



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

MARCH 16, 2025 – 10 A.M.

Welcome to St. Simon's on this Second Sunday in Lent. We are glad you have joined us in person.

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

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized Christians to receive communion. If you need communion brought to you or if you 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.

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!

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

THE WORD OF GOD

We gather in silent prayer as we prepare for worship

OPENING HYMN "The God of Abraham praise"

Hymnal 401

Leoni

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP 350

Please kneel.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

CONFESSION

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

KYRIE

BCP 356

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them 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.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

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."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 27

Read responsively, by whole verse

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN "Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth"

Hymnal 598

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GOSPEL

Luke 4:13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

SERMON

The Rev. Jane Weston

A time of silence follows the sermon.

NICENE CREED

BCP 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY “King of glory”

C. Walker/ arr. D. Brewer

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION “Lord, whose love through humble service”

Hyfrydol

Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 who up - on the cross for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed.
 We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361
 Eucharistic Prayer 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 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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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-130

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 evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 many 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;**

The Celebrant continues

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM “Lamb of God”

Hymnal S-164

HYMN DURING COMMUNION “Nearer, My God, to Thee”

LEVAS 54

Bethany

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN PRAYER

HYMN IN PROCESSION “God of grace and God of glory”

Hymnal 594

Cwm Rhondda

DISMISSAL

We invite you to stay and pray or to exit the nave quietly during this season of Lent.

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**Please join us for worship
during Lent, Holy Week and Easter:**

Sunday Lenten Worship — March 23, 30, April 6 at 10 a.m.

Stations of the Cross Friday — March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday — April 13 at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday — April 17 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday — April 18 at noon and 7 p.m.

Easter Day — Sunday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

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