

# St Simon Zelotes



## **MORNING PRAYER ONLINE**

**Sunday 28 December 2025**

**10.00am**

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## **Welcome**

### **Hymn**

*Of the Father's love begotten*

1 Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he is the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

2 Of that birth for ever blessèd,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bare the Saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

3 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be;  
honour, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore.

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)  
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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.**



**First reading: Isaiah 9:1-7**

*Reader: Albert Yu*

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



7 Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and for ever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Second reading: Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord

**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.



## Hymn

### *Joy to the world*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



## 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 Sunday after Christmas Day

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## Morning Collects

## Intercessions

## Notices





### Hymn

#### *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

*Lift up your heart . . .*

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above:

4 He sits at God's right hand,  
till all His foes submit,  
and bow to His command,  
and fall beneath His feet:

*Lift up your heart . . .*

*Lift up your heart . . .*

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take His servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

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

### Sermon

Isaiah 9:6

'And he shall be called...Prince of Peace'

*Mike Neville*



## Hymn

### *Crown him with many crowns*

(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)

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| 1 Crown him with many crowns,<br>the Lamb upon his throne;<br>hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br>all music but its own;<br>awake, my soul, and sing<br>of him who died for thee,<br>and hail him as thy matchless king<br>through all eternity. | 3 Crown Him the Lord of peace,<br>whose pow'r a sceptre sways<br>from pole to pole, that wars may cease,<br>absorbed in prayer and praise:<br>his reign shall know no end,<br>and round his pierced feet<br>fair flow'rs of paradise extend<br>their fragrance ever sweet. |
| 2 Crown him the Lord of love;<br>behold his hands and side,<br>rich wounds, yet visible above,<br>in beauty glorified:<br>no angel in the sky<br>can fully bear that sight,<br>but downward bends each burning eye<br>at mysteries so bright.        | 4 Crown him the Lord of years,<br>the Potentate of time,<br>Creator of the rolling spheres,<br>ineffably sublime.<br>All hail, Redeemer, hail!<br>for thou hast died for me;<br>thy praise shall never, never fail<br>throughout eternity.                                 |

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



## **Blessing**

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Fanfare on 'Antioch' - Gerre Hancock*

## Notices

### **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**.

Please note that there will be **no evening service** today. The evening service will resume in the new year on **Sunday 4 January, 6.30pm**.

At the morning service on **Sunday 4 January** Sunday School and Youth Group will be combined.

### **Hour of Prayer**

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 5 January from 8-9.15pm at Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens** (opposite the church on Milner Street). 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.

### **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\*\*](mailto: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](mailto:gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk).*