THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
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October 28, 2026
St. Simon and St. Jude
6:00 P.M.
Congregational responses are **in bold.**

Opening Hymn

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Confession of Sin
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant O God, be not far from us.
People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Except in Lent add **Alleluia.**

Phos hilaron



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

Psalm 147:1-7 *(St. Helena Psalter)*
said responsively by the half verse

1 Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God; *
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!
2 For you rebuild Jerusalem *
and gather the exiles of Israel.
3 You heal the brokenhearted *
and bind up their wounds.
4 You count the number of the stars *
and call them all by their names.
5 Great are you and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to your wisdom.
6 You lift up the lowly, *
but cast the wicked to the ground.
7 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving;
we make music to you upon the harp.

A Reading from Ephesians 2:13-22

But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.
When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle of the Turning *Daigle/Cooley/Donohoo* *Insert*

Saints Simon and Jude's Story www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-simon-and-jude/
Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him *Thaddeus*. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.
Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God.
No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Reflection
As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is

simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.
It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Please stand for the proclamation of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.
'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If you
belonged to the world,* the world would love you as its own. Because you do not
belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates
you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants* are not greater than their
master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they
will keep yours also. 21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them,
they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates
me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else
did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my
Father. 25 It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a
cause." 'When the Advocate* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the
Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are
to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

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

Homily

Please remain sitting for the singing of the
Nunc dimittis *Insert*

The Call and Response Apostles' Creed. *(from Church of England, Common Worship)*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I **believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
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. Amen.

The Prayers

Presider: Hear our cry, O God.
And listen to our prayer.
Let us pray.
Leader: For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, we pray to you.
Christ, have mercy
For all who minister in your Church that they may have grace to build up your people in love, we pray to you.
Christ, have mercy.
For the leaders of the countries, that they will heed your call and persistently pursue peace, we pray to you,
Christ have mercy.
For the sick, the hopeless and those in danger, *especially those we now name [PAUSE]*
We pray to you,
Christ have mercy.
For the dying and the dead, that they will rest in peace, *especially those we now name [PAUSE]*
We pray to you,
Christ have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,

who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with *[Simon* and *Jude*] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Gifts of God given for us, the beloved of God: Come and be fed.

Prayer after Communion
Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing
Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So… be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of the God,
who made us,
loves us,
and travels with us
be with you now and forevermore.
AMEN

Closing Hymn

The Dismissal
Our worship has ended, our service continues:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.