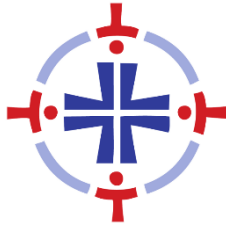




**St. Simon's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 19, 2025**



## 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.*

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

We gather in this place to experience God  
a little differently than we do during the week.

We come openly with all our questions and doubts  
all our joy and care  
all our brokenness and brilliance.

Jesus knows you exactly as you are and invites you  
beyond certainty into mystery  
beyond transaction into relationship  
beyond fear and shame into peace.

Come away to the place within you  
and within the people around you  
where he waits to meet you.

# Opening Hymn 372

“Praise to the living God!”

*Leoni*



1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Blessed be God: the Author, the Only-Begotten, and the Gift.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Gloria

S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

# The Word of God

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction. By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, For ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Assembly is seated*

### The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:27-34

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

Psalm 119:97-104



- A How I love your law!  
All day it fills my thoughts.
- B I am wiser than my foes,  
your judgment is always with me.
- A I outstrip my teachers,  
for your laws have tutored me.
- B I surpass my elders,  
because I keep your precepts.
- A To follow your way  
I avoid false paths.
- B I have not spurned your judgment,  
because you are my teacher.



- A Your promises are sweet to taste,  
sweeter than honey.
- B Because your decrees give wisdom,  
I hate all evil.

## The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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**Thanks be to God.**

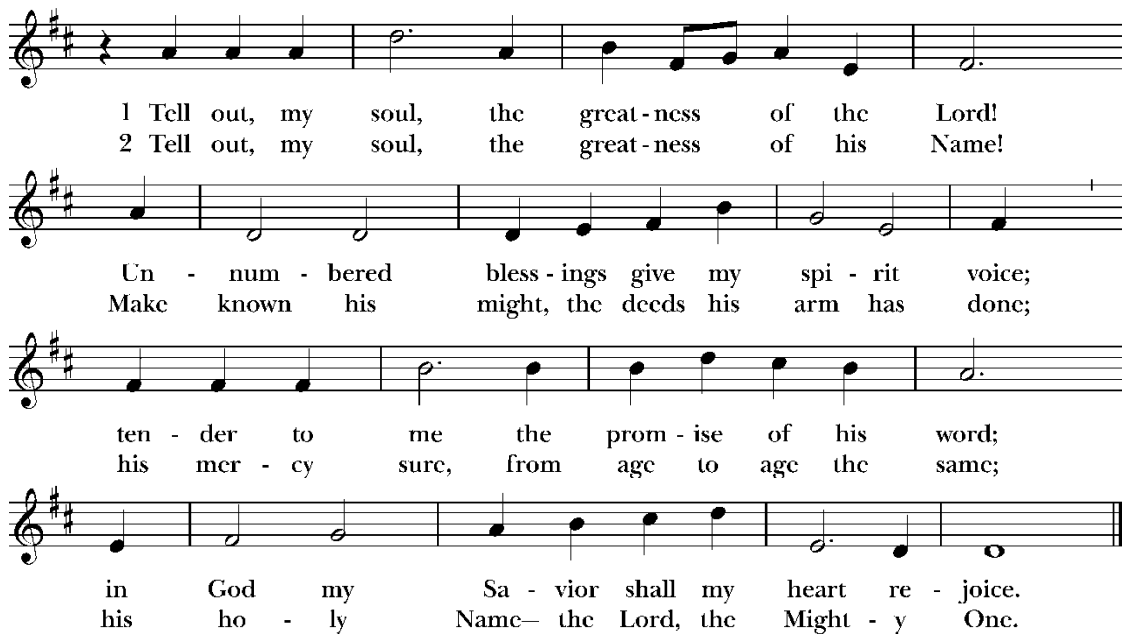


*The Assembly stands as they are able to face the Gospeler.*

## **\*The Gospel Procession**

*All join in singing both before and after the gospel.*

### **Hymn 438**



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.

## **\*The Holy Gospel**

Luke 18:1-8

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

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for

anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Powers and do-minions lay their glo-ry by.  
Firm is his prom-ise, and his mer-cy sure.

