



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

MAY 11, 2025 – 10 A.M.

Welcome to St. Simon's on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. 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" hymnal. 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.

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized Christians to receive communion. If you need communion or gluten-free wafers brought to you, 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 off our main hallway to the right as you exit the nave. We hope you will come back often and become a part of our community.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

HYMN IN PROCESSION "All people that on earth do dwell"

Hymnal 377
Old 100th

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.

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.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 23

The antiphon is played once, sung by cantor, and then sung by all.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The cantor sings the verses and all sing the Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

All sing the Antiphon

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All sing the Antiphon

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All sing the Antiphon

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE "O love of God, how strong and true"

Hymnal 455

Dunedin

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

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

When our valleys are full of shadows Lord, send us the light of your son Jesus, that we might find our way. Shepherd our heart, comfort us with your overflowing love, hear our prayers offered with thanksgiving and sincerity as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

When our cups seem empty Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow and benefit others.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our nation and other countries walk in darkness Lord, fill our leaders with hearts that beat for peace, justice, and provision for all people.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our bodies are ill and our minds are full of turmoil Lord, send us the peace of your presence and give us the gift of your healing.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When the hungry go unfilled and the hurting are left alone Lord, melt our hearts that we might be your hands at work serving those in need.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our time on earth is ended Lord, guide us into the green pastures of your kingdom that we might live in your kingdom this day and always.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept the prayers of your sheep O Lord and grant us peace in our day that we might live out our lives to the glory of your son Jesus Christ who reigns with you and your Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PEACE

WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

Hymnal 708
Sicilian Mariners

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Brian Wren
Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. 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:

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.

INVITATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN DURING COMMUNION "Shepherd of Souls"

Hymnal 343

St. Agnes

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.

EASTER BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”

Hymnal 334
Alle ist an Gottes sengen

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The readings for next Sunday, May 18, are as follows:

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
Psalm 148

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