

3 Then let us praise the Father  
 And worship God the Son  
 And sing to God the Spirit,  
 Eternal Three in One,  
 Till all the ransomed number  
 Fall down before the throne,  
 Ascribing pow'r and glory  
 And praise to God alone.

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

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# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

**ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES (OCTOBER 28)**

*The color for St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles, is red.*



**What to listen for during the service?**

Listen for the Sanctus, which we sing at the start of the communion liturgy. In the Sanctus we sing the words of Isaiah 6:3, when Isaiah has a vision of heaven. These are heavenly words and give us a piece of heaven here on earth. Though we are in the world, we are not of the world, but rather we fix our eyes on Jesus and on heavenly things.

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## **Gospel Reading: John 15:(12-16) 17-21**

*(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)*

12 [Jesus said,] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me."

### **Questions to talk about with your parents:**

- 1) What does Jesus command us to do? Does loving people mean letting them do whatever they want? How do we love someone?
- 2) Did we choose Jesus or did He choose us? Now that we are God's children, how do we "bear fruit"? What does that mean?
- 3) Look at verse 19. How can we be in the world, but not of the world? Do we need to abide by God's Word while we are in the world?
- 4) Jesus says, "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you." What does persecute mean? Might we be persecuted for having faith in Christ? What might we do to keep our focus on heavenly things?

## **People of the Bible: Simon and Jude**

There are many men named "Simon" in the Bible, but we are going to learn about Simon the apostle. Simon was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. Simon was called Simon the Zealot to distinguish him from Simon Peter (an apostle we learned about on Transfiguration Sunday). Simon is listed as an apostle in Luke 6 and Acts 1, but we don't know much else about Simon. Thaddaeus is another one of Jesus' apostles. He is also referred to as Jude or Judas the son of James, but he is different from Judas Iscariot as we read in John 14, who betrayed Jesus. Thaddaeus is listed as an apostle in Matthew 10 and Mark 3, and he is listed as Jude in Luke 6 and Acts 1. Sometimes the Bible uses different names in different places for the same person, just like today people have nicknames. The Bible often used nicknames to prevent confusion when more than one person had the same name. Once again, other than being listed as one of Jesus' apostles, we don't know much else about Thaddaeus. We do know that Jesus spent three years teaching Simon and Thaddaeus, along with the other ten disciples, about His Word. The apostles then went out and proclaimed the Gospel about the Messiah and the forgiveness of sins.

### **HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"**

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 Praise, Lord, for Your apostles,  
Saint Simon and Saint Jude.  
One love, one hope impelled them  
To tread the way, renewed.  
May we with zeal as earnest  
The faith of Christ maintain,  
Be bound in love together,  
And life eternal gain.