



The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 20, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.



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

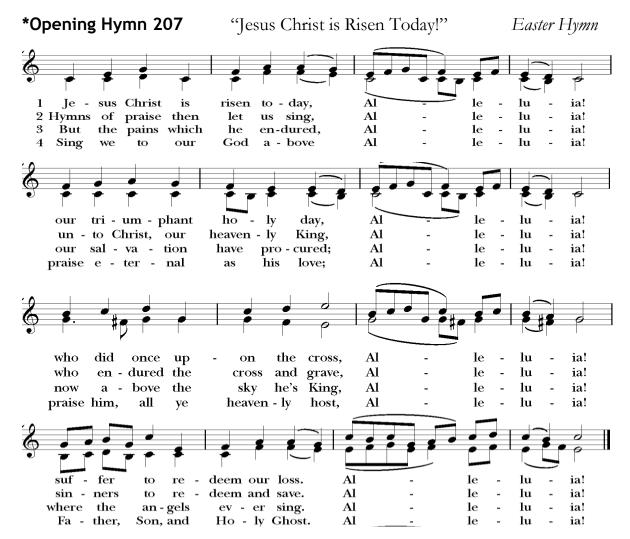
* Indicates the assembly stands, if able.
All portions of the service in **Bold** are spoken by the assembly.

Prelude

Alleluia
Madison Monnette, Flute

Festival Prelude on 'Thaxted' Kyle Mesa, Trumpet David Howard Pettit

W.A. Mozart



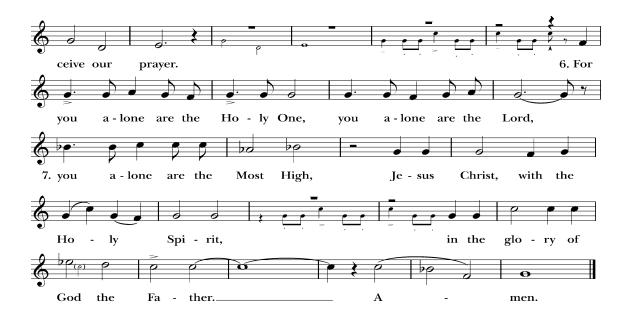
The Word of God

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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be freed to walk in the newness of life by your liberating Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

The Assembly is seated

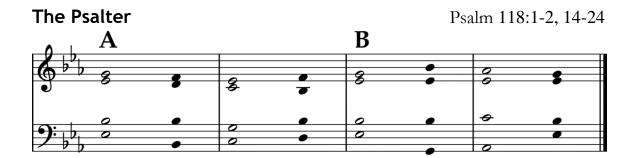
The First Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

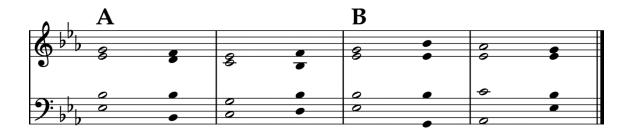
I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it. an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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



- A Give thanks, the Lord is good, God's love is for <u>ever!</u>
 Now let Israel say, "God's love is for <u>ever!</u>"
- B My strength, my song is the <u>Lord</u>, who has become my <u>savior</u>.
- A Glad songs of victory sound within the tents of the <u>just</u>. With right hand raised high, the Lord strikes with <u>force</u>.
- B I shall not die, but live to tell the Lord's great <u>deeds</u>. The Lord punished me severely, but did not let me <u>die</u>.



- A Open the gates of justice, let me praise God with-<u>in them.</u> This is the Lord's own gate, only the just will <u>enter</u>.
- B I thank you for you <u>answered me</u>, and you became my <u>savior</u>.
- A The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cornerstone</u>. This is the work of the Lord, how wonderful in our <u>eyes</u>.
- B This is the day the Lord <u>made</u>, let us rejoice and be <u>glad</u>.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from the first letter to the church at Corinth.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and

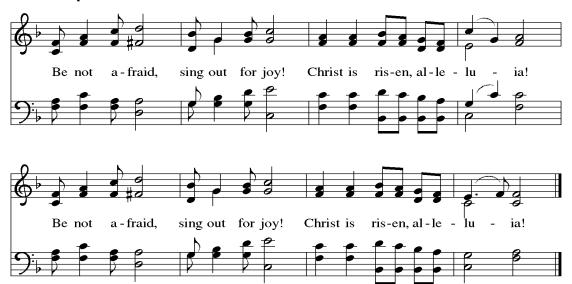
every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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 Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

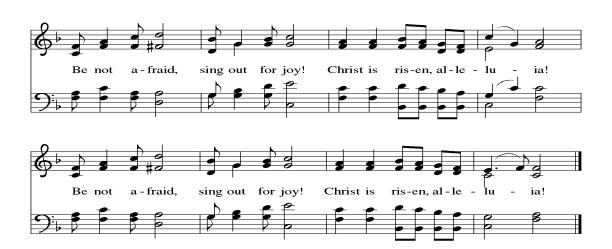
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed

their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Sermon Jenny Hulen

A period of silence is shared after the sermon.