Proud hearts and stub-born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

the hun-gry fed, the hum-ble lift-ed high.  
to chil-dren's chil-dren and for ev-er-more!

**The Sermon**

Jenny Hulén

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

## \*The Creed

*Hyfrydol*

1. We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all  
 2. We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and  
 3. We be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the

things that be, Mak-er of the earth and heav-ens,  
 cru-ci-fied; tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied,  
 saints with-in one church cath-o-lic, one church ho-ly,

Keep-er of the sky and sea. We be-lieve in  
 True Life there had tru-ly died. We be-lieve that  
 where for-give-ness frees from sin; in the bod-y's

God's Son, Je-sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
 res-ur-rec-tion, for the break-ing of death's chain

of the Spi-rit and of Mar-y  
 then as-cen-ded to God's right hand.  
 gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing.

born to bring a-bun-dant life.  
 He will come to judge and save.  
 This the faith that we have claimed.

## \*The Prayers of the People

As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise.

I ask your prayers for the Church. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

I bid your prayers for our nation and for all nations; for our president Donald, our governor JB, and for all legislators and judges, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

We pray for all who come to this land in the hope of safety and security, for the disappeared, and for an end to terror and war.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. We pray especially for Peggi Adams, Jan Becker, Mike Bruce, Sharon Grieger, Sandra Janowski, Sunita Johnston, Bonnie Liess, Kathy Ponce, Jerry Shields, and Maria Whelan, and all patients, family members and staff at Northwest Community Hospital.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

I invite your thanksgivings, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace.

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

Tell out my soul,

**The great goodness of God**

*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 the grace of 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 saintsmons*

## Offertory Anthem “Build a Longer Table”

*Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*

*Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.*

*Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*

*When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

*Text: David Bjorlin, arr. John Helgen*

### \*Presentation of the Gifts

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

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

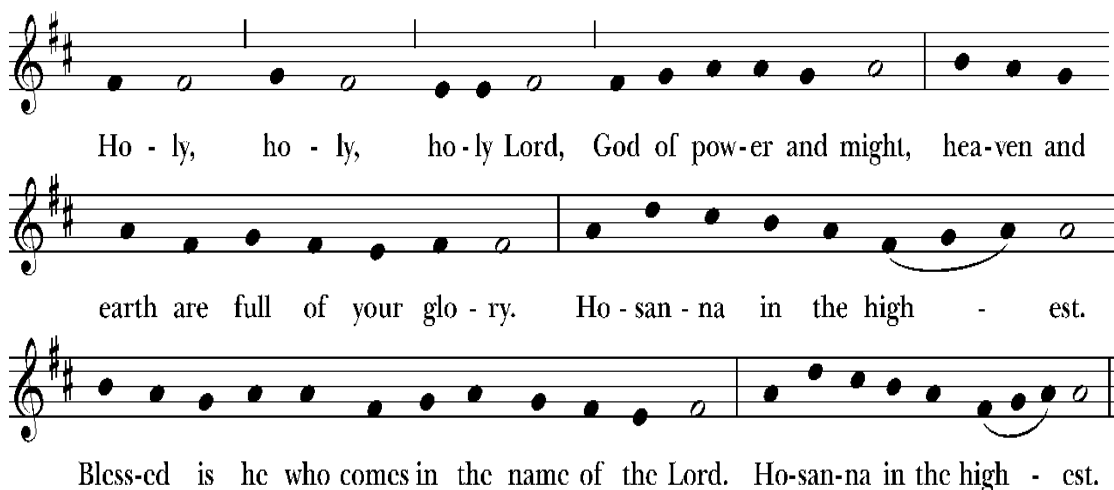
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





