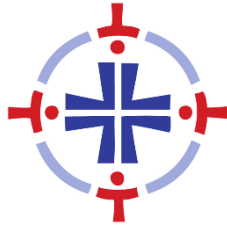




**St. Simon's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, June 21, 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 707



“Take my life and let it be”

*Hollingside*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.



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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
 and I was enticed;  
 you have overpowered me,  
 and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

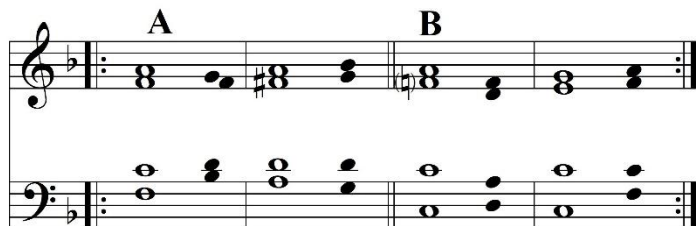
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 69:8-11; 18-20

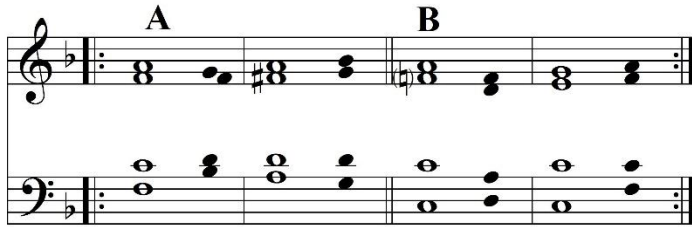


A I bear shame and insult  
because I bear your name.

B Rejected by my family,  
I am a stranger to my kin.

A My passion for your cause takes all my strength.  
Insults meant for you now fall on me.

B Despite my tears and fasting,  
I only gained con-tempt.



- A My sackcloth made me a joke.  
I was the butt of gossips, the victim of drunkard's taunts.
- B Lord, hear this prayer,  
favor me now with love, and send me your ready help.
- A Lift me from the mud,  
keep me from sinking,
- B let me escape my tor-mentors  
and rise above the waters.
- A Do not let the waters drown me, the deep swallow me,  
the pit close me in its mouth.
- B Answer me, Lord,  
turn to me with mercy and love.
- A Face me, I am desperate.  
Answer your servant now,
- B come to my rescue,  
free me from my enemies.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore

we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 10:24-39

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

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# Offertory Hymn

## “I surrender all”



1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;  
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Hum - bly at His feet I bow,  
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Make me, Sav - iour, whol - ly Thine;  
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;



I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it — Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.  
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.



I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.



All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - iour, I sur - ren - der 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.

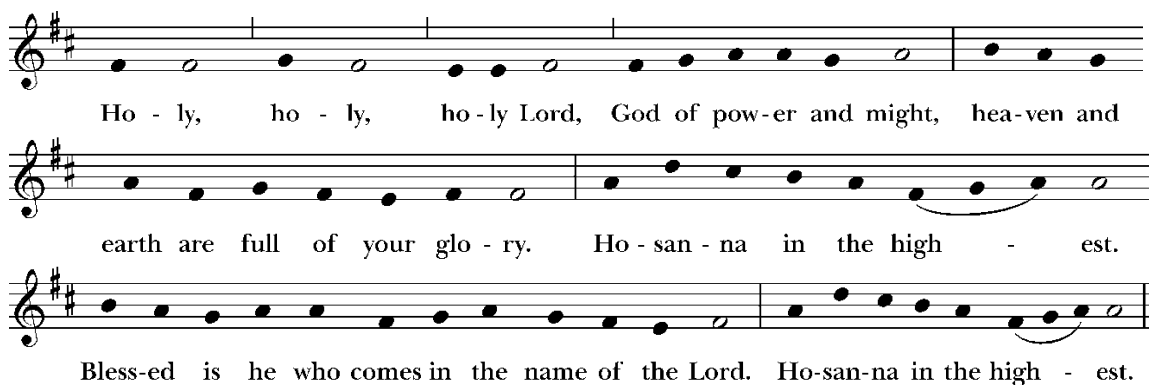
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

S154

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 325  "Let us break bread" *Let us break bread*



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

## **\*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**

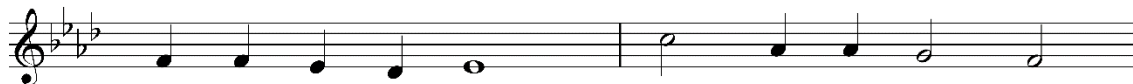
Closing Hymn 541 

“Come labor on”

*Ora Labora*



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each wor - ker  
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes




1 does the Lead - er say, “Go work to - day.”  
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws— nigh.  
 5 with the set - ting sun,—— “Work - ers, well done.”

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.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Joe and Vi Dugo  
by Sarah, Mark, and Clay Dugo*

## Worship Space “I Spy” Adventure –

This summer we are drawing attention to the places our building tells a story about ourselves and about God.



<< Can you spot this?

Tents of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob  
(second window, east side) They  
moved as God directed them, taking  
family, flocks and workers with them.

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The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago*

The Rev. Jennifer Hulen, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Haggerty, *Sabbatical Supply Priest*

Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

Martin Pazdioch, *Music Director*

## Today's Service Leaders

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Dave Howley
Chalice Minister	Karen Waechter
Readers	Sara Lewandowski Sandy Ladd
Intercessor	Robert Arnold
Ushers	Bill Haggerty   Kathy Ponce
Altar Guild	Maura Howley
Porter	Myk Snider
Organist	Martin Pazdioch
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