alan Medsker
Organist	Martin Pazdioch
Viola	Hamilton Avila
Technical Production Team	Mike Krause