And so, O God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."**

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Forebearers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, Rachael, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver

us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

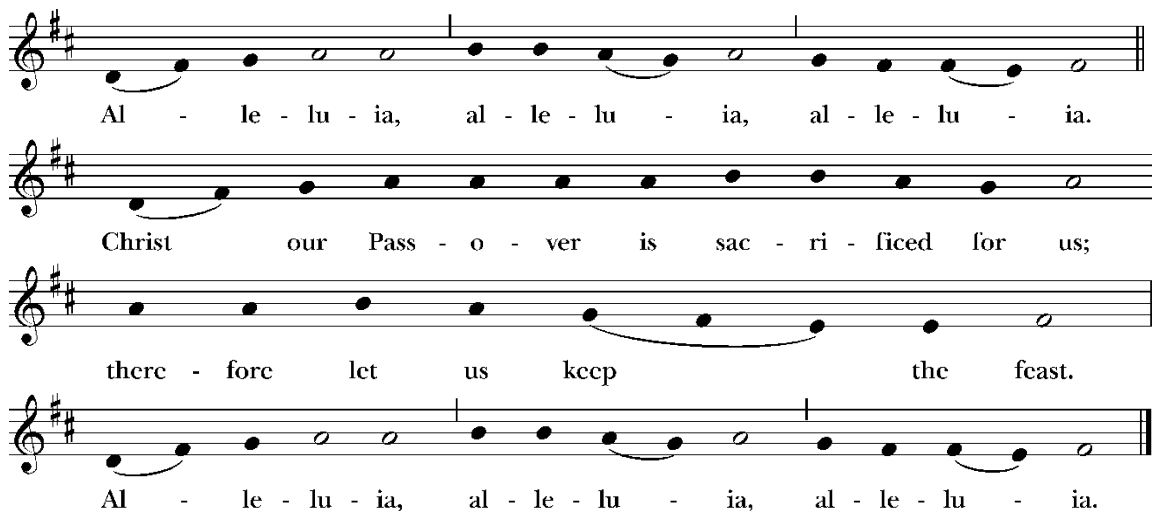
Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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 Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Presider and those worshipping online consume the host together with these words:*

**The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.**

*Everyone has a place at God's table and all are invited to share in communion. You may stand or kneel at the rail. Wine is offered in individual cups around the outside of the tray. Grape juice is offered in the middle. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. If you would like to participate but do not wish to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead.*

*Both the common cup (chalice) and individual cups are offered. Join the line for the chalice on the left (pulpit) side or the line on the right (screen) side to receive the individual cups. Grape juice is available in the individual cups.*

## Communion Hymn      “Come bring your burdens to God”

Come, bring your burdens to God, come, bring your burdens to God,

come, bring your burdens to God for Je-sus will nev-er say no.

## **\*Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

In gratitude for this moment,  
this place,  
those around us,  
Christ among us,  
we give ourselves to you our God.

Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have met the risen Christ  
and cannot be the same.

**Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.**

**So may we live to your glory  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.  
Through Jesus our brother,  
with the aid of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

*When members of the community are unable to attend the service, representatives of the people are sent with bread and wine to extend our communion with them.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## **\*The Blessing**

Now may God, who gives seed to the sower and grain to the reaper, provide all that we need so that we may produce a rich harvest of faith, love, justice and joy for the good of the earth and its people and to the glory of God. **Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

# Closing Hymn 665

“All my hope on God is founded”

*Michael*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 Great thy good - ness e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,  
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,  
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,  
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light and life at - tend thee,  
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, from thy  
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by  
beau - ty spring - ing out of nought. Ev - er - more from God's  
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall call one and



throne call my heart to be thine own.  
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.  
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.  
all: you that fol - low shall not fall.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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<sup>1</sup> Iona Abbey Worship Book, p 131-2

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The Rev. Jennifer Hulen, *Rector*

Martin Pazdioch, *Music Director*

Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

## Today's Service Leaders

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Presider & Preacher       | The Rev. Jenny Hulen        |
| Crucifer                  | Sara Lewandowski            |
| Chalice Minister          | Dave Howley                 |
| Readers                   | Mary Fran Callahan          |
|                           | John Pope                   |
| Intercessor               | Pat Engbrecht               |
| Ushers                    | Rachel Jarosik   Cleo Nykol |
| Altar Guild               | Betty Bacula                |
| Porter                    | Patricia Grund              |
| Organist                  | Martin Pazdioch             |
| Technical Production Team | Mike Krause                 |