

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 30 August 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Joachim Neander (1680); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863) 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Epistle: Colossians 3:18-4:18

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. ²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favouritism.

¹ Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. ² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³ I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ Tell Archippus: 'See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.' ¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel: John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Hymn

Father, hear the prayer we offer

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

1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wand'rings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Maria Willis (1824-1908). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

Colossians 3:18-4.18

'Complete in Christ: Christ in all of life'

Mike Neville



Hymn

All for Jesus

1 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

2 All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and pow'r.

3 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus crucified!

4 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

William John Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952) alt. 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

Ye servants of God

(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 Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad
his wonderful name;
the name all victorious
of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious,
and rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high,
almighty to save;
and still he is nigh:
his presence we have:
the great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation
to Jesus the King.

3 Salvation to God
who sits on the throne!
let all cry aloud,
and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus
the angels proclaim,
fall down on thei faces,
and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore,
and give him his right:
all glory and pow'r,
all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing,
with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite love.

Charles Wesley. CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Epilogue - Herbert Howells

St Simon's Job opportunity: Assistant to the St Simon's Administrator

The above part-time role (6 hours per week on a Friday) has become available at St Simon's and we are seeking suitably qualified applicants who would like to apply. To see a job description and find out how to apply, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3zx3nrsz>. This role is subject to safer recruitment practises. Applicants must have the right to work in the UK at the time of application, as we are not able to provide visa sponsorship for this position. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Monday 7 September 2026**

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.

'Hard Questions' course: September 2026

Ever wanted answers to questions like: Hasn't science disproved Christianity? What about other religions? 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 **Thursday evenings** in September, re-starting on September 3. Full details are available from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com

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.

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

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.