



# The Church of Saint-Simon-the-Apostle

## Harvest Thanksgiving

### October 9, 2016

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## Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine  
Reader: Sheila Smith

*The flowers are given to the honour glory of almighty God and in memory of shelter users that have transitioned on by St. Simon's Shelter*

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

*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* O most merciful Father, we humbly thank thee for all thy gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for life and health and safety; for power to work and leisure to rest; for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of men; but above all we thank thee for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

*Reader* The First lesson is written in the 8th chapter of the book of Deuteronomy, beginning at the 7th verse.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a

land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 65– BCP p. 785**

### **The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

*Reader*      The Second lesson is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of Paul to the Corinthians, beginning at the 6<sup>th</sup> verse.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

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

**The Holy Gospel:** *Luke 17:11-19*

*Gospeller*    The Lord be with you.

*All*            **And with thy spirit.**

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel is written in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of Christ.

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

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