

# St Simon Zelotes



**MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM ONLINE**

**Sunday 8 March 2026**

**10.00am**

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We especially welcome Cordelia this morning along with her parents, Harry and Sarah, godparents, family and friends.

## Welcome

### Hymn

#### *O Lord my God*

1 O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art,  
then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

2 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul...*

3 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

*Then sings my soul...*

Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989).  
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## Baptism

### Presentation of the Candidate

*The Minister addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Cordelia and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The Minister addresses the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Cordelia with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith, and walk with her in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Cordelia begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**



## The Decision

*The Minister addresses the parents and godparents*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## Signing with the Cross

*Cordelia receives the sign of the Cross*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**



## Profession of Faith

*The Minister addresses the congregation, parents, and godparents.*

Let us affirm,  
for ourselves and the one to be baptised,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All: I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All: I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Baptism of Cordelia

Cordelia Anna, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**All: Amen.**

*Children leave for Sunday School, Youth Group, and Crèche while adults return to their seats.*



## **Baptismal Anthem**

*Be thou my vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art  
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,  
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;  
O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;  
Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish (8thC) versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne. Music: Bob Chilcott  
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### **First reading: Isaiah 53:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

This is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**



## Second reading: Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### 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.

Words: Psalm 100. Music: Benjamin Britten. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

### 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.



### **Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

### **Anthem**

*Almighty and everlasting God*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
mercifully look upon our infirmities,  
and in all our dangers and necessities  
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Orlando Gibbons  
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### **Intercessions**

### **Notices**



## **Hymn**

*Holy, holy, holy*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

## **Sermon**

Isaiah 53:4-6

'God to the rescue: Perfect Remedy'

*Mike Neville*



## Hymn

### *I will sing the wondrous story*

(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 I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me -  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2 I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me;  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

3 He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet;  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me -  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Rowley (1854-1952); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



**Blessing**

**Voluntary**

## Notices

### **Join us online or in person for Friday Evening Prayer in Lent**

During Lent, we will host a short (20-25 minute) service of Common Worship Evening Prayer on Friday evenings at 5.30pm (not including 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. The Zoom link can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bxn7mvf8>. If coming, we would encourage you to download the daily prayer app <https://tinyurl.com/7ev436b8> or have access to the day's service from <https://tinyurl.com/4cjsffb6>.

### **Women's Bible Study**

On **Friday 13 March, 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).

### **Mothering Sunday - a service of Holy Communion, 15 March 10am**

In our special service for Mothering Sunday, we will give thanks for mothers and mothering. We will also consider God's faithful love and care for each of us, whatever our family situation or background. The children will read some sentences of Scripture and distribute a small gift to all the women in the church. Do join us.

### **Women's Breakfast, Saturday 21 March, 10-11.30am**

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 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).

### **Newcomers Supper - Sunday 22 March**

If you've joined St Simon's in the last 6 months, or are figuring out whether to make this your church, you are warmly invited to a relaxed supper at **Joe and Zannie's flat** (Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens, opposite the church's double doors) on Sunday 22 March at **8pm after the evening service**. It will be a chance to get to know others, find out a bit more about the church and its vision, and to ask any questions you may have.

### **Choral Evening Prayer, 29 March**

We will hold a special service of Choral Evening Prayer on **Palm Sunday, 29 March at 6.30 pm**, in place of our normal evening service. The music will be led by choir and organ. We encourage you to come and invite friends who don't normally attend church to hear about the Christian hope.

### **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).*