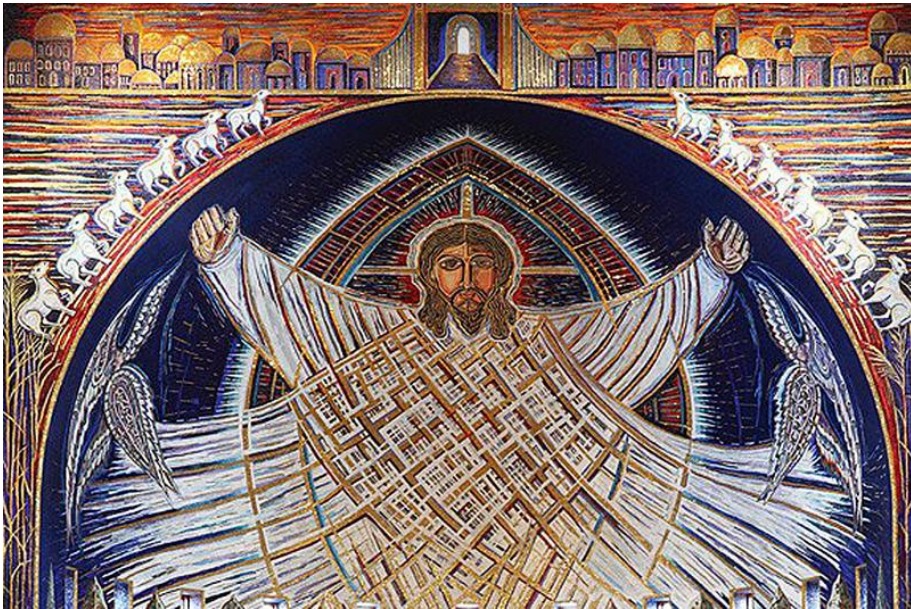
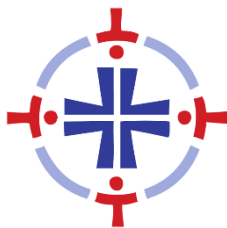




**St. Simon's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 17, 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 484

“Praise the Lord through every nation”

*Wachet auf*

1 Praise the Lord through ev - ery na - tion; his ho - ly  
2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and

arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his  
death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to

Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -  
thee be - long: we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The music is in a common time signature and features a variety of note values and rests.

gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re -  
 thee; we bow the knee, in we fall be - fore

gions un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with  
 thee; thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes -  
 cross mean-while we bear, the crown ere-long to

ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all  
 wear: Al - le - lu - ia! Thy reign ex - tend world

na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound.  
 with - out end; let praise from all to thee a - scend.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Assembly is seated*

### The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

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

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



- A God rises up,  
enemies of heaven scatter:
- A they disperse like smoke, they melt like wax,  
they perish before God.
- B But the just are glad,  
they rejoice before God and celebrate with song.
- A God, when you led your people,  
when you marched in the desert,
- B earth shook, heaven rained be-fore you,  
Israel's God, the Lord of Sinai.

A You gave us downpours  
to refresh the promised land  
B where you nourish your flock.  
Gracious God, you strengthen the weak.

A Rulers of earth, sing to God. Make music for the Lord  
who rides the clouds, whose voice is thunder.  
B Acknowledge the power of God who governs Israel,  
whose strength is in the storm clouds.

A You inspire wonder in your temple,  
God of Israel,  
B as you fill your people with power and might.  
Blessed be God!

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little

while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

The second line of musical notation is identical to the first line, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the same melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## \*The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is

eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

Mary Haggerty

*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, 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

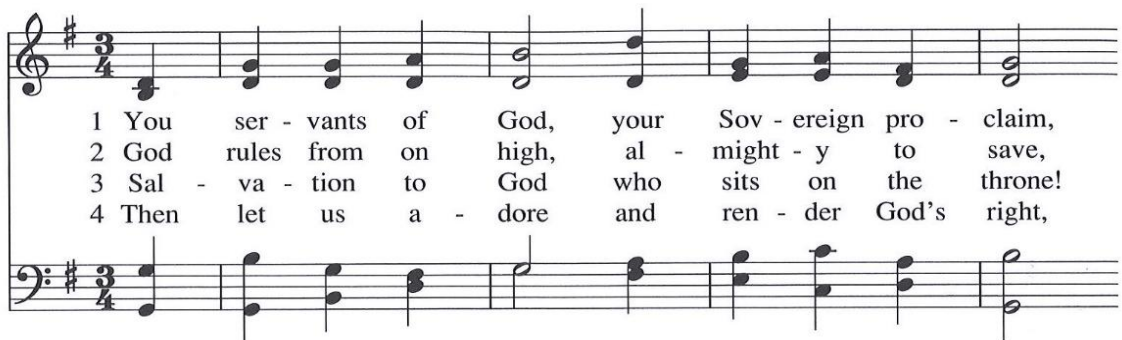
*All those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries of any kind are invited to add their name to the chat on Zoom or feed on Facebook*

**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 “You servants of God”



1 You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim,  
2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:  
 and still God is nigh, whose pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 All hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.  
 still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fin - ite love.

