

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION
WITH BAPTISM ONLINE
Sunday 16 November 2025
10.00am

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We especially welcome Frederick this morning along with his parents,
godparents, family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

He who would valiant be

1 He who would valiant be
‘gainst all disaster
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There’s no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound —
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I’ll fear not what men say,
I’ll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.



BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidate

The Minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Frederick and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Frederick with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Frederick begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.



The Decision

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Frederick receives the sign of the cross

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.



Profession of Faith

The Minister addresses the congregation, parents, and godparents.

Let us affirm,
on behalf of Frederick who is being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism of Frederick

*Frederick Henry Grainge, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

All: Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the
riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily
be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in
glory.

All: Amen.

*Children leave for Youth Group, Sunday School and Crèche and we return to our seats as the choir
sing.*



Baptismal Anthem

Be thou my vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;
O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;
Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish (8th century) versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne.

Music: Bob Chilcott. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Epistle: Revelation 3:7-13

⁷ 'To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars – I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.



¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. ¹³ 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

Gospel: John 17:11-19

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Hymn

Lo, round the throne

1 Lo, round the throne, a glorious band,
the saints in countless myriads stand,
of every tongue redeemed to God,
arrayed in garments washed in blood.

3 They see their Saviour face to face,
and sing the triumphs of his grace;
him day and night they ceaseless praise,
to him the loud thanksgiving raise:

2 Through tribulation great they came;
they bore the cross, despised the shame;
from all their labours now they rest,
in God's eternal glory blest.

4 'Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,
through endless years to live and reign;
thou hast redeemed us by thy blood,
and made us kings and priests to God.'

5 O may we tread the sacred road
that saints and holy martyrs trod;
wage to the end the glorious strife,
and win, like them, a crown of life.

Rowland Hill. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

Revelation 3:7-13

'A letter on vindication'

Mike Neville

Anthem

Give us the wings of faith

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came,
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached their promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Ernest Bullock.
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Prayer for the Church and World

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.

Harold Darke; 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.

Harold Darke; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17. Music: Thomas Tallis.
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Ave Verum Corpus

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.

W.A. Mozart. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Notices



Hymn

And can it be?

(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 And can it be that I should gain
an in'trest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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that thou my God, shouldst die for me?

2 He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.
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for, O my God, it found out me.

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

4 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ voluntary

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

Notices

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.

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 childcare. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Liv Jani at ministrytrainee@ssz.org.uk.

Safeguarding

Sunday 23 November has been designated Safeguarding Sunday. In the notices at morning and evening services we will have a brief report on, and pray for, the important Christian work of safeguarding and caring for one another.

Advent devotions

A number of us at St Simon's will be using the devotional booklet 'Hallelujah' during the season of Advent to prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. It includes 26 short reflections on passages of Scripture sung in Handel's 'Messiah' and encourages you to listen to the relevant piece of music alongside prayer and reflection. If you've taken a copy of the book, we'd encourage you to begin using it on **Sunday 30 November**. Music can be found via the QR code in the book or at <https://tinyurl.com/SSZMessiah>. If you'd like to join with others in the Church family in using this booklet, there will be copies available at the back of church this Sunday. We recommend a donation of £1 towards the purchase cost.

Advent Services

On **Sunday 30 November** we will hold two traditional Advent carol services at 10am and 6.30pm. Both services will feature Advent carols sung by a 6-piece (morning) or 4-piece (evening) choir, hymns, and a series of readings to set before us the hope of Christ's first and second coming to earth.

Free English Christmas meal

On Wednesday 3rd December after our Free English Class there will be a bring and share Christmas meal with the students in the church building. We would love congregation members to join us for the meal to chat to the students. If you are available to come from 7:45pm please do let Liv Jani know at ministrytrainee@ssz.org.uk

Save the date: wreath making evening at St Simon's

We are expecting to hold a wreath making event on **Wednesday 10 December from 7pm**. The event will include Christmas refreshments, the chance to make a wreath alongside friends and guests, and a short talk on the Christmas message.

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.