ST. SIMON'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Simon's is called to care for our own in every generation and to tend to our neighbors as ourselves.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

MAY 31, 2026 – 10 A.M.

Welcome to St. Simon's on this Trinity Sunday. We are glad you have joined us in person or online. We invite questions here. If you have questions about Jesus, becoming a Christian, the Episcopal Church, or how you can become involved at St. Simon's, ask away!

Our liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns are found in the blue 1982 or the red and black "LEVAS" hymnals. If a page number has an "S" preceding the number, it indicates "service" music integral to the liturgy. It can be found toward the front of the blue hymnal.

If you need communion brought to your seat or need gluten-free wafers, let an usher know. If you would prefer a blessing from the priest, come forward at communion and cross your arms in front of your chest.

After the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation in Barnes Hall, located to the right as you leave the nave. We hope you will come back often and become a part of our community.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

HYMN IN PROCESSION "Holy, holy, holy" Hymnal 362
Nicaea

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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**.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the highest" Hymnal S-278

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING — Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

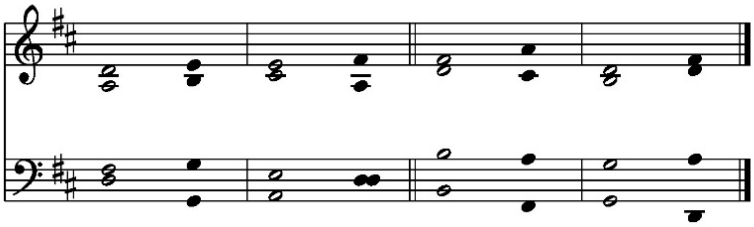
God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *(Sung by all)* Psalm 8
Jerone Webster Meachen



O Lord our | Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the | world!
Out of the mouths of infants and | children*
your majesty is praised above the | heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adver|saries, *
to quell the enemy and the a|venger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your | fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their | courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of | him? *
the son of man that you should seek him |out?
You have made him but little lower than the | angels; *
you adorn him with glory and | honor;*

You give him mastery over the works of your | hands; *
you put all things under his | feet:
All sheep and | oxen,*
even the wild beasts of the | field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the | sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the | sea.
O Lord our | Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the | world!

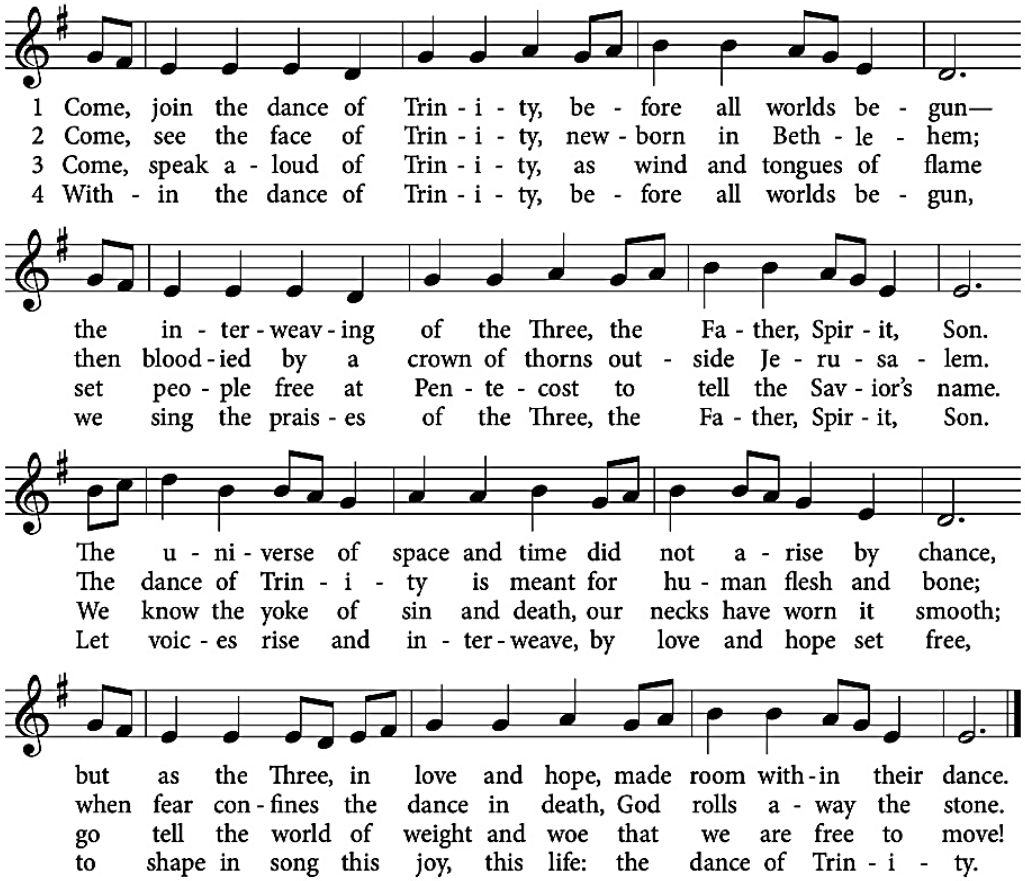
SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE "Come, join the dance of Trinity" *County Down*



GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Jane M. Weston

A time of silence follows the sermon.

NICENE CREED BCP P. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wondrous God, we offer our prayers to you in hope and confidence as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that we might strive for to be as one, as our God is one, that we might fulfill your call to ceaselessly give witness to the power of Christ's example and persevere in continuing his ministry of reconciliation and healing.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to hold our leaders accountable to the possibility of hope and transformation; grant them wisdom and courage to work for the greatest goof for all people.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the creation, we might be effective stewards and use the abundant resources you have given us wisely and sustainably.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, that we might discern your will for us and deploy the gifts you have given us to build the kingdom of God through our daily lives.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing to what is broken in our lives and in the lives of those important to us; help all who suffer that they may find release from their anguish and wholeness in their souls.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and grant us entry into your eternal presence in the age to come.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The priest ends the prayers with a closing collect.

God of mystery, God of love, surround us and fill us with your grace, embolden us to be your agents of love in a hurting world, and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP, P. 359

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.

ABSOLUTION

PEACE

WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY "Te Deum Laudaumus" Healey Willian

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Verse 3 Hymnal 380
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GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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 him 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" Hymnal S-125

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the peace, Alleluia.

Spirit of the Living God" LEVAS 115
Iverson

"Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me."

INVITATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN DURING COMMUNION "Sing praise to our Creator" Hymnal 295
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION "Thou, whose almighty word" Hymnal 371
Moscow

DISMISSAL

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