

St Simon
Zelotes


MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

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10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Praise to the holiest

(Sunday School and Crèche leave during this hymn)

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

4 And that the greatest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine
God's presence and his very self
and essence all-divine.

5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sentence of Scripture

Exhortation

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Absolution

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.

Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.



Responsorial Psalm 27

(Youth group leave during this psalm)



ALL The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

CHOIR The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

ALL The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

CHOIR To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high
upon a rock.

ALL The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

CHOIR And now shall he lift up my head
above my enemies round about me;
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

ALL The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

First reading: Exodus 33:12-22

¹² Moses said to the Lord, 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me."¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.'¹⁴ The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.'



¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?' ¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.' ¹⁸ Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.' ¹⁹ And the Lord said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.' ²¹ Then the Lord said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second reading: Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Choir: Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Words: Luke 1:68-79. Music: C.V. Stanford. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

The Creed

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.



Responses

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

All: And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning Collects



Anthem

Achieved is the glorious work

Achieved is the glorious work;
Our song let be the praise of God.
Glory to His name for ever!
He sole on high, exalted, reigns.
Hallelujah!

Music: Franz Joseph Haydn
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Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

Man of sorrows

1 Man of sorrows! what a name
for the Son of God who came
ruined sinners to reclaim!
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood;
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

3 Guilty, vile and helpless we;
spotless Lamb of God was he:
full atonement - can it be?
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

4 Lifted up was he to die:
'It is finished!' was his cry;
now in heav'n exalted high;
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

5 When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Philipp Bliss (1838-1876). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

Colossians 1:15-23

'Complete in Christ: The Cosmic Christ'

Tom Miller



Hymn

In Christ Alone

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 In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Minuet Gothique - Léon Boëllmann

Notices

'Hard Questions' course: Summer 2026

Ever wanted answers to questions like: How do we know the Bible is reliable? Hasn't science disproved Christianity? Why does God allow suffering? Well now's your opportunity! Our 'Hard Questions' summer course is scheduled to meet at St Simon's **from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings in July and September**, starting on July 15. Full details are available at <https://tinyurl.com/4xw77by>, from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com

Women's Supper, Evening Congregation – Monday 20 July, 7:30pm

Join us for supper at Joe and Zannie's flat, an opportunity for the women of the evening congregation to spend time together. It will also be a chance to meet / better get to know Zannie, our Women's Ministry Coordinator. If you'd like to come, please email zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk detailing any dietary requirements.

Joining a Home Group in September 2026

At St Simon's, we want everyone to be growing in joy and confidence as a follower of Christ. One great way of doing that is to meet regularly with a small group of others in a Home Group. Our Home Groups meet on different evenings throughout the week, in people's homes or in church. All of them gather to read the Bible and explore its implications for everyday life, and to pray, care for and encourage each other. If you're not currently in a group but would be interested in knowing more, please speak with Joe or get in touch with him at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Organ rededication recital - Saturday 5 September, 6pm

On Saturday 5 September our morning service Director of Music, Daniel Phillips, will be giving a rededication recital on our soon to be restored organ. We will have the opportunity to give thanks to God for the organ's renewal and for those who have enabled it. Light refreshments will be served after the recital. The e-poster for the event can be found <https://tinyurl.com/2m7b47na>.

Save the date: George Walker Licensing and Admission - Tuesday 8 September, 7pm

George Walker will be licensed and admitted to the office of Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) for St Simon's on the evening of Tuesday 8 September at a location TBC. A Licensed Lay Reader supports the ministry of the clergy by taking services, preaching, and serving the church in other pastoral and ministerial capacities.

Tanya Ling: Art and Jesus - Recordings

An audio recording of our Thursday 25 June event with Tanya Ling can be found at <https://bit.ly/4eETFXs>. A video of the event can be found at <https://bit.ly/4b2Nnyu>. Please be aware that due to our livestream camera set up, the images on the projector cannot be made out. We are very grateful to Tanya for her reflections on her art, life and faith. **St Simon Zelotes Breeze Translate**

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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.