



## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING ONLINE**

**Sunday 5 October 2025**

**10.00am**

St Simon Zelotes Church  
Milner Street  
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### **Introit**

*All things bright and beautiful*

*All things bright and beautiful;  
All creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens;  
Each little bird that sings.  
He made their glowing colours;  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain;  
The river running by;  
The sunset and the morning;  
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter;  
The pleasant summer sun;  
The ripe fruits in the garden –  
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

Words: C.F. Alexander. Music: John Rutter  
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### **Welcome**

### **Sentence of Scripture**



## Hymn

*We plough the fields and scatter*

*(Children bring gifts to the front during this hymn)*

1 We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

2 He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
he fills the earth with beauty  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, His children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

3 We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts;  
and, what thou most desirest  
Our humble, thankful hearts

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



## **Thanksgiving for the Harvest**

*Responsorial, led by children*

Children: We thank God for the world he has made,  
and for all his love and care.

For the warmth of the sun,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Children: For the rain which makes things grow,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Children: For the woods and the fields,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Children: For the sea and the sky,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Children: For the flowers and the animals,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Children: For families and holidays,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Children: For all your gifts,  
**All: Father in heaven**  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

**Amen.**



### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those 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

### **Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past and help us to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

*Children in Year 6 and under leave for Sunday School and Crèche.  
Children in Years 7 to 9 leave for Youth Group.*



### First Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:6-20

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. <sup>7</sup> They gave towards the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup> David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, 'Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. <sup>11</sup> Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup> Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> 'But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup> We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup> Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. <sup>18</sup> Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people for ever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. <sup>19</sup> And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.'

<sup>20</sup> Then David said to the whole assembly, 'Praise the Lord your God.' So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before the Lord and the king.

This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God



### **Anthem**

*Thou visitest the Earth*

Thou visitest the Earth, and blessest it.  
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

Words: Psalm 65:9,12. Music: Maurice Greene.  
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### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22**

<sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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## **Collect for Harvest Sunday**

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Morning Collects**

### **Anthem**

*The heavens are telling*

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.  
Today that is coming speaks it the day,  
The night that is gone to following night.  
In all the lands resounds the word,  
Never unperceived, ever understood.

Words: Psalm 19:1-2, 4. Music: Joseph Haydn;  
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## **Intercessions**

## **Notices**





## Hymn

*Lord of beauty, thine the splendour*

1 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour  
shown in earth and sky and sea,  
burning sun and moonlight tender,  
hill and river, flow'r and tree:  
lest we fail our praise to render  
touch our eyes that they may see.

2 Lord of life, alone sustaining  
all below and all above,  
Lord of love, by whose ordaining  
sun and stars sublimely move:  
in our earthly spirits reigning,  
lift our hearts that we may love.

3 Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,  
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,  
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,  
and, with vision purified,  
Lord of all, when all have known thee,  
thou in all art glorified.

Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



**Sermon**

1 Chronicles 29:6-20

'Everything comes from you'

*Joe Ammoun*



## Hymn

### *All creatures of our God and king*

(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 All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light:  
*O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
*O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

4 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit. Three in One.  
*O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); paraphrased by William Henry Draper (1855-1933)  
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## Blessing

## Voluntary

*Nun danket alle Gott* - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## Notices

### **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 & 5 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".

### **Hour of Prayer**

Our next church 'hour of prayer' will take place on **Monday 6 October 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.

### **Help with operating the camera and sound system at the morning service**

We need help for this for the morning service. Only a minimum level of technical ability required. **Training given.** We would ask for help once every few weeks. Please offer help if you can by letting Gloria know : [gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk](mailto:gloria.skelsey@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](mailto:gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk).*