

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM ONLINE

Sunday 26 April 2026

10.00am

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We especially welcome Archie this morning along with his parents, George and Emily, godparents, family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

Be thou my vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish (c. 8th century) trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)



Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The Minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Archie and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Archie with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Archie begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.



The Decision

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Archie receives the sign of the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**



Profession of Faith

The Minister addresses the congregation, parents, and godparents.

Let us affirm,
for ourselves and the one to be baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism of Archibald

Archibald Hamilton Makepeace, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of
his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed
by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: Amen.

*Children leave for Sunday School, Youth Group, and Crèche while adults return to their
seats.*



Baptismal Anthem

The peace of God

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
Be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Music: John Rutter
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First reading: Joshua 24:14-18

¹⁴ 'Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

¹⁶ Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Choir: Psalm 118: 1-2 & 19-24

¹ O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious
because his mercy endureth for ever.

² Let Israel now confess, that he is gracious
and that his mercy endureth for ever.



- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:
²⁰ This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.
²¹ I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
²² The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.
²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Second reading: John 20.24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' ²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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.



Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Morning Collects

Anthem

Awake, thou wintry earth

Awake, thou wintry earth;
Fling off, fling off thy sadness.
Ye vernal flowers laugh forth
Laugh forth your ancient gladness.

A new and lovely tale
Throughout the land is sped.
It floats o'er hill and dale
To tell that death is dead.

Descended to the grave
Where our beloved lie sleeping.
Hath Christ returned to save
Man's heart from woe and weeping.

O earth break forth and sing;
Renew thy bright array.
With fairest blooms of spring
Bestrew the Saviour's way.

Music: J.S. Bach. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

He who would valiant be

1 He who would valiant be
 'gainst all disaster
 let him in constancy
 follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round
 with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound —
 his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend
 us with thy Spirit,
 we know we at the end
 shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), after John Bunyan (1628-1688)
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Sermon

John 20:24-28
'Doubt and Belief'
Mike Neville



Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

(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 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.



4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Voluntary

Alleluyas - Simon Preston

Notices

Breakfast before Morning Service

Delicious breakfast will be served in church on **Sunday 3 May from 9.15 am**. All welcome.

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 4 May from 8-9.15pm**, in Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens, SW1X 0DF. Do join us as we start with coffee and cake and then spend an hour praying for the needs of the world and the church.

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 **Grundy-faye@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.

Save the date: an evening with Tanya Ling

On **Thursday 25 June at 7pm**, St Simon's is hosting an evening with Tanya Ling, in conversation about Christian faith and her life and work as an artist, designer and fashion illustrator. Save the date and look out for further details soon.

Confirmation service and baptism

Bishop Rob Munro will be coming to our evening service on **Sunday 4 October** for a service of confirmation. If you have never been confirmed, or if you are an adult who has never been baptized, and you would like to know more, please get in touch with Joe between now and the end of May 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**.*