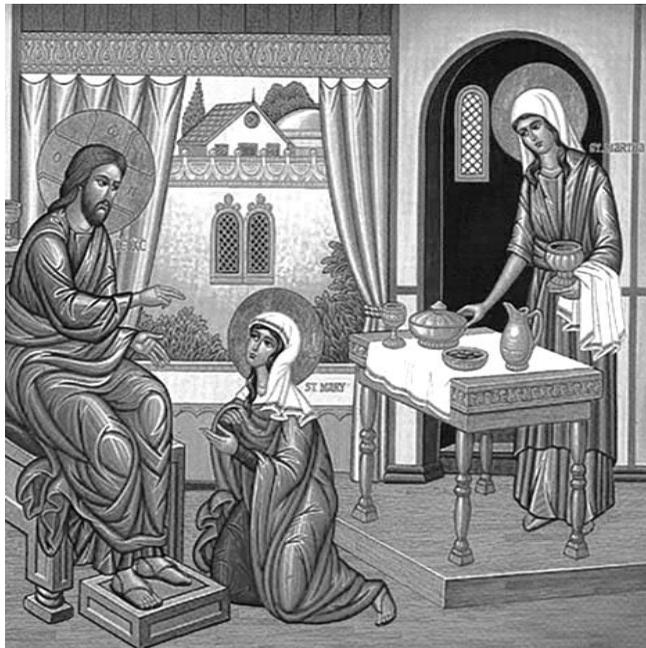


Church of Saint Simon-the-Apostle

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016



8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Celebrant & homilist The Rev'd Andrea Budgey

Welcome to Saint Simon's! If you're unfamiliar with the liturgy please don't hesitate to ask – other parishioners will be happy to help you orient yourself.

Please help preserve a prayerful silence before the service.

Gathering of the Community

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. The reader this morning is Sheila Smith.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, whose Son hath opened for us
a new and living way into thy presence:
give us, we beseech thee, pure hearts and constant wills
to worship thee in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson

Reader The Old Testament lesson is written in the 8th chapter of the book of Amos, beginning at the 1st verse.

This is what the Lord God showed me – a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

"The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Amos 8.1-12

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 52

- 1 WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant, that thou canst do mischief, /
 whereas the goodness of God endureth yet daily?
- 2 Thy tongue deviseth wickedness; /
 it is like a sharp razor, O thou worker of deceit.
- 3 Thou hast loved evil more than goodness, /
 and to speak lies rather than righteousness.
- 4 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt, /
 O thou false tongue.
- 5 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever; /
 he shall take thee and pluck thee out of thy dwelling,
 and root thee out of the land of the living.
- 6 The righteous also shall see this, and fear, /
 and shall laugh him to scorn,
- 7 Saying, "Lo, this is the man that took not God for his strength, /
 but trusted unto the multitude of his riches,
 and strengthened himself in his own wealth."
- 8 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God; /
 my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will always give thanks unto thee, because thou hast done it; /
 and I will hope in thy Name, for thy saints like it well.

Epistle

Reader The epistle is written in the 1st chapter of the letter to the Colossians, beginning at the 15th verse.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all

the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1.15-28

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 10th chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 38th verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his companions went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10.38-42

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

We offer a warm welcome to all as we gather at Saint Simon's to celebrate. If you are visiting for the first time, we are especially glad to have you with us and look forward to meeting you after the liturgy. If you would like more information about the life of our parish, please talk to the priest or one of the sidespeople (greeters); alternatively you can fill out the form in the pew and give it to a sidesperson, or put it on the collection plate.

We appreciate your givings & remind you that in order to receive a tax receipt, your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations.

Please do not leave your valuables unattended at any time!



In your prayers this week, please remember . . .

*in the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, the Anglican Church in Rwanda;
in our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, Parkdale - Toronto West Deanery;
in the **Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer**, Saint Mark's, Midland, its involvement in an Out of the Cold programme, services at Central North Correctional Centre, support of the local food bank, and services in local nursing homes;
and Saint Mark's, Port Hope, and its support of the Green Wood Coalition, which provides meals and other needs to those living in poverty in Northumberland County;
and in our **Parish Prayer Cycle**, Spencer Higgins & Keith Johnson, Frank Hillis, Michael Holtom, Lorna Howell & Linus Smith.*



Saint Simon's now has a very active and interesting **Facebook** page, maintained by Brooke Sales-Lee. It's a great way to keep up with activities and ideas between one Sunday and the next.

During July, we are having **Taizé Prayer** every **Tuesday at 6 pm**, weather permitting, on the south lawn – not quite taking it to the streets, but making an effort at least to take our worship outside our walls. Taizé Prayer involves reading and prayers, interspersed with simple chants and periods of silent meditation, with a period of fellowship afterwards.

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All parishioners involved in volunteer ministries considered medium- or high-risk are required to take the **diocesan sexual misconduct workshop** every three years. Mtr Andrea is conducting one such workshop for volunteers at San Lorenzo Ruiz **TODAY, July 17**, following their service. If you're a volunteer who has never taken this workshop, or if your three years have passed, you are very welcome to satisfy the requirement by attending this workshop. If you're not sure whether you should attend, ask Mtr Andrea, and if you're simply interested or curious, please feel free to come along.

Upcoming Services and Dates to Remember

TODAY – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am BCP Eucharist *in the chapel*
10:30am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

Wednesday, July 20

11am Holy Eucharist *in the chapel*

Sunday, June 24 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am BCP Eucharist *in the chapel*
10:30am Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)

Tuesdays in July: Taizé service, 6 pm.

Every Wednesday at 11 am; Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing.

Pastoral visiting is available for shut-ins – please contact the office if you know of someone who would welcome a visit from one of our lay pastoral visitors or Mother Andrea.

The sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment – please contact Mother Andrea directly.

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