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant will asperge the congregation. In this action, water is sprinkled on congregational members as a reminder of their authority to minister granted in Baptism.

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 and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; especially those affected by the Palm Sunday bombing of the Anglican Al Ahli hospital in Gaza 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, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

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 thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for 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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding 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.

Words of Welcome

Engagement Opportunities

Offertory

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Offertory Anthem The Chief Cornerstone Bradley Ellingboe St. Simons Choir with Kyle Mesa, Trumpet

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

The guards outside the tomb could not contain his might.

Christ broke the seal of death and rose into the light.

The devil and his lies, the world, the flesh and sin, cannot defeat Christ now, nor hedge his victory in.

As he was raised from stone, we also will be raised to join the heav'nly host before the throne of grace.

So sing, angelic choirs, O hosts of heaven sing!

Break forth, O earth, in song and praise your Lord and King!

*Presentation of Gifts



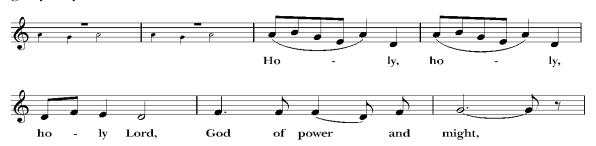


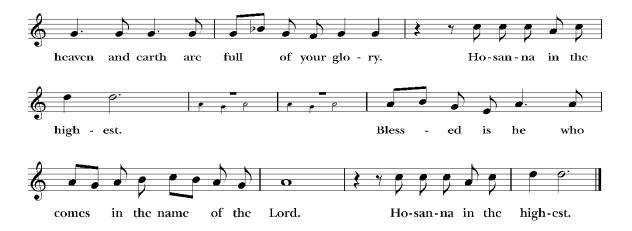
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. By his death 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:





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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

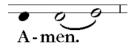
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 sons and daughters; 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.



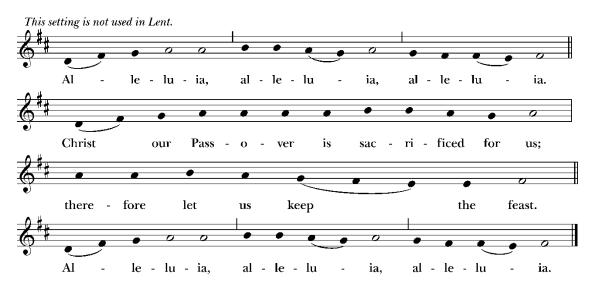
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

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The Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that all who want God should meet God here.

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.





* 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.

*The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has adopted us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has liberated us, make you holy and united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Author, the Only-Begotten, and the Gift, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.



The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune Kyle Mesa, Trumpet David German

Today's flowers and music are dedicated to the Glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving

by Wayne Koller * Rich and Karen Milburn * Sue and John Olson * Gina Piscopo * Judy Wade * In memory of Jim Bacula by his family * In memory of loved ones by Chuck Braden and Denton Raubenolt . In thanksgiving for our St. Simon's family by Michael Bruce and Lisa Farrington ❖ In memory of my siblings Joe, Tom and Marge by Clara Callahan ❖ In memory of Jim Camardella, Sister Theresa Camardella, Martin Wick, and Jeff Brennan by Roz Camardella . In memory of the Rev Dr. Robert Dresser, by Deborah Dresser & In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Alex, Ellie, Greyson, and Ivy, by Pat and Dick Engbrecht . In memory of Roger and Marjorie Wood, by Bari Flores * In thanksgiving for our families, those with us still and those who have gone ahead, by Ed and Jo Gantzer . In memory of Helen M. Knight by her sons George, Gary and Dan & In thanksgiving for my wonderful family and the ministry of Beau Surratt by Cathy Leimbeck . In memory of my loved ones in Heaven and in thanksgiving for my dear family and friends, by Sara Lewandowski & In memory of Jan Lindquist by Bob Lindquist & In memory of Thomas J Maddex, by Sharon Maddex and Family . In memory of Stanley, Georgine, Donald, Mark Knowlton, and George Manda by Mark and Jane Manda * In memory of Maryallen Estes and Bruce Estes Jr by Anna M. McKinley ❖ In thanksgiving for my St. Simon's friends, by Cleo Nykol ❖ In gratitude for our grandchildren by John Pope and Mary Fran Callahan In thanksgiving for my St. Simon's family by Diane Rock . In memory of our parents Keith and Margaret Shields and Riley and Eloise Todd by Jerry and Dianne Shields . In memory of Dr. Glen Thompson by Robbin, Nida and John Thompson ❖ In memory of Paul Weston, Janice Wouters and family, by Margo and Matt Weston and Laura McDonnell *

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