

**Easter 4 Eucharist
And Baptism of Josephine Jane Simons
St. Andrew's Church
April 26, 2026**



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.

All stand.

Hymn #199

Come, Ye Faithful

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
All: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
All: **One God Mother and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Please be seated.

LEM

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2: 42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

LEM: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day

Psalm 23, Bobby McFerrin version

1. The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need
She makes me lie down in green meadows
Beside the still waters, She will lead

2. She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs
She leads me in a path of good things
And fills my heart with songs

3. Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land
There is nothing that can shake me
She has said She won't forsake me
I'm in her hand

4. She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes
She anoints my head with oil
And my cup overflows

5. Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me
All the days of my life
And I will live in her house
Forever, forever and ever

6. Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter
And to the Holy of Holies
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World, without end. Amen

LECTOR

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #293

I sing a song of the saints of God



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so _____ dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild _____ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Enriching our Music #119

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a final note of G4 with a fermata. The bass staff continues with accompaniment. A second vocal line enters with the lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah!' on a higher pitch.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The third system repeats the first system's melody and accompaniment.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The fourth system features a more rhythmic accompaniment in the bass staff. The treble staff has a final chord with a fermata. The lyrics are repeated twice.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

John 10:1-10

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

All: **Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

(See music above)

Enriching our Music #119

The Sermon

Baptism of Josephine Jane Simons

Presentation of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then Josephine is presented by her Parents and Godparent, as follows

Parents and Godparent: I present *Josephine* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparent:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparent: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparent: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparent who speak on behalf of Josephine:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Josephine* in her life in Christ?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with *Josephine* who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *Josephine who is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to

lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now, Mother, sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Josephine, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God and Mother of us all. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on Josephine's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Josephine, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

LEM

Prayers for the Parish

LEM: We remember those who have died and those we now name. [*Please add your own names, aloud*]. Gracious God,

All: **into your hands we commend them.**

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, especially: ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Chet, Imogen, Rodger & Jennifer, all facing exclusion or harm,*** and those we now name. [*Please add your own names, aloud*]. Jesus,

All: **in your presence may they find strength.**

LEM: Look with your kindness on our homes and families, especially on those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, *especially Martin & Jennifer on their engagement*, and those we now name. [*Please add your own names, aloud*]. Loving God,

All: **grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

LEM: Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed, but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life; that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**
Alleluia!

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Come to the table made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more.

Come you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn #645

The King of Love my Shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven,

All: **Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

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

Celebrant: Eternal Wisdom, source of our being
and goal of all our longing,
we praise you and give you thanks
because you created us, women and men,

together in your image
to cherish your world and seek your face.
Divided and disfigured by sin,
while we were yet helpless,
you emptied yourself of power
and took upon you our unprotected flesh.

All: **We acclaim you, O Christ;
The bonds of sin and death could not contain you.**

Celebrant: You broke forth from the comfort of the grave;
before you the stone was moved,
and the tomb of our world was opened wide.
For on this day you were raised in power
and revealed yourself as a beloved stranger,
offering for the rituals of the dead
the terror of new life and of desire fulfilled.
Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
the apostles who followed you,
the women who befriended you and fed you,
the friends who met you, risen from the dead,
the witnesses who proclaim your reign
throughout all the ages, and with all creation
we praise you, saying

Hymn

LEVAS #256

Sanctus

Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
 who walks with us the road of our grief,
 and is known again in the breaking of bread;
 who, on the night he was handed over,
 took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
 “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, gave it to them, and
 said: “Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Do this
 whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn LEVAS #259 Christ has died

Leader
 Christ has died.

Christ has died.

Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant: Come now, disturbing spirit of our God,
 breathe on these bodily things
 and make us one body in Christ.
 Open our graves, unbind our eyes, and name us here.
 Touch and heal all that has been buried in us,
 that we need not cling to our pain,
 but may go forth with power
 to release resurrection in the world.

All: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Spirit of the Living Christ,
come upon us in the glory of your risen power;
Spirit of the Living Christ,
come upon us in all the humility of your wondrous love;
Spirit of the Living Christ,
come upon us that new life may course within our veins,
New love bind us together in one family,
And new vision of the kingdom of God spur us on to serve you with fearless
passion. Amen. Alleluia!**

The Blessing

Please stand to receive God's blessing.

Celebrant: May the love of the Risen Christ refresh you,
the power of Risen Christ strengthen you,
the joy of Risen Christ fill your hearts;
and the blessing of the Triune God free you to share the good news in word and
deed. **Amen. Alleluia!**

Announcements

Hymn #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go now to love and serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: Rev. Allison Moore
LEM: Rae Slingerland
Lectors: Julie Mazur
Usher: David Slingerland
Altar Guild: Susan Piowaty
Organist: Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour: Salix Corkey and The Simons Family
Live Stream Tech: Charlie Burgner

Resources for this liturgy

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