

St Simon Zelotes



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE ONLINE

**Sunday 30 November 2025
10am**

Welcome

O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Children leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

All:

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Lower voices:

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Higher voices:

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here:
Dispel the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Choir only:

4 O come thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

All:

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Opening Prayers

Advent Collect

All: ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen

Jeremiah 23:5-6

⁵ 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,
'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shone

Choir:

Hosanna to the son of David

Words: Matthew 21:9

Music: Thomas Weelkes

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Psalm 132:11-18

- ¹¹ The Lord swore an oath to David,
a sure oath he will not revoke:
'One of your own descendants
I will place on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and the statutes I teach them,
then their sons shall sit
on your throne for ever and ever.'
¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion,
he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,
¹⁴ 'This is my resting place for ever and ever;
here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.
¹⁵ I will bless her with abundant provisions;
her poor I will satisfy with food.
¹⁶ I will clothe her priests with salvation,
and her faithful people shall ever sing for joy.
¹⁷ 'Here I will make a horn grow for David
and set up a lamp for my anointed one.
¹⁸ I will clothe his enemies with shame,
but his head shall be adorned with a radiant crown.'

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shone

Hills of the north, rejoice

1 Hills of the north, rejoice,
 echoing songs arise,
 hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

3 Lands of the east, arise,
 he is your brightest morn,
 greet him with joyous eyes,
 praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

2 Isles of the southern seas
 sing to the list'ning earth,
 carry on ev'ry breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

4 Shores of the utmost west,
 lands of the setting sun,
 welcome the heav'nly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey on,
 songs be in ev'ry mouth,
lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blest.

Charles Edward Oakley (1832-1865)
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Isaiah 42:1-9

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.'
⁵ This is what God the Lord says –
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
⁶ 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
⁸ 'I am the Lord; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you.'

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shone

Choir: And the glory of the Lord
Words: Isaiah 40:5; Charles Jennens
Music: G.F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Matthew 1:1-17

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

² Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.
David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,
⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,
Jehoram the father of Uzziah,
⁹ Uzziah the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile
to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,
Abihud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,

¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,

¹⁵ Elihud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the
mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David,
fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to
the Messiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shone

Choir: Magnificat

Words : Luke 1: 46-55

Music: Charles V. Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord;
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scatter'd the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
As he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.

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.

Mark 13:32-37

³² ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ ‘Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: “Watch!”’

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Intercessions

Notices

Come thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Sermon

Matthew 1:1-17

'The Mothers of Jesus'

Joe Ammoun

Lo he comes

(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 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly!
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, Come!

Closing Prayer

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.

All: Even so, Lord, come.

O Lord Jesus Christ, come

All: at evening time with light.

And in the morning, with your glory,

All: to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He who receives our prayers says: Surely I come quickly. I am the root and offspring of David, I am the bright and morning star.

All: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Blessing

Voluntary

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel - Andrew Carter

Notices

Prayer Book spirituality in Advent - Sunday 30 November

On Sunday 30 November at 4.30-5.50pm in the church building, Joe will be holding a short, practical seminar on the Book of Common Prayer services of Morning and Evening Prayer, and how to use them as a guide and frame for personal prayer and Bible reading in the season of Advent. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to download the 'Daily Prayer' app in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SSZPrayer>. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Breakfast before Morning Service

Delicious breakfast will be served in church on Sunday 7 December from 9.15 am. All welcome

Hour of Prayer

Our next church 'hour of prayer' will take place on Monday 1 December 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.

Wreath Making Event - 7pm, Wednesday 10 December

We will hold a wreath making event in the church building at 7pm on Wednesday 10 December. Tickets are £35 and you will be able to take your wreath home with you. There will also be refreshments and a short thought about the story of Christmas. There are limited spaces, so in order to secure a place for yourself and friends, and for details of payment, please email Liv Jani at ministrytrainee@ssz.org.uk. Bookings will close on Wednesday 3 December.

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.

Christianity Explored begins in January

Join us for a taster session on **Wednesday 14th January, 7.30pm**. Christianity Explored gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. There is no commitment to attending the whole course. People of all backgrounds and knowledge are welcome and you may contribute to discussion or simply listen.

For more information and to sign up, please speak to Mike or contact the church office (office@ssz.org.uk or 020 7589 8999)

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