

St Simon Zelotes



HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 20 September 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Now is eternal life

(Children in Year 6 and under leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

1 Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
now more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

2 And God, the living God,
stooped down to share our state;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.

3 Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.

4 Thee will I love and serve
now in time's passing day;
thy hand shall hold me fast
when time is done away,
in God's unknown eternal spheres
to serve him through eternal years.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) ; 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

Choir: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Choir: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,

All: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Choir: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

James MacMillan; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Epistle: Exodus 20:1-8

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ 'You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



Gospel: John 5.1-18

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’

⁷ ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.’

¹¹ But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Pick up your mat and walk.”’

¹² So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?’

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’ ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defence Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.’ ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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 catholic 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

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

(Youth Group leave during this hymn)

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| 1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see. | 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed. | 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun. | |

John Newton (1725-1807); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sermon

John 5:1-18

‘Follow the signs: The man at the pool’

Mike Neville

Anthem

Awake the harp

Awake the harp, the lyre awake,
And let your joyful song resound,
Rejoice in the Lord, the mighty God:
For he both heaven and earth
Has cloth'd in stately dress.

Music: Joseph Haydn. 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



Preface

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 singing:

Choir: Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

Harold Darke; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

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)

Communion Anthems

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Harold Darke ; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Lord, I trust thee

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord:
give me understanding according to thy word.
Let my supplication come before thee:
deliver me according to thy word.

Words: Psalm 119. Music: Adrian Batten; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Jesu, the very thought of thee

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

Edward Bairstow; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



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
O for a thousand tongues

(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 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear's Redeemer's praise,
my dear's Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace. (x3)
- 2 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the pris'ner free,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me. (x3)
- 3 He speaks and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe (x3)
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy! (x3)

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

Blessing

Organ Voluntary
Theme and variations – Hendrick Andriessen

Notices

Christianity Explored - Wednesday 23 September

One life, what's it all about? Starting Wednesday 23 September at 7.30pm at Joe and Zannie's flat (Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens, SW1X), our four sessions give you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. For more information, or to signal your interest in attending the first taster evening, please contact Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

'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! The final session is Thursday 24 September. Full details are available at <https://tinyurl.com/3vwtm282>, from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com.

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 4 October

We will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving at the 10am service on Sunday 4 October. The service will include Harvest themed choral music and all are warmly welcome.

Baptism and Confirmation Service - Sunday 4 October

We will have a service of baptism and confirmation at the 6.30pm service on Sunday 4 October. Bishop Rob Munro will confirm candidates and preach. This will be a choral, celebratory service and all are invited.

Gift Day

We are very grateful to everyone who gives regularly to St Simon's. Once a year we hold a Gift Day for those who wish to supplement their regular giving or make a one-off donation. If you would like to give in this way, we invite you to do so over **the weekend of 3 & 4 October**. We won't receive gifts in the church on Saturday this year, but they can be sent to the church office or given to Mike or Nicholas Dunhill in church on Sunday. Please write cheques to 'St Simon Zelotes PCC' or if making a donation by bank transfer to St Simon Zelotes PCC, Account No: 95817611 Sort Code: 60-00-01 and use Reference "Gift Day".

'Men Together' drinks

There will be a 'Men Together at St Simon's' meet up at the Nag's Head pub (53 Kinnerton Street, London, SW1X 8ED) **from 6pm on the evening of Friday 9 October**. This is a chance to get to know each other across the ages, stages and congregations of St Simon's. There will be a short discussion on a Christian theme led by a member of the congregation. Email jonathan.greenwold@yahoo.com to let us know if you're coming.

'Suffering wisely and well' - seminar morning with Dr Eric Ortlund - 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 wise pastoral lessons from the book of Job. Dr Eric Ortlund, lecturer at Oak Hill College and author of two books on Job and suffering, 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.

Farewell to Mike and Liz Neville, Save the Date

We will be holding **leaving drinks** for Mike and Liz at St Simon's on **Friday 6 November**. Further details will follow but please save the date.

Mike and Liz's last Sunday will be **Sunday 15 November**. There will be a **Farewell Service at 10am** and a **church supper after the evening service**.

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.