

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 21 September 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Awake, awake; fling off the night

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

1 Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent a glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

2 Awake and rise, in Christ renewed,
and with the Spirit's pow'r endued.
The lights of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

3 Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge, and judging, heal.

4 Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Based on Ephesians 5:6-20; Words by John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)

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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

Choir: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Choir: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,

All: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Choir: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

James MacMillan; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

St Matthew the Apostle

O Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

The King of love my shepherd is

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

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living waters flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 23.
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Sermon

'Extraordinary encounters: A man up a tree'

Luke 19:1-10

Mike Neville

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.
Amen.

Words: Philippians 4:4-7. Music: Anon. 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 singing:

Choir: Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

Francis Jackson; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



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)

Communion Anthems

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Francis Jackson; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Let thy merciful ears

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Thomas Mudd; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sacerdotes Domini

Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves of finest wheat to God: and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord and shall not defile his most holy name.

Alleluia

William Byrd; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

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

Notices



Hymn
Go forth and tell

(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 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing.

2 Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation
of his word?

3 Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord
concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours
which cares for humankind.



4 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till the nations
his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King,
for evermore.

James Edward Seddon (1915-1983); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Carillon de Westminster - Louis Vierne

Notices

'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.

Gift Day

We are very grateful to everyone who gives regularly to St Simon's. Once a year we hold a Gift Day for those who wish to supplement their regular giving or make a one off donation. If you would like to give in this way, we invite you to do so over the weekend of 4 & 5th October. We won't receive gifts in the church on Saturday this year, but they can be sent to the church office or given to Mike or Nicholas Dunhill in church on Sunday. Please write cheques to 'St Simon Zelotes PCC' or if making a donation by bank transfer to St Simon Zelotes PCC, Account No: 95817611 Sort Code: 60-00-01 and use Reference "Gift Day".



Organ recital by Daniel Phillips

Daniel is giving an organ recital in Southwark Cathedral SE1 9DA on **Monday 22 September at 1.20pm**, showcasing the magnificent Lewis organ. The concert will last 40 minutes and is free to attend. All are welcome.

No evening service on 28 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**.

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 5 October

We will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving at the 10am service on Sunday 5 October. The service will include Harvest themed choral music and all are warmly welcome.

Glass Door Homeless Charity: Autumn Harvest appeal

This winter, Glass Door is hoping to run a number of emergency night shelters serving hot meals and beds for homeless people. They are asking local churches to use Harvest Services to contribute goods that they need. They have issued a specific list of items required – see below. Please bring your donations to church in the week beginning Monday 29 September and by Sunday 5 October.

- Instant coffee
- Instant hot chocolate
- Biscuits
- Breakfast cereals
- Sugar
- Tea
- Sauces (e.g. ketchup)
- White rice (please not ready-cooked)
- Pasta (not spaghetti)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned pulses (chickpeas, beans etc.)
- Breakfast spreads (jam, honey, etc.)
- Tinned vegetarian soups
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Toiletries (deodorants, shampoo, etc.)
- Women's sanitary products

321 Course

Perspective is everything. So how do you see life? 321 is a short, 4 week course that invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and engaging conversation in a friendly environment. **The course will take place on Wednesdays on 1, 8, 15, 22 October, from 7.45-9.15pm.** To find out more or to enquire about attending the first taster session on **Wednesday 1 October**, contact Associate Vicar Joe Ammoun at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

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.