



The Church of Saint-Simon-the-Apostle

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2016

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine
Reader: Alice Fox

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 LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy house hold the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: *Joel 2:23-32*

Reader The Old Testament lesson is written in the 2nd chapter of the book of Joel, beginning at the 23rd verse.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great

army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65 – BCP p. 785

The Epistle: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

Reader The epistle is written in the 4th chapter of the 2nd letter to Timothy, beginning at the 6th verse.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 18:9-14*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 18th chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 9th verse.

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

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

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