

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 19 October 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Based on 1 Timothy 1:17; Music: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
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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

Collect for the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Epistle: Revelation 2:8-11

⁸ 'To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty – yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

¹¹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel: Luke 22:28-38

²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹ 'Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' ³³ But he replied, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.'

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, 'When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?' 'Nothing,' they answered. ³⁶ He said to them, 'But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: "And he was numbered with the transgressors"; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfilment.' ³⁸ The disciples said, 'See, Lord, here are two swords.' 'That's enough!' he replied.

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

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

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

1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

2 May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that I may triumph only
in his saving pow'r.

3 May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.

4 May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus,
as I onward go.

Kate Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

Revelation 2:8-11
'A letter on suffering'
Mike Neville

Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper. Music: C.V. Stanford.
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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.

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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.

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Lord, we beseech thee

Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers,
and by thy gracious visitation
lighten the darkness of our hearts,
by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Adrian Batten;
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O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; 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

Great is thy faithfulness

(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 Great is thy faithfulness,
O God, my Father,
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hast provided,
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above,
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness...



3. Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness...

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Ceremonial March - Herbert Sumsion



Notices

Remembrance Sunday Service 9 November - 10.45 am

On Remembrance Sunday we have a special service to remember those who gave their lives, and to reflect on the tragedy of war and the promises of Christ. **Please note that the service starts at the later time of 10.45am.**

Happy Home Presentation

We will give our annual presentation on the Happy Home **after the morning service on Sunday 16 November**. This charity in Tamil Nadu, India was set up by a Christian minister and his family to provide lodgings, food, clothing and education for poor or orphaned children. Currently there are over 200 children being cared for by the Happy Home. Support from St Simons has been mainly based on a family or an individual agreeing to sponsor a particular child with an annual contribution.

Church Supper and Guest Service – Sunday 16 November

On Sunday 16 November there will be an informal church supper after the evening service. The whole church family and friends are invited. The service beforehand will include a talk aimed at those exploring or sceptical about Christian faith and will have guests particularly in mind. If you are able to bring food or wine, or be on the welcome team, please get in touch with Sophie at sophie.butterfield@ssz.org.uk.

Women's breakfast - Saturday 22 November 10am-11.30am

On Saturday 22 November we will be hosting a Women's Breakfast in the church building. It will be an opportunity for women from both congregations to come together to encourage one another. There will be coffee and pastries, an interview with our Church Warden, Susan Wajih, speaking about how she came to faith and the impact it has had on her life, and discussion time. Babies in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we cannot provide child-care. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Liv Jani at ministrytrainee@ssz.org.uk.

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

Gift Day

Many thanks to everyone who made a donation over the Gift Day weekend. The total received (with Gift Aid) came to £9,762.50.

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.