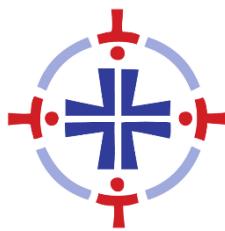




**The Second Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 16, 2025**



## 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

*Adagio*

Charles-Marie Widor

## Words of Welcome

We are about to enter sacred time.

This is a place of rest and challenge,  
of comfort and discomfort,  
of many questions and few answers.  
All are holy.

Jesus invites us to make this time and this place sacred by our presence and intention.

So I invite you, in these moments, to loosen the grip of those things that constrict your heart,

your fears  
your anxieties  
your regrets  
and everything that would distract you

Be here, in this moment. Allow yourself to connect with the presence of God in the good people around you and to the Spirit within you.

It is Jesus who invites you, just as you are, and waits to receive you.

## \*Opening Hymn 10

“New every morning”

## *Kedron*

1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love  
 2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,  
 6 On ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,

1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;  
 2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;  
 6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;

1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,  
 2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,  
 6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,

1 re - stored to life and power and thought.  
 2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.  
 6 to live more near - ly as we pray.

## A Penitential Order

Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we might receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:14, 16*

## 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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Kyrie

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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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all we who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Assembly is seated*

### The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and

a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



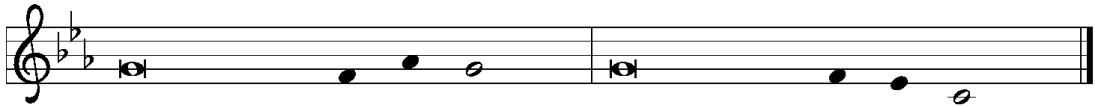
The Lord is my saving light: whom | **should I fear?**  
God is my fortress, what | **should I dread?**

When the violent come at me to eat me alive, a mob ea- | **ger to kill-**  
they waver, | **they collapse.**

Should batta- | **lions lay siege,**  
I | **will not fear;**

should war | **rage against me**  
even then | **will I trust.**

One thing I ask the Lord, one | **thing I seek:**  
to live in the house of God every day | **of my life,**  
caught up | **in God’s beauty,**  
at prayer | **in his temple.**



The Lord will hide me there, hide my life | **from attack:**  
a sheltering tent above me, a firm | **rock below.**

I am now be- | **yond reach**  
of those | **who besiege me.**

In his temple I will offer a | **joyful sacrifice,**  
I will play and | **sing to God.**

O God, li- | **sten to me;**  
be gracious, | **answer me.**

Deep within me a voice says, "Look for the | **face of God.**"  
So I look | **for your face.**

I beg you | **not to hide.**  
Do not shut me out in anger, help | **me instead.**

Do not abandon | **or desert me,**  
my sa- | **viор, my God.**

If my parents re- | **jected me,**  
still God would | **take me in.**

Teach me how to live, lead me | **on the right road**  
away | **from my enemies.**

Do not leave | **to their malice,**  
liars breathing violence rise to | **swear against me.**

I know I will see how | **good God is**  
while I am | **still alive.**

Trust in the | **Lord. Be strong.**  
Be brave. Trust | **in the Lord.**

## The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the letter to the church at Philippi.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 chant is sung several times before and after the gospel reading*



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4'). The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff an alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music is primarily composed of quarter notes and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are as follows:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Jenny Hulen

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

## \*The Response of Faith

With the whole church

**we affirm**

**that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the spirit.**

With people everywhere  
**we affirm**  
**God's goodness at the heart of humanity**  
**planted more deeply than all that is wrong**

With all creation  
**we celebrate**  
**the miracle and wonder of life,**  
**the unfolding purposes of God**  
**for ever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen**<sup>1</sup>

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

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 and all its leaders, that we may be at peace among ourselves and be a blessing to other nations of the earth.  
Pray for our nation.

*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, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*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. We pray especially for Deborah Filipek, Sharon Grieger, , Sunita Johnston, Bonnie Liess, Louise Retzer, Jerry Shields, Maria Whelan and patients and staff of Northwest Community Hospital.

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 so live our lives together that Christ would be glorified in our own day.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## \*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 Hymn 495 "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!" *In Babilone*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead-ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - them raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

## \*Presentation of the Gifts



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures  
here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

