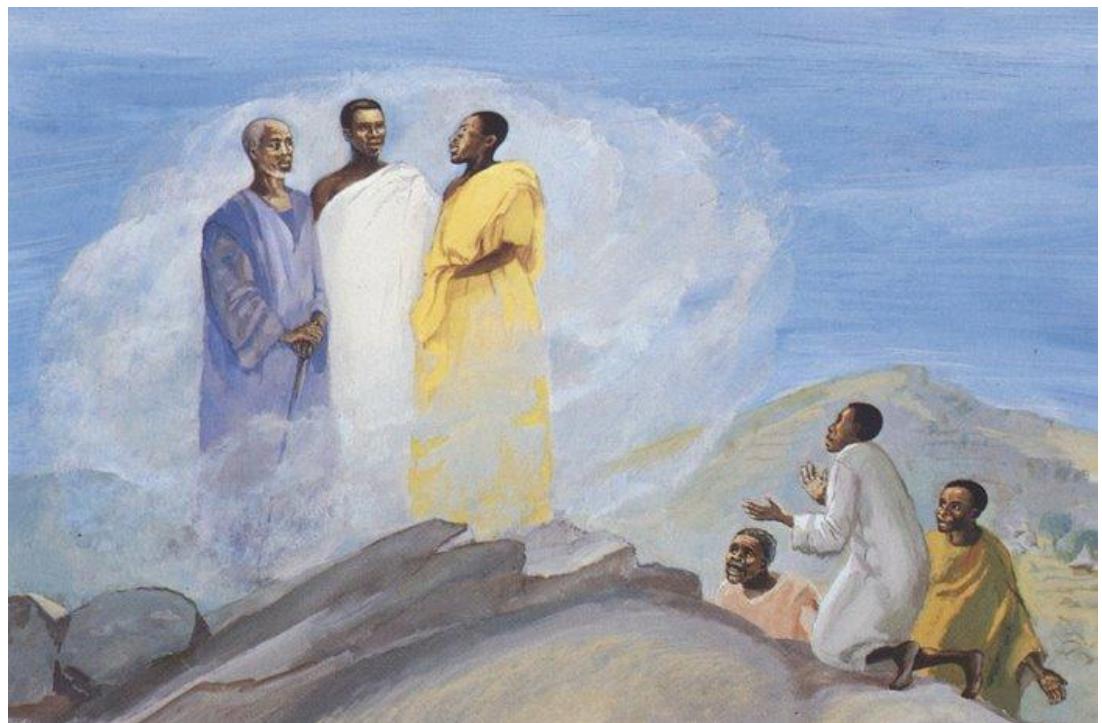
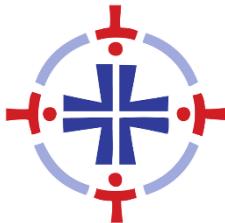




St. Simon's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, February 15, 2026**



Welcome to St. Simon's

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

St. Simon's exists so that everyone can experience the abundant life Jesus came to bring. While there are many, many ways God's abundance comes to us, here at St. Simon's we understand our call to help each other and our neighbors...

- ...experience delight and joy as a way to connect with God.
- ...have basic needs met as a way to be safe.
- ...enjoy connection to community as a way to avoid loneliness.

If you are here today, you belong, no matter where you are on your journey of faith. St. Simon's is a joyful and hopeful congregation that invites everyone to this abundant life, doubts and questions 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.

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

Processional Hymn "We have come at Christ's own bidding" *Hyfrydol*

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fear-sul

high and ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and
bathes the flesh - joined Word; Mo - ses and E - li - jah
lest our faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it

long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we
mar - vel as the heav'n - ly voice is heard. Eyes and
tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine. But true

pray - for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not in
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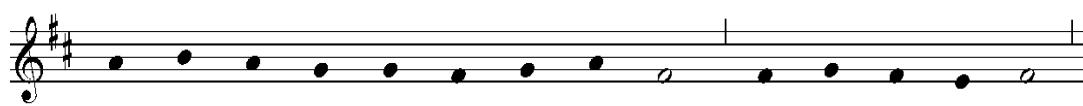
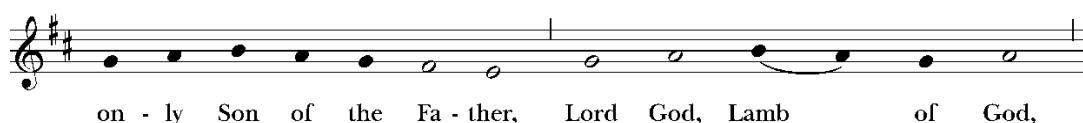
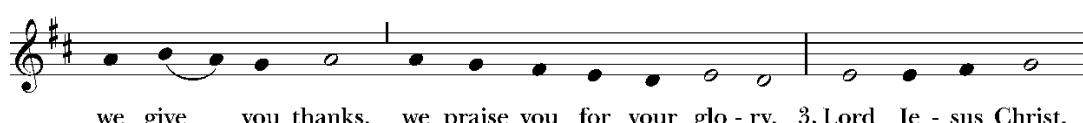
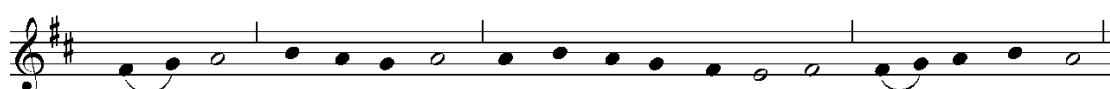
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meet: Christ, with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness,
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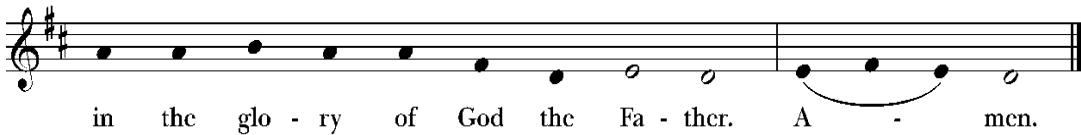
for stands a trans - sign - both clear and com - plain.
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Blessed be God: the Author, the Only-Begotten, and the Gift.
You come to set your people free.

