

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 1 February 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

(Children in Year 6 and under leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

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| 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity. | 3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains
from hill to valley flow. |
| 2 He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight. | 4 O'er every foe victorious
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever,
that name to us is love. |

Based on Psalm 72; James Montgomery
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Sentence of Scripture

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.

Ministry Trainee Programme interview

Metrical Psalm 117

(Young people in Years 7-9 leave for Youth Group during this psalm)

1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Psalm 117.

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First reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ '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.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Matthew 12:9-21

⁹ Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, ¹⁰ and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?'

¹¹ He said to them, 'If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?' ¹² How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.'

¹³ Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

¹⁵ Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. ¹⁶ He warned them not to tell others about him. ¹⁷ This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁸ 'Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
the one I love, in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out;
no one will hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out,
till he has brought justice through to victory.

²¹ In his name the nations will put their hope.'

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.

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.

Psalm 100. Music: William Boyce. CCLI Licence No. 1891688



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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects



Anthem

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Words: Luke 2: 19-32; Music: George Dyson. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Anne Gray

Notices



Hymn

Jesu, lover of my soul

1 Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the gath'ring waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from ev'ry sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

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

Sermon

Isaiah 42:1-4

'Songs of the Servant: Gentle Justice'

Joe Ammoun



Hymn

Jesus shall reign

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 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the humble poor are blest.

4 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin (BWV 616) - J.S.Bach

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place tomorrow, **Monday 2 February from 8-9.15pm**, in the church building. 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.

An evening with Lord McColl

On Thursday 12 February, St Simon's is hosting an evening with Lord Ian McColl, in conversation about Christian faith and his life as a surgeon, professor and parliamentarian. The evening begins at 7pm and will include an interview, audience Q&A, and refreshments afterwards. The event is for the congregation and friends, and we encourage you to invite others. There's no need to register or sign up. For an e-flyer of the event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3ark3htv>. For questions, please contact Liv Jani at liv.jani@ssz.org.uk.

Prayer pairs and triplets

If you would be interested in regularly meeting with one or two other men or women to pray for one another, share honestly, and point each other to Christ, but you don't know who to ask or where to start, please get in touch with Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk (for men) or Zannie at zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk (for women). No one will be 'put' in a group, but we will help make connections between those who are interested and support any new pairs or triplets that then decide to start with advice on how to get going.

Women's Bible Study

On **Friday 13 February** we will have our monthly Bible study group at Joe and Zannie's flat (Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens). It will be an opportunity for women of all ages and stages to come together to encourage one another, and to spend some time thinking through the previous week's passage and sermon. Pre-school children and babies are very welcome. The group takes place on the second Friday of each month. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Zannie on zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Walk this Way: Lent course on the Creed

From the earliest days, Christians described their faith as 'the Way'. The Apostle's creed is an ancient guide along this way, a summary of the message of the Scriptures giving us the major signposts to help us keep going and growing as believers. For **five Sundays in Lent, starting on Sunday 22 February**, we will be holding discussion group sessions exploring the Creed. The sessions will take place in the **church building between 4-5.15pm with tea, coffee and cake**. Whether you're new to the Christian faith or would like to understand and appreciate the creed we repeat on a weekly basis better, you are very welcome to join us. To sign up, or to find out more, please contact Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Black Tie supper - Saturday 7th March

St Simon's is hosting its annual black-tie supper for members in their 20s and 30s, plus friends. The evening is an opportunity to enjoy music, share food and deepen friendship. Drinks start at 7.30 pm followed by a brief gospel message before supper. The cost is £10 per person and BYOB. If you would like to attend, please RSVP via WhatsApp to Freddie Wilkinson at: 07955 231109 Please note: to begin with we allocate a maximum of one guest per person. If there is capacity nearer to the time, we will extend this.

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.