



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 16 August 2026

10.00am

St Simon Zelotes Church
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Welcome

Hymn

O worship the Lord

1 O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him ;
the Lord is his name.

3 Fear not to enter
his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
these are the off'rings
to lay on his shrine.

2 Low at his feet lay
thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart
he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps
as may best for thee be.

4 These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept
for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give
for ev'nings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

5 O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
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John Samuel Bewley Monsell; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

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

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 3:1-8

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."



⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

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

O for a closer walk with God

(Children leave for Sunday School, youth group and Crèche during this hymn, returning for the distribution during Communion, to receive a blessing)

1 O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav’nly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

3 The dearest idol I have known,
what’re that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

2 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their mem’ry still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

4 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.

William Cowper (1731-1800) CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

Colossians 3:1-11

‘Complete in Christ: Heavenly Minded’

Tom Miller



Hymn

Jesus shall reign

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| 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the humble poor are blest. |
| 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name. | 4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice. |
| 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen. | |

Isaac Watts (1674-1748); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

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



Responses

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.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name. Evermore praising thee, and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

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)

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

At the name of Jesus

(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. Alternatively, standing order forms are available at the back of church or from our website.)

1 At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.

3 All creation, name him,
with love strong as death;
but with awe and wonder;
and with bated breath.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

2 Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed

4 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.

5 Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Sonata no. 2 in C minor (iii & iv: *Allegro maestoso e vivace* - *Fuga: Allegro moderato*) - Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Organ rededication recital - postponement

We are disappointed to share the news that, due to unforeseen additional delays in the organ restoration process, the works will not be completed this month as planned and expected. The organ builders apologise for the further delays and continue to make progress on the restoration work, but we are sadly having to postpone the rededication recital due to take place on 5 September. We hope we will be able to announce a new autumn date for the recital in the next few weeks.

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.

Men Together at St Simon's - Saturday 12 September, 10-11.30am

We warmly invite men from both the morning and evening congregations to join us for a men's breakfast on Saturday 12 September in the church building. Breakfast will be followed by a short talk and discussion on a Christian theme. There will be time 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 Jonathan Greenwold (morning congregation) or Phil Steen or Mark Gilmore (evening congregation). To let us know if you're coming, please contact Jonathan Greenwold at jonathan.greenwold@yahoo.com.

Save the date: 'Suffering wisely and well' with Dr Eric Ortland - Saturday 10 October

Why does God allow suffering? And how should Christians respond to it? On Saturday 10 October (9.30am-1.30pm), we will hold a seminar-style event in the church building on the subject of suffering, drawing our wise pastoral lessons from the book of Job. Dr Eric Ortland, lecturer at Oak Hill College, will be our main speaker. The morning will involve plenty of time for discussion and questions. There will be lunch and refreshments available. While we cannot offer childcare, we hope that interested parents will be able to make arrangements that enable them to come. To find out more, or to sign up to attend, please email Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.

More details on Dr Eric Ortland can be found here - <https://tinyurl.com/4v5zfufa>. Eric has written two books on Job, including 'Suffering Wisely and Well: the grief of Job and the grace of God' <https://tinyurl.com/ba4n9yff>

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.