

Church of
Saint Simon-the-Apostle
The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 7, 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 to offer a warm welcome to Father Geoffrey Sangwine as he starts his journey with St. Simons.

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 O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson

Reader The Old Testament lesson is written in the 7th chapter of the book of Daniel, beginning at the 9th verse.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

1 THE LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; /
he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Sion, /
and high above all the peoples.

3 Let them give thanks unto thy Name, /
which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.

4 THE King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity: /
thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the LORD our God, /
and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.

6 MOSES and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon
his Name: /
these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; /
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; /
thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.

9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; /
for the LORD our God is holy.

Epistle

Reader The epistle is written in the 1st chapter of the second letter Peter,
beginning at the 16th verse.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2 Peter 1:16-19

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 9th chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 28th verse.

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9:28-36

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 Church of South India;
in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, North Peel Deanery;
in the Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer, Pray for St. Matthew, Islington, its
outreach and building projects in Bolivia, hosting of an ecumenical Out of the Cold
program, and the outreach ministries of the St. Anne's and St. Martha's groups;
and for St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole, its monthly community clothing sale, and AIDS
education and advocacy initiatives;
and in our Parish Prayer Cycle, Norma Kenny, Sophie Knowles & David Cumming,
Ignacia Lesteng, and Marie Lewis.



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.

There will be an **Advisory Board** meeting on **August 10 at 7:00** and an Opportunities Committee meeting on **August 24 at 7:00**. All are welcome to attend Advisory Board meetings and to welcome Fr Geoff at the August meeting.

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.

Upcoming Services and Dates to Remember

TODAY – The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Wednesday, August 10

11am Holy Eucharist *in the chapel*

Sunday, August 14 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Tuesdays: 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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