

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 31 August 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

2 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus.'
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and pow'r divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

4 Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sentence of Scripture

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Summary of the Commandments with Response

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle: Philipians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ ‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

³¹ So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.’

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The Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one catholic and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life

(Children leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

1 Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

2 Of His deliverance I will boast,
till all that are distressed
from my example comfort take,
and charm their griefs to rest.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt His name;
when in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

4 O make but trial of His love;
experience will decide
how blest they are, and only they,
who in His truth confide.

5 Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you His service your delight,
He'll make your wants His care.



Sermon
'Do not worry'
Matthew 6:25-34
Joe Ammoun

Hymn
Faithful Shepherd, feed me

1 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

2 Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

3 Daily bring me nearer
to the heav'nly shore;
may my faith grow clearer.
may I love thee more.

4 Hallow every pleasure,
ev'ry gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

5 Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Prayer for the Church and the World

Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past. And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness



Comfortable Words

Responses

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name. Evermore praising thee, and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.



Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Prayer of Consecration

Communion

(Please be guided by the stewards)



Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Prayers for Susan Wajih in her role as Church Warden

Notices



Hymn

Now thank we all our God

(We take a collection during this hymn. People give in a variety of ways. Some may not be in a position to give; please pass the plate on if that is appropriate for you. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes in your pew, completing the information on the front. Alternatively, standing order forms are available at the back of church or from our website.)

1 Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 547) - J.S. Bach



Notices

'Hard Questions' course: September 2025

Ever wanted answers to questions like: What about other religions? Hasn't science disproved Christianity? Why does God allow suffering? Well now's your opportunity! Our 'Hard Questions' summer course is scheduled to meet at St Simon's from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings in September, re-starting on Sept 3. Full details are available from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com

Hour of Prayer - Monday 1 September

Our next church 'hour of prayer' will take place on Monday 1 September from 8-9.15pm in church. Do join us as we start with coffee and cake and then spend an hour praying for the needs of the world and the church.

Breakfast before Morning Service - Monday 7 September

Breakfast will be served in church on Sunday 7 September from 9.15 am. Delicious home-made bread and breakfast cake and coffee. All are very welcome.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Emma Elliott

This will take place at **Holy Trinity, Sloane Square on Thursday 18 September at 11am**. A reception afterwards at **Bluebird, 350 Kings Road**.

Alistair, Edward, and James warmly invite us to the service and reception. In order to have a guide on numbers **please could you respond to the email address:**

emmaelliott.thanksgiving@outlook.com, listing all the family members who will be coming to the Church and, of those, who will be attending the reception afterwards. The reception will finish around 3pm.

'Preparing a Bible study' - Home Group training on Sunday 21 September

On Sunday 21 September **4.10-5.30pm** we'll be running an interactive and practical training session on how to prepare a Bible Study. Our focus will be on preparing studies that enable fluid group discussion and help group members apply what they're reading to their lives. This training is for Home Group leaders and anyone else who leads Bible studies or might do so in the future. For further information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

St Simon's Weekend Away 26-28 September 2025

All are very welcome to join us at a new venue, De Vere Horsley Estate in Surrey, for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and meeting with God. If you are planning on coming, we encourage you to sign up soon to be sure of a space, and to help us in our planning. The brochure, containing the sign-up form, is now available at the back of the church or by visiting the church website.

Weekly email

Associate Vicar Joe Ammoun sends out a weekly email letter each Wednesday with church family news and a short reflection. If you don't currently receive this but would like to, please get in touch with Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.