

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 2 November 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

(Children in Year 9 and under leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.

He whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
boasted pomp and empty show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Based on Isaiah 33:20-21; John Newton (1725-1807)
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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.



Metrical Psalm 27
We sing the Lord our light

1 We sing the Lord our light;
our strength, who walk his way;
though full of fears the night,
though long and hard the day.

His mercy kind
we boldly claim
who in his Name
salvation find.

2 To him we make request;
this prayer alone we bring:
that in his presence blest
we may behold our King;
by his free grace
discern his will,
and worship still
before his face.

3 His love will still prevail,
his mighty hand uphold,
though kith and kin may fail
and dearest hearts grow cold;
be patient yet!
his kingdom own,
in whom alone
our hopes are set!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith. CCLI Licence No. 1891688



First reading: 1 Kings 16:29-33

²⁹ In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel for twenty-two years. ³⁰ Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. ³¹ He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. ³² He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. ³³ Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁸ To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. ²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, "I will not impose any other burden on you," ²⁵ except to hold on to what you have until I come."

²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations – ²⁷ that one "will rule them with an iron sceptre and will dash them to pieces like pottery" – just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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.

Words: Psalm 100. Music: Howard Helvey
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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 All Saints Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the spiritual body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning Collects

Anthem

And I saw a new heaven

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Words: Revelation 21:1-4; Music Edgar Bainton.
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Intercessions

Notices

Hymn

Immortal love, for ever full

1 Immortal love, for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

2 Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

3 The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

4 Alone, O love ineffable,
thy saving name is giv'n;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heav'n.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

Revelation 2:18-29

'A letter on holiness'

Mike Neville

Hymn

For all the saints

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 For all the saints
who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be for ever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 O may thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them,
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 And when the strife
is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear
the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again,
and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!



4 But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array:
the King of glory
passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in countless host,
singing to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

William Walsham How (1823-1897) CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in C minor op.37 no. 1 - Felix Mendelssohn

Notices

Hour of prayer

Our next church 'hour of prayer' will take place on Monday 3 November 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.

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.**

Ministry Coordinator for Children and Women

Some of you may remember that in July we were advertising for a new two day a week staff member to work in St Simon's to consolidate and develop the Sunday School work and also to develop ministry to women in the church. I (Mike) announced on 5 October that the PCC has appointed Zannie Ammoun to this role. She will start in January 2026. We look forward with prayerful anticipation, to her enlarged ministry in our church family.

Appointing a new Bishop of London

Following the appointment of Bishop Sarah as Archbishop of Canterbury, the process to appoint a new Bishop of London has begun. The Committee drawing up a role and person profile would love to hear from people who attend churches in the Diocese of London. We encourage you to respond by answering a few questions with bullet points in an online survey: <https://tinyurl.com/3nmazxm3>. Responses need to be submitted by **Wednesday 12 November 2025**.

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.