

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 15th February 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

The head that once was crowned

(During this hymn children from the Youth Group and Sunday School will leave to go to their group)

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns

is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heav'n

affords

is his, is his by right.

The King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heav'n's eternal light.

3 To them the cross, with all

its shame,

with all its grace is giv'n;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heav'n.

4 They suffer with their Lord

below,

they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mys'try of his love.

5 The cross he bore is life

and health,

though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.



Sentence of Scripture

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Commandments with Response

Choir: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

All: **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

Choir: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,

All: **Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.**

Choir: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

All: **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

James MacMillan; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Collect for the Sunday Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



Epistle: Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.
 He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
 I have not been rebellious,
 I have not turned away.
⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
 I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.
⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
 I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.
⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
 Let us face each other!
 Who is my accuser?
 Let him confront me!
⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
 Who will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a garment;
 the moths will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



Gospel: Luke 24:13-27

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, ‘What are you discussing together as you walk along?’

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, ‘Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’

¹⁹ ‘What things?’ he asked.

‘About Jesus of Nazareth,’ they replied. ‘He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.’

²⁵ He said to them, ‘How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



The Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th' approaching sacrifice.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868). CCLI Licence No. 1891688.



Sermon

Isaiah 50:4-9

'Songs of the Servant: Brave obedience'

Tom Miller

Anthem

Thy word is a lantern

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed: to keep thy righteous judgements.

I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever: and why? they are the very joy of my heart. Hallelujah.

Words: Psalm 119: 105-108, 110-11. Music: Henry Purcell.

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Prayer for the Church and the World

Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past. And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Comfortable Words



Preface

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name. Evermore praising thee, and singing:

Choir: Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

Harold Darke. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen



Prayer of Consecration

Communion

(Please be guided by the stewards)

Communion Anthems

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Harold Darke; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Exsultate Justi

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.
Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery,
the instrument of ten strings.
Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.

Words: Psalm 33: 1-3. Music: Lodovico Viadana; CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

Jesu, grant me this, I pray

Jesu, grant me this, I pray,
ever in thy heart to stay;
let me evermore abide
hidden in thy wounded side.

If the world or Satan lay
tempting snares about my way,
I am safe when I abide
in thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
naught I fear when I abide
in thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from thee:
dying let me still abide
in thy heart and wounded side.

Percy Whitlock. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.



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.

Post Communion Prayer

Notices

Hymn

Thine be the glory

(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 Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won.*



3 No more we doubt Thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without Thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through Thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to Thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

Edmond Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939);
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Blessing

Organ Voluntary
Theme and variations - Hendrik Andriessen

Church building closed

The church building will be closed Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February inclusive.

Join us Online or in person for Evening Prayer on Fridays

During Lent, and starting on Friday 27 February, we will host a short (20-25 minute) service of Common Worship Evening Prayer most Friday evenings at 5.30pm (not Good Friday) on Zoom and in St Simon's. This will involve reading a psalm, responses, moments of quiet and a brief time of open prayer for the world, church and each other. All are very welcome.

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 7 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.

Devotional Guide for Lent

A number of us at St Simon's will be using the devotional booklet 'In Quietness and Trust' during the season of Lent to prepare for Easter and ponder on our need for the cross. It includes 40 reflections on Jesus' beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount and comes with a suggested daily liturgy for personal prayer. If you've taken a copy of the book, we'd encourage you to start using it on Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 18 February). 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.

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.