

# Church of Saint Simon-the-Apostle

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016



### **8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant & Homilist The Rev'd Geoffrey Sangwine

*The flowers today have been given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of nephew Paul Green by Duncan and Barbara Towe.*

*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 and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

*All* **Amen.**

## Proclamation of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson

*Reader* The Old Testament lesson is written in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Isaiah, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 80

**1** HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; /  
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.

**2** Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, /  
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

**3** Turn us again, O God; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

**4** O LORD God of hosts, /  
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

**5** Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, /  
and hast given them plenteousness of tears to drink.

**6** Thou makest us a very strife unto our neighbours, /  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**7** Turn us again, O God of hosts; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

**8** THOU broughtest a vine out of Egypt; /  
thou didst drive out the nations, and plant it in.

**9** Thou madest room for it; /  
and when it had taken root it filled the land.

**10** The hills were covered with the shadow of it, /  
and the mighty cedars with the boughs thereof.

**11** She stretched out her branches unto the sea, /  
and her boughs unto the River.

**12** Why hast thou then broken down her fences, /  
so that all they that go by pluck her grapes?

**13** The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, /  
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

**14** Turn us again, O God of hosts; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

**15** LOOK down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine, and the stock that thy right hand  
hath planted, /

and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

**16** It is burnt with fire and cut down; /  
they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

**17** Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, /  
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

**18** And so shall we not go back from thee: /  
O let us live, and we will call upon thy Name.

**19** Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts; /  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

## Epistle

*Reader* The epistle is written in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, beginning at the 29<sup>th</sup> verse.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

*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 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 49<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

*Luke 12:49-56*

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of Christ.

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

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**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!**

- There will be an Opportunities Committee meeting on **August 24** at **7pm**. All are welcome to attend.
- On **August 25<sup>th</sup>** at **10:30 am** our congregation of St. Simon's will worship at St. Peter's Carlton Street. This is a step in the parish amalgamation process which will continue our efforts in getting to know each other. Please note there will be 8:30 am service here that day. St. Peter's is on the north side of Carlton Street between Parliament & Sherbourne.
- Saturday **September 17<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **8:30 am**; The Episcopal election for three suffragan bishops of the Diocese of Toronto at St. Paul's, Bloor Street.
- 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.
- We anticipate that Saint Simon's newly-sponsored refugee will probably arrive some time between now and the end of September, in all likelihood with very little notice! We have possibilities for short- and longer-term accommodation, but we will need to be able furnish a small apartment for his

use fairly quickly once he arrives. We don't have much space to store things in the meantime, and may not be able to accept all the donations offered, but please think about whether you have any furniture and/or household items that might be of use to a new arrival. There will be a list posted at the church of the items we need; please write your name on the list beside any furniture items that you are saving; small items can be placed in boxes on the stage in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, speak to any member of the refugee committee.



It is wonderful to be with you at St Simon's as your new Parish Priest – thank you so much for the very warm welcome I have received and for the enthusiasm about our new ministry together.

I have spent my life in the Church. In spite of living in Mississauga our family attended St James' Cathedral where my father was a chorister from 1960 until 2006. I joined the cathedral choir at age 6 in 1975 and have great memories singing with the choir of St Simon's, particularly one notable occasion when we had a full-on snowball fight at St Paul's Bloor Street at one of the early Toronto Star Carol Services in which our parishes participated for many years -- we even made the paper with a photo of us in cassocks and ruffs at the height of the brawl!

I attended the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music for my undergraduate degree and after convocation worked for six years at the Royal Conservatory of Music. For many years I wanted to be a priest and finally took the next step towards that calling by attending Trinity College, Faculty of Divinity. On May 28, 2000 I was made a Deacon at St James' Cathedral, and on May 31, 2001 ordained to the priesthood at St Clement's, Eglinton, where I served as Curate and Associate Priest. From 2004 to 2010 I was the Incumbent at St Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea and from 2010 to 2016 at St John the Baptist, Norway in the Beach neighbourhood.

At the Diocesan level I serve as the Area Liturgical Officer, and until my new appointment facilitated Fresh Start, a programme for new Incumbents. Music is a mainstay of my life. For many years I have been singing countertenor, but over the last year have been back in touch with my baritone voice and have resumed vocal coaching with the hope of doing some sols/recital work over the next few years. It was wonderful to be part of the choir trip to the UK and to sing with our dedicated parish musicians. For the foreseeable future I will live at the rectory of St John's, Norway with Bonnie (my dog). I love spending time at my cottage near Marmora - it's a great place to unwind and to prepare sermons!

Thank you again for welcoming me so warmly and for the welcome you gave last week to my mum Sheila. We will be seeing more of her and hopefully on occasion my brothers Les (who lives in Hamilton) and Howard from Calgary who comes to Toronto often. Starting in a new parish is exciting and challenging as there is so much that is new and a lot to do, especially as we look ahead to welcoming the community of St Peter's. In the meantime I look forward to getting to know you and worshipping Almighty God with you in this fine parish. Please keep me in your prayers as I shall keep you in mine.

Geoffrey+



## Upcoming Services and Dates to Remember

**TODAY** – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am            BCP Eucharist *in the chapel*

10:30am          Sung Mattins (Traditional)

**Wednesday, August 17**

11am              Holy Eucharist *in the chapel*

**Sunday, August 21** – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am            BCP Eucharist *in the chapel*

10:30am          Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

Last Tuesday of every month : 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 Father Geoffrey.

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

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