

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM ONLINE

Sunday 3 May 2026

10.00am

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We especially welcome Theodore this morning along with his parents, Nicholas and Mary-Jane, godparents, family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him

widely as his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace!



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 Theodore 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 Theodore 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 Theodore 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

Theodore 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.

All: 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.

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 Theodore

Theodore William Paul, 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

Be thou my vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;
O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;
Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish (8thC) versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne. Music: Bob Chilcott
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First reading: Psalm 16

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Acts 2:22-32, 36

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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.



Choir: Jubilate

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Music: Philip Ledger. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Easter

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects

Anthem

Blessed be the God and Father

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again
unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.



Intercessions

Notices

Hymn

Jesus, Prince and Saviour

3 Resurrection morning!

1 Jesus, Prince and Saviour
Lord of life who died;
Christ, the friend of sinners,
mocked and crucified;
for a world's salvation,
he his body gave,
lay at last death's victim,
lifeless in the grave.

*Lord of life triumphant,
risen now to reign!
King of endless ages,
Jesus lives again!*

2 In his pow'r and Godhead
ev'ry vict'ry won;
pain and passion ended,
all his purpose done.
Christ the Lord is risen!
sighs and sorrows past,
death's dark night is over,
morning comes at last!

*Lord of life triumphant,
risen now to reign!
King of endless ages,
Jesus lives again!*

sinners' bondage freed;
Christ the Lord is risen -
he is ris'n indeed!
Jesus, Prince and Saviour,
Lord of Life who died,
Christ the King of Glory
now is glorified!

Lord of life triumphant...

Timothy Dudley-Smith. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

Psalm 16

'Resurrection in the Old Testament'

Mike Neville



Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim

(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 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

3 Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

4 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

5 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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Blessing

Voluntary

Postlude in G - C.V. Stanford

Notices

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place tomorrow, on **Monday 4 May from 8-9.15pm**, at Joe and Zannie's flat (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 **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.

Special Ascension Day service - Sunday 17 May at 10am

On Sunday 17 May we will hold a special morning service to celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. We will have an 8-piece choir, special music, and additional Bible readings. The Sunday School and youth group will meet as usual. Please do come and consider if there are friends you could invite to join you.

Church Supper and Guest Service - Sunday 17 May, 6.30pm

On Sunday 17 May there will be an informal bring and share church supper after the evening service. The whole church family and friends are invited. The service beforehand will include a talk that will have guests in mind. If you are able to bring food or wine, or be on the welcome team, please get in touch with Sophie/Beurre at **sophie.butterfield@ssz.org.uk**.

Men Together at St Simon's - Saturday 13 June 10-11.30am

We warmly invite men from both the morning and evening congregations to join us for a **men's breakfast** being held on Saturday 13 June in the church building. Breakfast will be followed by a short talk and discussion on Christian friendship. There will be space to chat and get to know each other better. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide childcare. For more information, speak to Tom Miller or Joe Ammoun. To let us know if you're coming, please contact Joe at **joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk**.

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**.*