

# St Simon Zelotes



**MORNING PRAYER ONLINE**

**Sunday 22 February 2026**

**10.00am**

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## Welcome

### Hymn

#### *At the name of Jesus*

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

1 At the name of Jesus  
ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him  
    King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who, from the beginning,  
    was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season,  
    to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
    faithfully he bore it,  
    spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.

3 Bore it up triumphant,  
    with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures  
    to the central height,  
    to the throne of Godhead,  
    to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory  
    of that perfect rest.

4 All creation, name him,  
    with love strong as death;  
but with awe and wonder,  
    and with bated breath.  
    He is God the Saviour,  
    he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
    trusted and adored.

5 Truly this Lord Jesus  
    shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
    with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
    meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
    King of glory now.



## 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 22: 1-2, 7-19

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

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?  
<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not and in the night-season also I take no rest.

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<sup>7</sup> All they that see me laugh me to scorn they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup> He trusted in God, that he would deliver him let him deliver him, if he will have him.  
<sup>9</sup> But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.  
<sup>10</sup> I have been left unto thee ever since I was born thou art my God even from my mother's womb.  
<sup>11</sup> O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand and there is none to help me.  
<sup>12</sup> Many oxen are come about me fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.  
<sup>13</sup> They gape upon me with their mouths as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.  
<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup> For many dogs are come about me and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.  
<sup>17</sup> They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones they stand staring and looking upon me.  
<sup>18</sup> They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture.  
<sup>19</sup> But be not thou far from me, O Lord thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.



### First reading: Isaiah 52:7-15

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion,  
they will see it with their own eyes.

<sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord will lay bare his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>11</sup> Depart, depart, go out from there!  
Touch no unclean thing!

Come out from it and be pure,  
you who carry the articles of the Lord's house.

<sup>12</sup> But you will not leave in haste  
or go in flight;  
for the Lord will go before you,  
the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him –  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness –

<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,  
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



## Second reading: Acts 8.26-35

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet.

'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.'

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

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 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 First Sunday in Lent

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

### The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Morning Collects



## **Anthem**

*Wash me throughly*

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

Words: Psalm 51: 2,3 ; Music: S.S. Wesley  
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## **Intercessions**

## **Notices**



## Hymn

*Father, hear the prayer we offer*

1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

2 Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

3 Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.

4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wand'rings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

Maria Willis (1824-1908). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



**Sermon**

Isaiah 52:13-15

'God to the rescue: Mysterious identity'

*Mike Neville*



## Hymn *And can it be*

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 And can it be that I should gain  
an in'trest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
for me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shoudst die for me?

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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! th'Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine!

'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.

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3 He left his Father's throne above  
so free, so infinite his grace;  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.  
'tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.

4 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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

## Blessing

## Organ Voluntary *Fantasia in C minor (BWV 562) - J.S. Bach*

### **Breakfast before Morning Service**

Delicious breakfast will be served in church on **Sunday 1 March from 9.15 am**. All welcome.

### **Hour of Prayer**

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 2 March 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.

### **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).

### **Public Consultation about next Bishop of London. Thursday 26 February 6.7.30pm, online**

People across the Diocese can share their views at an online meeting with the Archbishops' and Prime Minister's Appointments Advisers, Stephen Knott and Jonathan Hellewell. This meeting is part of the national advisers' consultation which feeds into the Crown Nominations Commission who appoint the next Bishop of London. The meeting will be held online via Zoom and be chaired by the Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee. People wishing to attend should register by emailing the Governance Team at [governance@london.anglican.org](mailto:governance@london.anglican.org). Participants will be sent the Zoom link and joining instructions before the meeting.

### **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.

### **Women's Breakfast, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10am-11.30am**

We warmly invite women from both the morning and evening congregations to join us for our next women's breakfast being held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the church building. Breakfast will be followed by an interview with Evangeline Turner, speaking about her faith and the impact it has had on her life. There will also be space to chat and reflect together on what we hear. Babes in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we're not able to provide childcare. For more information, to let us know if you're coming, or if you're able to bring food, please contact Zannie at [zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk](mailto:zannie.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).