

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 19 April 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven

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

1 Alleluia, alleluia,
hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heav'nly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be.
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

3 Alleluia, alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia, alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



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 the Second Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Epistle: 1 John 1:1-10

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

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 catholick 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

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.

2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715-1769) trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)
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Sermon

John 20:19-23

'The First Day: Peace be with you'
Joe Ammoun



Anthem

Sing choirs of heaven

Sing choirs of heaven. Let saints and angels sing.
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.
Salute your king in glorious symphony.

Sing choir of earth. Behold your light has come.
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.
The night is past, the day of life is here.

Sing church of God. Exult with joy outpoured.
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives, he's with you evermore.
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

Words: Isaiah 60:1 & Ephesians 5:19-20; Music: Richard Shephard.
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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.

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.

Basil Harwood. 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

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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O Lord, increase our faith

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity and patience,
in all our adversities, sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Henry Loosemore. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams
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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

Christ, the Lord is risen again

(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 the Lord is ris'n again,
Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high,
Alleluia.

2 He who gave for us his life,
who from us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say:
Alleluia.

3 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia.



4 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we too may enter heav'n.
Alleluia.

5 Thou, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away;
let us sing by night and day:
Alleluia.

Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
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Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Fantaisie in E flat - Camille Saint-Saëns

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.

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 07768 800919.

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.

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**.

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**.*