

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION

Easter Day

Sunday 5 April 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

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

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who did once, upon the cross, *alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, *alleluia!*
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, *alleluia!*
who endured the cross and grave, *alleluia!*
sinners to redeem and save, *alleluia!*

3 But the pains that he endured, *alleluia!*
our salvation have procured; *alleluia!*
now above the sky he's King, *alleluia!*
where the angels ever sing, *alleluia!*

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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 Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.



⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

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 catholic 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

The strife is o'er, the battle done

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.

2 Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

3 On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia.

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia.

Latin Hymn (17th century) trans. Francis Pott (1832-1909)
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Sermon

John 20:1-10

'The First Day: The Empty Tomb'

Joe Ammoun



Anthem

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.
For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.
Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.
Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow all saints in earth and Heaven.
While we, His soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore,
Within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.
All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Words: Robert Campbell. Music: Charles V. Stanford
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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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world, who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

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.

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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.

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Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover is sacrificed for us : therefore let us keep the feast;
- 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:7b, 8

- 3 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more : death hath no more
dominion over him.
- 4 For in that he died, he died unto sin once : but in that he liveth, he liveth unto
God.
- 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin : but alive unto
God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:9-11

- 6 Christ is risen from the dead : and become the first fruits of them that slept.
- 7 For since by man came death : by man came also the resurrection of the
dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die : even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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.



This joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, that once was slain,

Words: George R. Woodward. Music: Trad. arr. Charles Wood
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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

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

Toccata (Symphony no. 5) - Charles Marie Widor

Notices

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.

Free English Classes - Registration Volunteers

Each Wednesday evening we host Free English Classes in the church building. We have recently started a group that read the Bible together before class, which means we now need some more help welcoming and registering students from 6-7pm. Please do get in touch with Liv if you would be able to help - however occasionally! liv.jani@ssz.org.uk

No hour of prayer on Monday 6 April

There will be no hour of prayer in the church on Monday 6 April.

Women's Bible Study

On **Friday 10 April** we will have our monthly Bible study group at Joe and Zannie's flat (Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens) between **10.30am-12pm**. 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 Sunday morning'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

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.

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 (for men) or Zannie at 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.