

# St Simon Zelotes



**MORNING PRAYER ONLINE**

**Sunday 8 February 2026**

**10.00am**

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## Welcome

### Hymn

*Thou, whose almighty word*

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

1 Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

2 Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.



## 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.**



## Responsorial Psalm 85: 8-13

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



Show us your mer - cy, O Lord\_\_\_\_ and grant us your\_ sal - va - tion.

**ALL:** Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

### CHOIR

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.

9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**ALL:** Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

### CHOIR

10 Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven.

**ALL:** Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

### CHOIR

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way.

**ALL:** Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.



### First reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you islands;  
hear this, you distant nations:  
before I was born the Lord called me;  
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver.  
<sup>3</sup> He said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.'  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, 'I have laboured in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
Yet what is due to me is in the Lord's hand,  
and my reward is with my God.'  
<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says –  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord  
and my God has been my strength –  
<sup>6</sup> he says:  
'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



### Second reading: Luke 2:25-32

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.'

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



### Choir: Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :  
    in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :  
    which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies :  
    and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :  
    and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :  
    that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :  
    might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him :  
    all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
    To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :  
        for the remission of their sins;  
    Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
    To give light to them that sit in darkness,  
        and in the shadow of death :  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
  
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.

Music: Samuel Coleridge Taylor.  
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### 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 catholick 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 Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Morning Collects



**Anthem**  
*Nunc Dimitis*

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: Philip Moore.  
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**Intercessions**

**Notices**



### Hymn

*Lord, thy word abideth*

1 Lord, thy word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.

2 Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

3 Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living ;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying.

4 O that we, discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

### Sermon

Isaiah 49:1-6

‘Songs of the Servant: Revealed light’

*Joe Ammoun*



## Hymn

*Thy hand, O God, has guided*

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 Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade men rise and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching  
in every deed and word;  
to all alike proclaiming:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3 Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the Church's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, hope restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4 Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

## Blessing

**Organ Voluntary**  
*Festal Flourish* - Gordon Jacob

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk) (for men) or Zannie at [zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk](mailto: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, 10.30am-12pm** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Ministry Trainee for September 2026**

Could you be our next Ministry Trainee at St Simon's? Ministry Trainees are Christian men or women trained at St Simon's and on the Cornhill training course to understand and teach the Bible and support others in exploring and growing in Christian faith. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Joe at [joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk](mailto:joe.ammoun@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).