The Gloria

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The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened for ministry, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 2

- A Why this strife among nations?
Why this pointless scheming?
- B Kings stand against God,
nobles plot together against the Lord's a-nointed:
- A "Let us break these fetters,
let us cast off these chains!"
- B High above the earth God laughs in mockery,
speaking in anger, striking them with terror:
- A "On Zion, my holy mountain,
I anoint my king."
- B I repeat the Lord's de-cree:
"You are my son, today I give you birth.

- A Ask and the nations are yours,
even the far-off lands.
- B You will strike them with an iron rod,
shatter them like clay pots."

- A Kings, come to your senses;
rulers, take heed.
- B Serve the Lord with joy,
tremble in awe, bow at God's feet,

- A For if you provoke God's anger,
you will perish in a flash.
- B How much better
to find shelter in God!

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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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.



Music notation for a hymn tune in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are as follows:

Sp - rit, take us home, take us home by a-noth-er way, take us
long way 'round the ty-rants and their schemes. Give us strength to
walk, show us dreams of a bet-ter day, and we'll pave the way with
just - ice go - ing home by a - no - ther way.

***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do

not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Sp - rit, take us home, take us home by a-noth-er way, take us
long way 'round the ty-rants and their schemes. Give us strength to
walk, show us dreams of a bet-ter day, and we'll pave the way with
just - ice go - ing home by a - no - ther way.

The Sermon

Jenny Hulen

A period of silence is shared after the sermon.

*An Affirmation

As children of God, we affirm:

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation,
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and
suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice,
reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People**

BCP Form II, Modified

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Paula, our Bishop, for this gathering, and for all we who are ministers by virtue of our baptism.
Pray for the Church.

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

I ask your prayers for peace, especially in areas of conflict, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

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

I ask your prayers for our country, for our President, Donald, for mutual respect across differences, and for an end to the endemic violence in thought and action in our communities.

Pray we may see Christ in one another.

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

I ask your prayers for this congregation, for the Holy Spirit's guidance in all we do, and for courage to follow where God leads.

Pray for clarity.

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

I ask your prayers for all refugees, for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, the disappeared, and those in prison. Especially we remember Jan Becker, Megan and Ryan Hart, Sunita Johnston, Jerry Shields, Judy Wade, Maria Whelan, and all patients, family members and staff at Northwest Community Hospital.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

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

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

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

I ask your prayers and thanksgivings for this congregation, for our neighbors, friends, and families.

Pray for all those to whom we are connected.

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

I ask your prayers for all those who rejoice with us, but on another shore and in a greater light.

Pray for those who have died.

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

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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 saintsimons*

Offertory Anthem “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Sung by St. Simon’s Choir

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn, unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, Music: Rachel Aarons

*Presentation of the Gifts

5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

*The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Form B

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of

the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

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Ho - ly, 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
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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.



A-men.

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

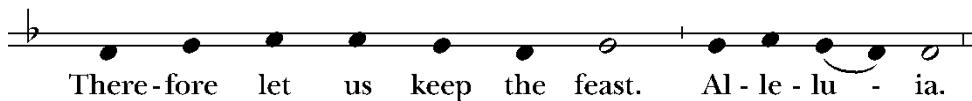
Our Father, who art in heaven, | hallowed be thy Name, | thy kingdom come, | thy will be done, | on earth as it is in heaven. | Give us this day our daily bread. | And forgive us our trespasses, | as we forgive those | who trespass against us. | And lead us not into temptation, | but deliver us from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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:



The Invitation

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 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 “Christ, Be Our Light” Bernadette Farrell

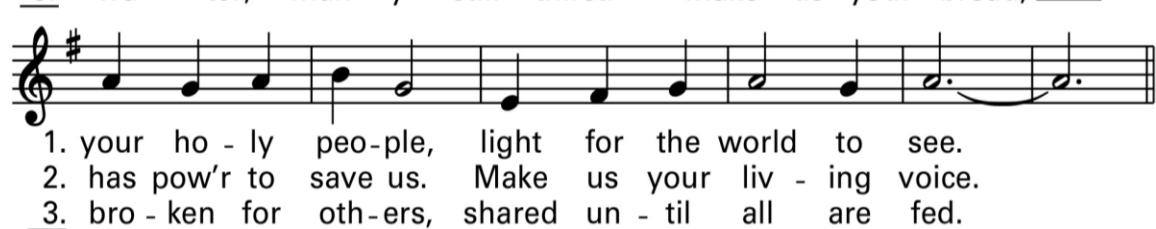
Verbs



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Author, the Only-begotten, and the Gift be with you this day, and remain with you until the day dawns and the shadows flee, and the Morning Star rises in your hearts forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 135

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - them be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God
and in loving memory of Les Fitterer
by his sister, Suzie Fitterer*

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Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

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Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Jenny Hulen
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Readers	Member of Troop 159
	Member of Troop 159
Intercessor	Ed Petit
Ushers	Members of Troop 159
Altar Guild	Betty Bacula
Porter	Karen Waechter
Organist	Martin Pazdioch
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