

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

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10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

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

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| 1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own. | 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore. |
| 2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r. | 4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall. |

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
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Sentence of Scripture

Exhortation



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 40:1-9

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



ALL ***I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.***

CHOIR

- 2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

ALL ***I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.***

CHOIR

- 4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.
- 5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How
great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.

ALL ***I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.***

CHOIR

- 6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to express.
- 7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened.

ALL ***I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.***

CHOIR

- 8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;
then said I: "Lo, I come.
- 9 In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your
will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart."

ALL ***I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.***



First reading: Genesis 2:4-9

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Revelation 1:9-11; 2:1-7

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: 'Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.'

2 ¹ 'To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

⁴ Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶ But you have this in your favour: you hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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 people 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.

Words: Psalm 100. Music: Thomas Tomkins
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The Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning Collects

Anthem

Exceeding glad shall he be

Exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

Words: Psalm 21:1. Music: G.F. Handel
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Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

Be thou my guardian and my guide

1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slipp'ry footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quick'ner of the dead.

3 And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

4 Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams (1802-1865). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

Revelation 2.1-7

'A letter on love'

Joe Ammoun

Hymn

Angel voices ever singing

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 Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yes, we know that thou art near us
and wilt hear us constantly.

3 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.



4 Honour, glory, might and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909). CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Postlude in D minor - Charles V. Stanford.

Notices

Serving on the audio-visual team

We need volunteers to help us operate the camera and sound system in the morning service. Only a minimum level of technical ability is required and training and support is given. We would ask for help once every few weeks. Please volunteer if you can by letting Gloria know: gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk

Weekend Away Talks

Simon Pedley's Weekend Away talks on Daniel 1-4 can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/3fpu4jff>.

Keith & Kristyn Getty at the Royal Albert Hall - Friday 19 December

The renowned hymn writers will be joined by the All Souls Orchestra and the Langham Arts Festival Chorus for their *Home for Christmas* concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday 19 December, along with a host of virtuoso instrumentalists and special guests, including author and speaker Professor John Lennox.

Following two unforgettable sold-out nights in Belfast last year, the Gettys are bringing their acclaimed Christmas production to London for the very first time. This joyful evening will blend beloved British carols, Celtic heritage, and Nashville flair to tell the Christmas story in a powerful and uplifting way.

Tickets now on sale via gettymusic.com or royalalberthall.com

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.