



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 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – 10 A.M.

Welcome to St. Simon's on this Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany! 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 a "S" before the page number, it can be found at 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 them about Jesus, about being a Christian, about 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

VOLUNTARY

HYMN IN PROCESSION "Angels, from the realms of glory"

Hymnal 93
Regent Square

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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-280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL "How lovely is your dwelling place"

Psalm 84 paraphrased, Hymnal 517

St. James Air

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE "Lord God, you now have set your servant free"

Hymnal 499

Song 1

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

CONFESSION

BCP 360

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathering our hearts and minds, let us offer God the words of our hearts, saying Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, pray for those who serve, those who pray, those who fear to enter its doors.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own clergy, for our bishop, priests, and deacons, for our lay leaders and ministers, and all
who seek to follow God.

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

We pray for our communities. Pray for those who work late shifts and long hours, for those who have no
possibility of employment; for those who hunger for food and connection; for those who respond to
emergencies and those who keep doors open.

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

We pray for the needs of all the world's people; for good and strong leaders and for responsive politicians to turn their energies and hearts toward solutions providing lasting peace, adequate resources, and safety for all people.

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

We pray for those who are anxious and depressed; for those who are addicted and weary; for those who are sick and suffering; for those who are waiting for diagnosis and those who are living with diagnosis.

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

We pray for the dying; pray for those who wait to meet their savior and for those who mourn the loss of them. Bring all souls into the living embrace of your angels and into the light of your kingdom.

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

We offer all these prayers with confidence in you, O Father of all; and you O Son who came among us; and you O Spirit who flows in us and the world. Amen.

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "How lovely is your dwelling place"

Mendelssohn/Nelson

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Hymnal 380, verse 3
Old 100th

THE 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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.

The Celebrant continues

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP 364

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymnal 324

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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.

BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION “Lord, dismiss us with your blessing”

Hymnal 344
Sicilian Mariners

DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Please join us in Barnes Hall for a cup of coffee and good conversation.

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