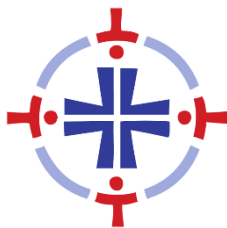




St. Simon's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 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 205 “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing” *Gelobt sei Gott*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Gloria

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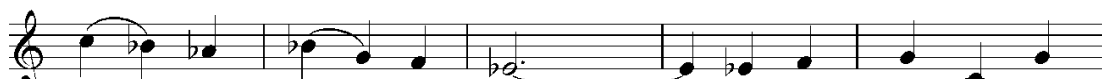
1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of the a - ges _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your




tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -




ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and




high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the




depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,



Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; 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

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

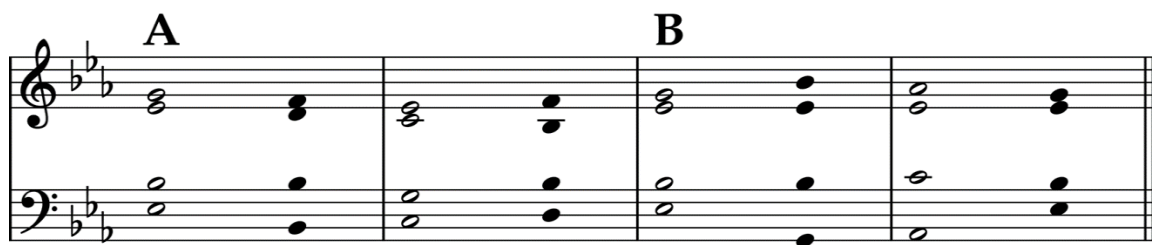
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 23



- A The Lord is my shepherd,
I need nothing more.
- B You give me rest in green meadows, setting me near calm waters,
where you revive my spirit.
- A You guide me along sure paths,
you are true to your name.
- B Though I should walk in death's dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side, your shepherd's staff to comfort me.
- A You spread a table be-fore me
as my foes look on.
- B You soothe my head with oil;
my cup is more than full.
- A Goodness and love will tend me
every day of my life.
- B I will dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I shall live.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Introduction = 2 measures

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation is for a 4/4 time signature in the key of D major. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!".

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, consisting of two staves in 4/4 time in D major. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!".

*The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of

strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Introduction = 2 measures

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two measures of introduction followed by the lyrics: "1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!". The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line accompaniment.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two measures of introduction followed by the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia!". The notation is identical to the first system.

The Sermon

Dianne Shields

A period of silence is shared after the sermon.

*The Apostle's Creed

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

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.

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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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 a proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For those who have been disappeared, and all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
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.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Mary Edith, Jan, Sunita, Jerry, Judy, Maria, Ken and Sherry, Virginia, Grayson, James, Sandy, Marc, Pat, Trish and all patients, family members and staff at Northwest Community Hospital.

The people may add their own petitions; silently, spoken or in the chat

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 petitions; silently, spoken or in the chat

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; silently, spoken or in the chat

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant concludes with a suitable 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.

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 saintsims*

Offertory Hymn 645 “The King of love my shepherd is” *St. Columba*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

*Presentation of the Gifts

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures
5 here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: Cre -
10 a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Form B

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. 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:

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-cst.

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 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.

AMEN.

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

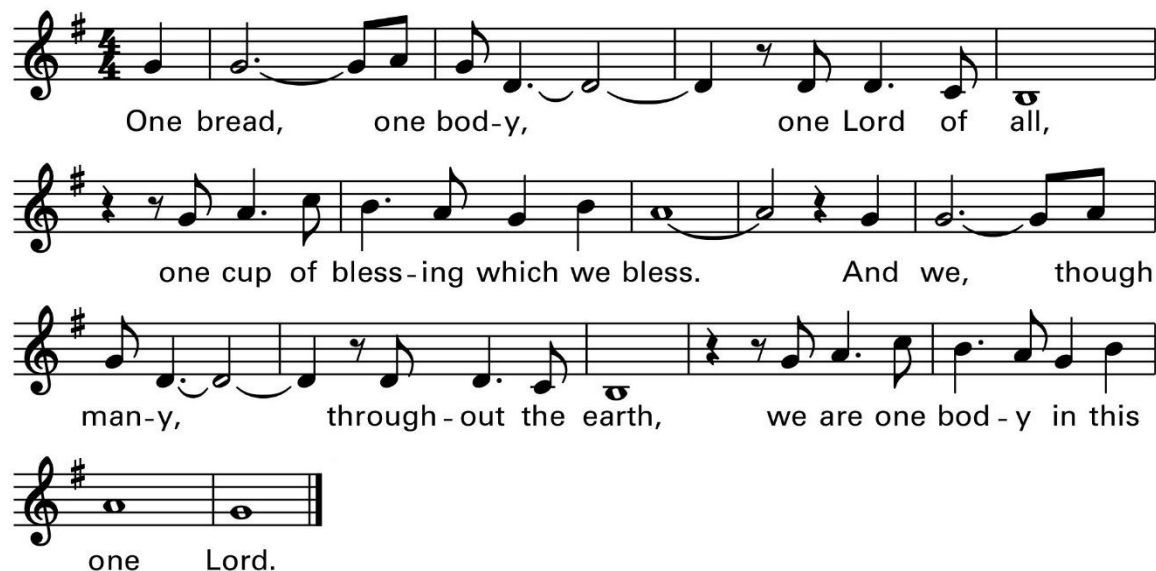
Our Father, who art in heaven, | hallowed be thy Name, | thy kingdom
come, | thy will be done, | on earth as it is in heaven. | Give us this day
our daily bread. | And forgive us our trespasses, | as we forgive those |
who trespass against us. | And lead us not into temptation, | but deliver
us from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

The Fraction



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this
one Lord.

The Invitation

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.

Communion Hymn 304

“I come with joy”

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*Post Communion Prayer

After communion, the Presider says:

*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.**

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

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen

Closing Hymn 708

“Savior like a shepherd lead us” *Sicilian Mariners*

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

*The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

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Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

Martin Pazdoich, *Music Director*

Today's Service Leaders

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| Presider | The Rev. Mary Haggerty |
| Preacher | The Rev. Dianne Shields |
| Crucifer | Dave Howley |
| Chalice Minister | Karen Waechter |
| Readers | Michael Medsker Sandy Ladd |
| Intercessor | Mark Leimbeck |
| Ushers | Kathy Ponce Allison Newhouse |
| Altar Guild | Dave Howley |
| Porter | Rachel Jarosik |
| Organist | Martin Pazdioch |
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