**\*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.**

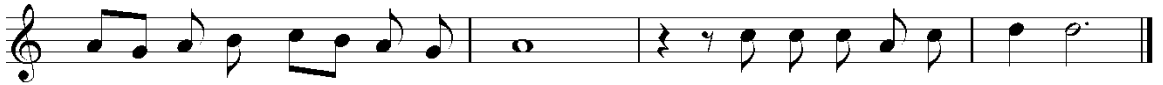
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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,

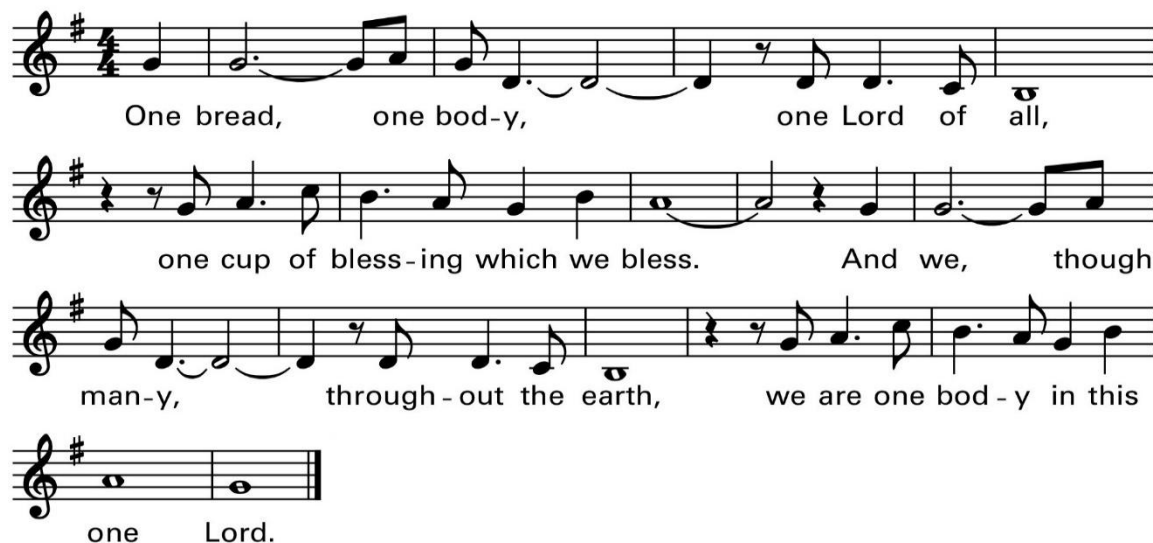
**Our Father, who art in heaven, | hallowed be thy Name, | thy kingdom come, | thy will be done, | on earth as it is in heaven. | Give us this day our daily bread. | And forgive us our trespasses, | as we forgive those | who trespass against us. | And lead us not into temptation, | but deliver us from 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 339

"Deck thyself my soul"

*Schmücke dich*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost



reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

## \*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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Closing Hymn "The head that once was crowned with thorns"



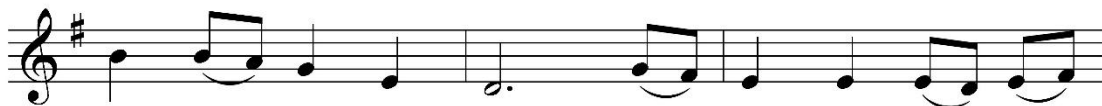
1. The\_ head that once was crowned with thorns is\_\_\_  
2. The\_ joy of all who dwell a - bove, the\_\_\_  
3. They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they\_



crowned with glo - ry now; a\_\_\_ roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the  
joy of all be - low, to\_\_\_ whom he man - i - fests his love and  
reign with him a - bove, their prof - it and their joy to know the



might - y vic - tor's brow. The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is\_\_\_  
grants his name to know. To them the cross with all its shame, with  
mys - t'ry of his love. The cross he bore is life and health, though



his, is\_\_\_ his by right, the\_\_\_ King of kings, and  
all its\_\_\_ grace is given; their name, an ev - er -  
shame and death to him: his\_\_\_ peo - ple's hope, his\_\_\_



Lord of lords, and\_\_\_ heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

## \*The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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The Rev. Mary Haggerty, *Sabbatical Supply Priest*

Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

Martin Pazdoich, *Music Director*

## Today's Service Leaders

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Sara Lewandowski
Chalice Minister	Dave Howley
Readers	Ed Petit Terry Petit
Intercessor	Pat Engbrecht
Ushers	Barb Drummond   Rachel Jarosik
Altar Guild	Maura Howley
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