

Church of Saint Simon-the-Apostle

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 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 David Carrington.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, who hast made us for thyself,
so that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee:
grant, we beseech thee, that we may find peace in thy service,
and in the world to come, see thee face to face;
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 7th chapter of the book of Amos, beginning at the 7th verse.

This is what the angel showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb-line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore, thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'" *Amos 7.7-17*

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

- 1 God standeth in the divine assembly; /
in the midst of the gods he judgeth:
- 2 "How long will ye give wrong judgement, /
and accept the persons of the ungodly?
- 3 Do justice for the poor and the fatherless; /
see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
- 4 Deliver the outcast and poor; /
save them from the hand of the ungodly."
- 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
they walk on still in darkness; /
all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
- 6 I have said, "Ye are gods, /
and ye are all the children of the Most High.
- 7 But ye shall die like men, / and fall like one of the princes."
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth; /
for thou shalt take all nations to thine inheritance.

Epistle

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from

his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1.1-14

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 1st verse.

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10.25-37

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines;
in our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada;
in the **Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer**, Saint Luke's, East York, and its Food Basics cooking programme; and Saint Margaret's, New Toronto, its monthly community dinners and Christmas "Among Friends" event, Sixth Street Youth Outreach Ministry, participation in the Out of the Cold programme, and support of local outreach;
and in our **Parish Prayer Cycle**, Lorraine Griffith, Michael Hall, Daphne Harris, and Jill Hermant.*



Please keep our choir in your prayers, as it travels to sing in Lincoln and Chester Cathedrals.

Thanks to parishioners who participated in the events of **Pride Toronto**, witnessing to the inclusive and loving character of the Anglican Church, and of Saint Simon's in particular. Look for photos on our Facebook page.

Speaking of **Facebook**, Saint Simon's now has a very active and interesting 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.

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 on **Sunday, 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. Let Vanessa, our parish administrator, know that you're planning to be there, so we have some idea how many people to expect.

Upcoming Services and Dates to Remember

TODAY – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am BCP Eucharist *in the chapel*

10:30am Choral Mattins

Wednesday, July 13

11am Holy Eucharist *in the chapel*

Sunday, June 17 – Ninth 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 Mother Andrea.

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

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