



THE CHURCH OF
SAINT-SIMON-THE-APOSTLE
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2016

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 am

Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

Reader: David Carrington

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.

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, we are taught by thy word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-1

Reader The Old Testament lesson is written in the 1st chapter of the book of Jeremiah, beginning at the 4thverse.

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71.1-6 – BCP p. 416

The Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-29

Reader The epistle is written in the 12th chapter of letter to the Hebrews, beginning at the 18th verse.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 10th verse.

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

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