

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 12 April 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

The day of resurrection

(Youth Group, Sunday School, and Crèche leave during this hymn)

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| 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory. | 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain. |
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3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
and earth the song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

St John of Damascus (c.675-c.787); Trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
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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.

Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done

1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
foll'wing our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!



First reading: Psalm 103:1-22

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger for ever;

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children –

¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

²¹ Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

²² Praise the Lord, all his work, everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: John 20:11-18

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher'). ¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 First Sunday after Easter

Almighty Father, who has given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Morning Collects

Intercessions

Notices

Hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

3 Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all:
earth, heav'n and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.

2 For Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domain
the long-imprisoned dead.

4 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring,
and keep us evermore.

5 All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Alleluia. Amen.



Sermon

John 20:11-18

'The First Day: Why are you crying?'

Joe Ammoun

Hymn

Christ triumphant

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 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Yours the glory...

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory...

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory...

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Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Notices

Christianity Explored

One life, what's it all about? Starting on **Tuesday 5 May**, our four Christianity Explored sessions are an opportunity to discuss any questions about Christianity and to read the gospel of Mark. whether you're unsure, intrigued, or would like to re-visit the essence of the Christian faith, this course is for you. The course will be hosted by church members Philip and Faye Grundy at their home in Wandsworth. The evening will run from 8-9pm, with tea and coffee from 7.45. To indicate interest, please get in touch with Philip and Faye at Grundyfaye@gmail.com or on 07768800919.

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.

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.

Annual Meeting

The Church Annual Meeting will take place after the morning service at about **11.30am on Sunday 10 May**. We take a brief look back over 2025, forward to 2026, and elect Church Wardens and new members of the PCC and Deanery Synod. The meeting lasts about 40 minutes. Please do join us to hear more about the life of the church.

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.