

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM

Sunday 31 May 2026

10.00am

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We especially welcome Hajar, being baptised this morning, along with her family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

Holy, holy, holy

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Testimony

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 Hajar
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Will you uphold Hajar in her new life in Christ?

Sponsors: With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

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.



The Minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

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.

All: Amen.

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Hajar the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



Hajar is this your faith?

This is my faith.

Hajar

I baptize 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.

Baptismal Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper. Music: C.V. Stanford. CCLI Licence No. 1891688



First reading: Ezekiel 36:22-28

²² Therefore say to the Israelites, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: it is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. ²³ I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.

²⁴ “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Galatians 5:22-26

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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.

Music: Howard Helvey. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.



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 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of thy Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee, that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

Anthem

How lovely are the messengers

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands
their glad tidings.

Words: Romans 10: 15&18. Music: Felix Mendelssohn
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Intercessions

Notices

Hymn

My God, how wonderful thou art

5 Father of Jesus, love's reward,

1 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy-seat,
in depths of burning light!

3 O how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tend'rest fears,
and worship thee with trembling hope,
and penitential tears!

2 How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r
and awesome purity!

4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

what rapture will it be,
prostrate before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee!

Frederick William Faher (1814-1863). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

Galatians 5:22-26

'Spirituality...led by the Spirit'

Joe Ammoun



Hymn

Thou whose almighty word

(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 Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.



Blessing

Voluntary

Fugue in E Flat (St Anne) BWV 552 - J.S. Bach

Notices

Choral Evening Prayer, this evening

We will hold a special service of Choral Evening Prayer **this evening 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.

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 1 June from 8-9.15pm**, in the church building. 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.

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.

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 visit <https://bit.ly/4wSHNbj> for further details.

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

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.

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.