

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 14 September 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

(Children in Year 6 and under leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

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| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King! | 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him
widely as his mercy flows! |
| 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness! | 4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace! |

Based on Ps 103; Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
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Introducing our Ministry Trainee: Liv Jani

Sentence of Scripture



Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Absolution

The 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.

Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.



Responsorial Psalm 8

(Children in Years 7 to 9 leave for Youth Group)



O Lord our gov-er-nor, how glo-ri-ous is your name in all the world!

ALL ***O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!***

CHOIR 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

ALL ***O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!***

CHOIR 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should seek him out?

ALL ***O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!***

CHOIR 6 You have made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.
7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under his feet.

ALL ***O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!***

CHOIR 8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
9 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

ALL ***O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!***



First reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

Reader: Sara Pearson

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD Is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion -
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second reading: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.
²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town.
For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the
tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his
voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't tor-
ture me!' ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many
times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard,
he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Legion' he replied, because many demons had
gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the
Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let
them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of
the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake
and was drowned.



³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying ³⁹ 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Choir: Jubilate

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.



Responses

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

All: And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning Collects



Anthem

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.

Words: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11. Music: Edward Elgar
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Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

v. 1-4: John Newton (1725-1807); v. 5: John Rees (1828-1900)
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Sermon

Luke 8:26-39

'Extraordinary encounters: A man in the tombs'

Joe Ammoun

Hymn

And can it be

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.

You can also give using the card reader located at the back of the church.

1 And can it be that I should gain
an in'trest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.



4 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788). CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Sonata no. 3 in A major (1st movement) - F. Mendelssohn.

Notices

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.

No evening service on the 28th of September

Please note that, due to the Weekend Away, **there will be no evening service on Sunday 28 September. There will also be no Sunday School at the morning service on Sunday 28 September.**

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 3 September. Full details are available from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com

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

On Sunday 21 September at **4.10-5.30pm in the church building** we'll be running an interactive and practical training session on preparing Bible Studies. 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.

Joining a Home Group - Autumn 2025

At St Simon's, we want everyone to be growing in joy and confidence as a follower of Christ. One great way of doing that is to meet regularly with a small group of others in a Home Group. Our Home Groups meet on different evenings throughout the week, in people's homes or in church. All of them gather to read the Bible and explore its implications for everyday life, and to pray, care for and encourage each other. If you're not currently in a group but would be interested in knowing more, please speak with Joe or get in touch with him at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk or 07504250515.

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.