

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 9 August 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

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 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



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.



First reading: Isaiah 1:14-18

- ¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
- ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.
Your hands are full of blood!
- ¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
- ¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
- ¹⁸ 'Come now, let us settle the matter,'
says the Lord.
'Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Colossians 2:16-23

¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

²⁰ Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ 'Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!?' ²² These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. ²³ Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



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.

Hymn

Immortal, invisible

(Sunday School, Youth Group, and Crèche leave during this hymn)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Based on 1 Timothy 1:17; Music: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
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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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Morning Collects



Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

Lord, thy word abideth

1 Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

4 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

5 O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

Colossians 2:16-23

'Complete in Christ: Shadow vs Substance'

George Walker



Hymn

All hail the power

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 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him,
crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race

ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him,
crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

2 Ye prophets who our freedom won,

Ye searchers, great and small,
by whom the work of truth is done,
now crown him,
crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

4 Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue

to him their hearts enthral:
lift high the universal song
and crown him,
crown him, crown him
crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1726-1792). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Notices

Help with operating the camera and sound system at the morning service

We are looking for new volunteers to help operate our camera and sound system, so that we can maintain our livestreaming and ensure that those in the building can hear our morning services. Training is provided and we would ask for help once every few weeks. If this is something you'd be willing to learn, please get in touch with Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.

Lodgings sought for new Ministry Trainee

We have a new Ministry Trainee, Andrei Longley, starting his voluntary training role at St Simon's in September. We are currently searching for housing for Andrei. If there is someone in the church community who would be interested in the possibility of taking in a lodger, or who is part of a group looking for a new housemate, we would love to speak with you. In the first instance, please contact Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

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 St Stephen's Church, Canonbury Road, N1 2DF (nearest tube station: Highbury and Islington). A Licensed Lay Reader supports the ministry of the clergy by taking services, preaching and serving the church in other pastoral and ministerial capacities. If you would like to come, please let George Walker know at george.walker@ssz.org.uk.

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>.

No Women's Bible Study in August

Please note that there will be no August monthly women's group, so no meeting on Friday 14th August.

St Simon Zelotes Breeze Translate

To read a translation of this service, please visit <https://ssz.breezetranslate.com> or scan the QR code.



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.