

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 14 December 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Christ whose glory fills the skies

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

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
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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.



Choir: Psalm 46

¹ God is our hope and strength
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

³ Though the waters thereof rage and swell
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

⁴ The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

⁵ God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed
God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶ The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease in all the world
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots
in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still then, and know that I am God
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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First reading: Psalm 107:23-32

²³ Some went out on the sea in ships;
they were merchants on the mighty waters.

²⁴ They saw the works of the LORD,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

²⁵ For he spoke and stirred up a tempest
that lifted high the waves.

²⁶ They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;
in their peril their courage melted away.

²⁷ They reeled and staggered like drunkards;
they were at their wits' end.

²⁸ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.

²⁹ He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰ They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired haven.

³¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

³² Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Luke 8:22-25

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

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All: Thanks be to God

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 Third Sunday in Advent

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Advent Collect

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.

Morning Collects



Anthem

For unto us a child is born

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Words: Isaiah 9:5; Music: G.F. Handel
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Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing,
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 And though this world, with demons filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.
- 3 That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is for ever.

Martin Luther (1529) trans. Frederic Henry Hedge (1852)
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Sermon

Isaiah 9:6

‘And he shall be called... Mighty God’

George Walker

Hymn

O Lord, my God

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 O Lord, my God
when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works
thy hand has made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow’r throughout
the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art,
how great thou art.
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art,
how great thou art.*

2 And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in
that on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died
to take away my sin.



Then sings my soul...

3 When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow
in humble adoration,
and there proclaim:
my God, how great thou art.

Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans. Stuart K Hine
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Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Ciacona in E minor - D. Buxtehude

Notices

Christmas Services

Our annual candle-lit Christmas Carol service takes place on Sunday 14 December at 6.30pm. We will hear the story of Christmas in nine readings with carols and pieces of music sung by the choir and a Christmas Reflection by Vicar, Mike Neville. The service is followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please find here an e-leaflet to share with friends for our Christmas services: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2945pb>.

Services over Christmas and New Year

Sunday 21 December

10am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 28 December

10am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24 December

(Christmas Eve)

11.30pm – Midnight Communion

Sunday 4 January

10am – Morning Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 25 December

(Christmas Day)

10am – Holy Communion

Please note that there will be **no evening services** on **Sundays 21 December or 28 December**. The evening service will resume in the new year on **Sunday 4 January, 6.30pm**. There will be **no Sunday School on Christmas Day**. Children will be provided with an activity pack to complete quietly in the pews with their families. **On Sunday 28 December** children can remain in the service with their parents or watch a Sunday School approved Christian film in the hall. On Sundays 21 December and 4 January Sunday School and Youth Group will be combined.

Church Building closed

The church building will be closed from Christmas Day after the morning service until the morning service on Sunday 4 January. It will be closed again between Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 January.

Women's Monthly Bible Study Group

The next bible study will be on Friday 9th January 2026.

Christianity Explored

One life, what's it all about? Starting **Wednesday 14 January at 7.30pm**, our 4 short Christianity Explored sessions are an opportunity to discuss any questions about Christianity. We'll also read extracts from the Gospel of Mark and watch a short film each week. Whether you're unsure, intrigued, or would like to re-visit the essence of Christian faith, this course is for you. To indicate an initial interest in the first (taster) session, get in touch with Mike at mike.neville@ssz.org.uk.

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.