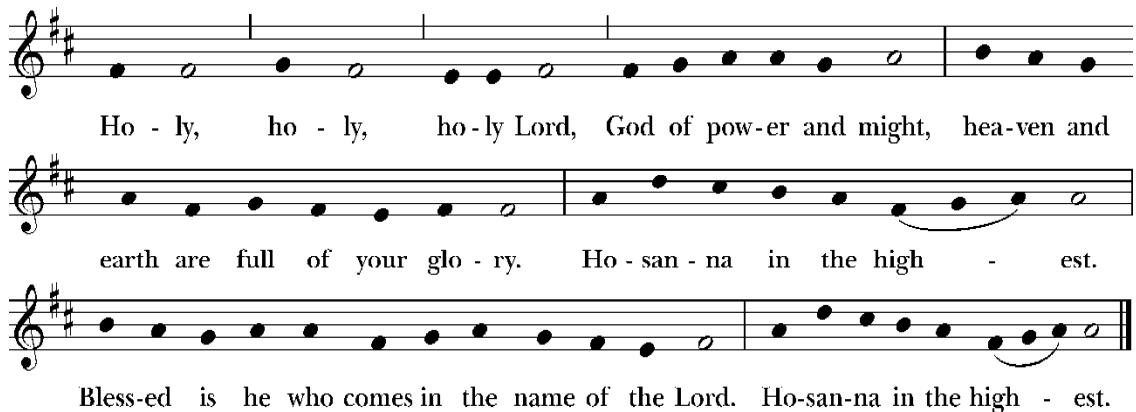
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



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.

We praise you, holy God, glorious in compassion. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that we might serve all your creatures.

**When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to live and die in our sin, but in your mercy came to our aid. Again and again you called us into covenant with you. Through prophets and sages you taught us to hope for salvation.**

**Then in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, incarnate by the Holy Spirit, and born of blessed Mary. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.**

He gave himself freely to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the liberation of all.

**When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."**

We now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that by your goodness and love your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Mary the God-bearer, blessed Simon and all the saints who have found freedom in you. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

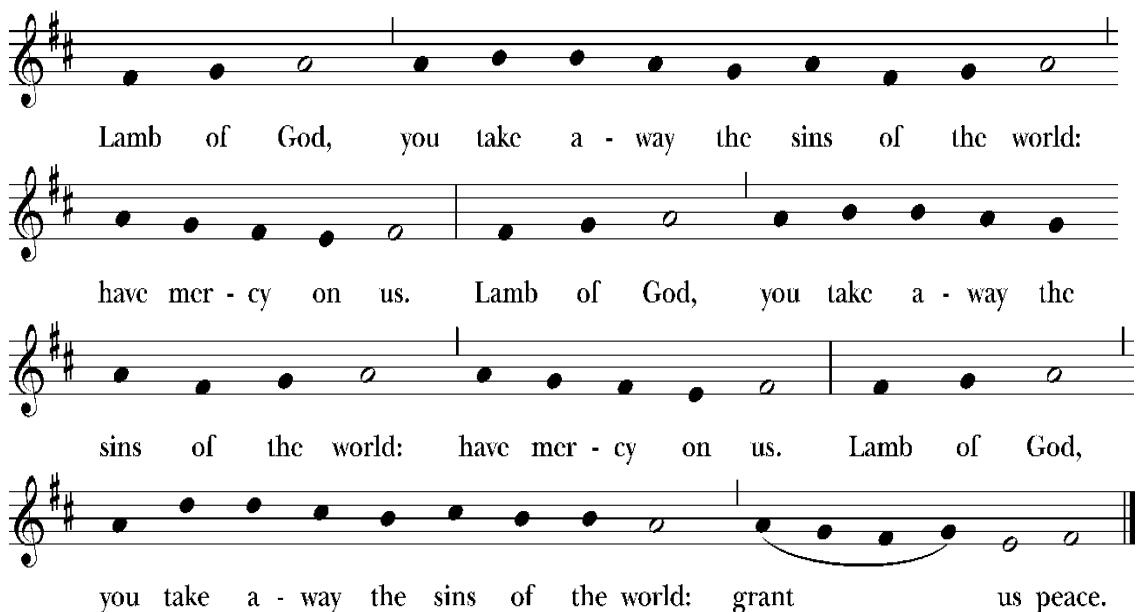
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

**\*The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Take this bread, share this wine.

**In these Christ comes to us to set us free.**

*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. 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 337

“And now, O Father”

*Unde et memores*

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that  
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and  
 \*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by  
 \*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us  
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -  
 this pre - vail - ing pres-ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er  
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread  
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our  
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their  
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine  
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -  
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and  
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.  
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.  
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.  
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

## **\*Post Communion Prayer**

*After communion, the Presider says:*

**\*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 Solemn Prayer

Let us bow before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Presider says*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, we may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn – See Next Page

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*In the spirit of Lenten simplicity and introspection, we invite you to refrain from applause following the postlude.*

**Postlude**

*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Johannes Brahms

\*Closing Hymn “Lord Christ, when first you came to earth” *Mit Freuden Zart*

1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in

on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
 life where sin de - nies you, and doomed to death, shall  
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our

king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O

still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - - row round you.  
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

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Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*  
Beau Surratt, *Associate for Music*

## Today's Service Leaders

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Jenny Hulen
Crucifer	Sara Lewandowski
Chalice Minister	Rene Schreiner
Readers	Maria Whelan
Intercessor	Dave Howley
Ushers	Rene Campe
Altar Guild	Rachel Jarosik   Becky Hume
Porter	Maura Howley   Karen Milburn
Organist	Cleo Nykol
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