

St Simon  
Zelotes  


**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 15 March 2026**

**10.00am**

St Simon Zelotes Church  
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## Welcome

### Hymn

#### *Tell out my soul*

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –  
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:  
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



### **Sentences of Scripture**

*Read by children from St Simon's Sunday school*

Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. <sup>17</sup> The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" *Ruth 4:16-17*

Then Hannah prayed: "My heart rejoices in the Lord! The Lord has made me strong." *1 Samuel 2:1*

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. *2 Timothy 1:5*

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed." *Luke 1:42*

### **A Thanksgiving for Mothering Sunday**

*Led by children from St Simon's Sunday school*

Let us thank God for mothers in all ages who have loved and served the Lord.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

For Hannah who dedicated her son Samuel to your service and for Eunice who taught the Holy Scriptures to her son Timothy from his childhood.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

For our mothers who gave us birth and for all the care they have given us.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

And let us especially thank God for the example of the obedience and humility of Mary, the mother of Jesus, her Saviour and ours.

**All : We thank you Lord.**



## **Distribution of Flowers**

*Following the distribution of flowers the children will leave for Youth Group and Sunday School*

### **Anthem**

*For the beauty of the earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth,  
over and around us lies.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour,  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child;  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

4 For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given.  
Graces human and divine,  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint; Music: John Rutter



**Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21**

*Reader: Sue Badman*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

<sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God



## Hymn

### *Lord of all hopefulness*

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



### **Sermon**

Luke 10:38-42

'She sat at his feet and listened'

*Mike Neville*

### **Anthem**

*Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
And hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
And the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
As he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

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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

### Responses

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*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Harold Darke; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



*Turn thy face from thy sins*

Turn thy face from my sins,  
and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Words: Psalm 51:9-11; Music: Thomas Attwood  
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*Drop, drop, slow tears*

Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beauteous feet Which brought from Heaven The news and Prince of Peace:	Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat; To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.
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In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let His eye  
See sin, but through my tears.

Words: Phineas Fletcher. Music: Orlando Gibbons.  
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**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

### *Love divine, all loves excelling*

(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 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation.  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then thy new creation  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

## Blessing

### Organ Voluntary

*Prelude in D (BWV 532) - J.S. Bach*

The Sidesmen this morning are Sue Badman and Shayne Pope

### Easter at St Simon Zelotes

*Palm Sunday - 29 March*

10AM - Palm Sunday service  
with palm crosses, Sunday School and crèche  
6.30PM - Choral Evening Prayer

*Good Friday - 3 April*

12-1.30PM - A reflective service  
with music, readings and meditations on the  
Cross of Christ

*Easter Sunday - 5 April*

10AM - Holy Communion with Sunday School and crèche  
No evening service

### 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. 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 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. If you would like to know more, please contact Joe at [joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk](mailto:joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk).

### 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).

### 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.

### 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).