

# St Simon Zelotes



**MORNING PRAYER**

**Sunday 22 March 2026**

**10.00am**

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## Welcome

### Hymn

*All my hope on God is founded*

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

1 All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) alt. based on the German of Joachim Neander.  
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## 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.**



**Psalm 69:1-8, 19-22 (choir)**

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

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God  
for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is  
I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

<sup>3</sup> I am weary of crying; my throat is dry  
my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

<sup>4</sup> They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head  
they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

<sup>5</sup> I paid them the things that I never took  
God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

<sup>6</sup> Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause  
let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof  
shame hath covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> I am become a stranger unto my brethren  
even an alien unto my mother's children.

<sup>19</sup> Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it  
O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

<sup>20</sup> Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour  
mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

<sup>21</sup> Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness I looked for some to  
have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

<sup>22</sup> They gave me gall to eat and when I was thirsty  
they gave me vinegar to drink.

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.



**First reading: Isaiah 53:4-9**

<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.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



**Second reading: Matthew 27:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’

‘You have said so,’ Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, ‘Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?’ <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge – to the great amazement of the governor.

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 catholic 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; 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.

## Morning Collects



### **Anthem**

*O Saviour of the world*

O Saviour of the World:

Who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Amen.

Music: Arthur Somervell. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

### **Intercessions**

### **Notices**



## Hymn

*Come and see*

1 Come and see, come and see  
Come and see the King of love  
See the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears  
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer  
As he lifts the cruel cross  
Lone and friendless now he climbs towards the hill.

*We worship at your feet  
Where wrath and mercy meet  
And a guilty world is washed  
By love's pure stream  
For us he was made sin  
Oh, help me take it in  
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'  
I worship, I worship  
The Lamb who was slain.*

2 Come and weep, come and mourn  
For your sin that pierced him there  
So much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail  
All our pride, all our greed  
All our fallenness and shame  
And the Lord has laid the punishment on him.

*We worship at your feet...*

Man of heaven, born to earth  
To restore us to your heaven  
Here we bow in awe beneath  
Your searching eyes  
From your tears comes our joy  
From your death our life shall spring  
By your resurrection power we shall rise.

*We worship at your feet...*



**Sermon**

Isaiah 53:7-9

'God to the rescue: Powerful humility'

*Mike Neville*



## Hymn

### *I stand amazed*

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 stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus the Nazarene  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner condemned, unclean!

*How marvellous! how wonderful!  
this my song shall ever be:  
how marvellous! how wonderful  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

2 For me he prayed in the garden  
and bowed to the will divine;  
he had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

*How marvellous! how wonderful...*

3 He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own,  
he bore the burden to Calvary  
and suffered and died alone.

*How marvellous! how wonderful...  
this my song shall ever be:  
how marvellous! how wonderful  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

4 When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
my joy will be through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.

*How marvellous! how wonderful...*

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## Blessing

### Organ Voluntary

*Fugue in A minor (BWV 543) - J.S. Bach*

## 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>.

### Church Electoral Roll (2026-2027)

If you are (i) baptised, (ii) over 16 and (iii) have been a regular attendee at St Simon's for at least the last six months - and you would like to be on the Church Electoral Roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meetings etc) - please kindly complete and return one of the Application Forms at the back of church and pass to Ed, Susan, Mike or Joe. NB: you can be on the Electoral Roll of more than one parish.

### Newcomers Supper - this evening

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) this evening 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).