

# St Simon Zelotes



**PENTECOST ONLINE**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 24 May 2026**

**10.00am**

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## Welcome

### Hymn

*Father, Lord of all creation*

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

1 Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of Being, Life and Love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,  
sov'reign Lord of time and space.

2 Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
help us love - as sisters, brothers -  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love the world may see.

3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God, through us your love make known.

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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.**

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### Collect for Pentecost Sunday

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;



<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke;  
<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel: John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn**

*Breathe on me, breath of God*  
(Youth Group leave during this hymn)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love  
and do what thou wouldst do.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure:  
until with thee I have one will  
to do and to endure.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.



### **Sermon**

Acts 2:1-21

'You shall receive power'

*Mike Neville*

### **Anthem**

*Come down, O love divine*

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path il-  
luming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with  
loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) trans. Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890); Music: Malcolm Archer  
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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

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*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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#### *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy name all the days of our life;  
that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Thomas Tallis. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

#### *Listen, sweet dove*

Listen sweet Dove unto my song;  
And spread thy golden wings in me;  
Hatching my tender heart so long  
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

The sunne which once did shine alone  
Hung down his head and wisht for night.  
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
Going about the world and giving light.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
That the earth did like a heav'n appear.  
The starres were coming down to know  
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same,  
The same sweet God of love and light;  
Restore this day for the great name  
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Words: George Herbert. Music: Grayston Ives. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.



### **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

### *Shine, Jesus shine*

(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 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus shine...*

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus shine...*

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## **Blessing**

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist (BWV 667) - J.S. Bach*

## Notices

### **Choral Evening Prayer, Sunday 31 May**

We will hold a special service of Choral Evening Prayer on **Sunday 31 May at 6.30 pm**, in place of our normal evening service. The music will be led by choir and organ. We encourage you to come and invite friends who don't normally attend church to hear about the Christian life and the power behind it.

### **Free English Training Session, 27 May, 7pm**

Do join us if you're interested in learning more about the Free English Ministry at St Simon's. The evening will include a light supper in the church building, an introduction to the vision of the ministry and practical English teaching training. You are very welcome to come along with no obligation to be involved afterwards. Please let Liv Jani know if you plan on attending [liv.jani@ssz.org.uk](mailto:liv.jani@ssz.org.uk)

### **Painting in the Psalms**

On **7 June at 4-5:30pm in the church building**, our Ministry Trainee, Liv Jani, will be leading a seminar on the Psalms. We'll think about the book as a whole, consider a few specific psalms, and then paint to reflect. To express an interest please email [liv.jani@ssz.org.uk](mailto:liv.jani@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](mailto: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.

### **Women's Breakfast - Saturday 4 July, 10-11.30am**

We warmly invite women from both the morning and evening congregations to join us for our next women's breakfast being held on Saturday 4 July in the church building. Breakfast will be followed by a talk by our Ministry Trainee, Liv Jani. There will also be space to chat and reflect together on what we hear. Babes in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we're not able to provide childcare. For more information, to let us know if you're coming, or if you're able to bring food, please contact Zannie at [zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk](mailto:zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk)

### **A Holiday with a difference - 17-24 July or 24-31 July**

The 'City Summer School' is a holiday week with Bible teaching, relaxation and fun, set in beautiful East Sussex. It is rather like the St Simon's Weekend Away but for seven days rather than two. There is an excellent children's programme led by experienced volunteers. Mike is giving the morning Bible teaching on both weeks, and Liz will be there for most of the two weeks. The second week is fairly fully booked but there are places on the first week. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2u8zyt4b> for the brochure, or <https://tinyurl.com/3jnhscuw> for more details.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk).