

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 6 September 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

(Children leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem,
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed:
God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's streams,
prophet, priest and King supreme,
and at Cana wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest,
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed:
God in man made manifest.

3 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the judge appear;
thou by all wilt be confessed:
God in man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); CCLI Licence No. 1891688.



Sentence of Scripture

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.



Metrical Psalm 146

Praise the God of our salvation

(Youth Group leave during this hymn)

1 Praise the God of our salvation,
all life long your voices raise,
stir your hearts to adoration,
set your souls to sing his praise!

2 Turn to him, his help entreating;
only in his mercy trust:
human pomp and power are fleeting;
mortal flesh is born for dust.

3 Thankful hearts his praise have sounded
down the ages long gone by:
happy they whose hopes are founded
in the God of earth and sky!

4 Faithful Lord of all things living,
by his bounty all are blest;
bread to hungry bodies giving,
justice to the long-oppressed.

5 For the strength of our salvation,
light and life and length of days,
praise the King of all creation,
set your souls to sing his praise!

Timothy Dudley Smith. CCLI Licence No. 1891688



First reading: Isaiah 25:1-8

¹ Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.
² You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will honour you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.
⁴ You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.
For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall
⁵ and like the heat of the desert.
You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.
⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine –
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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.

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.

Psalm 100. Music: Herbert Brewer. 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Morning Collects

Anthem

How beautiful upon the mountains

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good,
that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Words: Isaiah 52:7. Music: John Stainer; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Intercessions

Notices

Hymn

Rock of ages

1 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hands I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
tainted, to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778) alt. CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

John 2:1-11

'Follow the Signs: The wedding at Cana'

Mike Neville



Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

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 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation.
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Imperial March – Edward Elgar

Notices

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

This 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.

'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. The next session is Thursday 10 September. Full details are available here, from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on Monday 7 September 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.

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.

Women's Bible Study

On Friday 11 September we will have our monthly Bible study group at Joe and Zannie's flat (Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens) between 10.30am-12pm. It will be an opportunity for women of all ages and stages to come together to encourage one another, and to spend some time thinking through the previous Sunday morning's passage and sermon. Pre-school children and babies are very welcome. The group takes place on the second Friday of each month. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Zannie on zannie.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

Church Supper and Guest Service – Sunday 20 September

On Sunday 20 September, there will be an informal church supper after the evening service. The whole church family and friends are invited. If you are able to bring food or wine, or be on the welcome team, please get in touch with Beurre/Sophie at sophie.butterfield@ssz.org.uk. The service beforehand will include a talk on the evidence for God in music, maths and morality and will have guests particularly in mind.

Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) Annual Gala

CEASE is holding its annual gala on Thursday 24 September, 6-9pm at RSA House, 8 John Adam Street. CEASE will share the progress it has made in tackling sexual exploitation and explore the next phase of its work to counter exploitation's cultural and commercial drivers. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. If you would like to learn more, contact CEASE at contact@cease.org.uk. To RSVP for the event, please go to:

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.