

St Simon Zelotes



HARVEST THANKSGIVING ONLINE

**Sunday 4 October 2026
10.00am**

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Introit

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.

Words and Music :William Walton; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Welcome

Sentence of Scripture



Hymn

*All creatures of our God and King
(Children bring gifts to the front during this hymn)*

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

O praise him...

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright
that givest us both warmth and light:

O praise him...

4 Let all things their Creator bless
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
And praise the spirit, Three in One,

William Henry Draper (1855-1953) alt. based on the 'Cantico di Frate Sole' of St. Francis of Assisi
(1182-1226); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Thanksgiving for the Harvest
Responsorial, led by children

Children: We thank God for the world he has made,
and for all his love and care.

For the warmth of the sun,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Children: For the rain which makes things grow,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Children: For the woods and the fields,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Children: For the sea and the sky,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Children: For the flowers and the animals,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Children: For families and holidays,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Children: For all your gifts,
All: Father in heaven
we give you thanks and praise.

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those 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

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past and help us to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Children leave for Sunday School



First Reading: Psalm 65:1-13

1 Praise is rightfully Yours,

God, in Zion;
vows to You will be fulfilled.

2 All humanity will come to You,
the One who hears prayer.

3 Iniquities overwhelm me;
only You can atone for our rebellions.

4 How happy is the one You choose
and bring near to live in Your courts!
We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
the holiness of Your temple.

5 You answer us in righteousness,
with awe-inspiring works,
God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the distant seas.

6 You establish the mountains by Your power,
robed with strength.

7 You silence the roar of the seas,
the roar of their waves,
and the tumult of the nations.

8 Those who live far away are awed by Your signs;
You make east and west shout for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly,
enriching it greatly.
God's stream is filled with water,
for You prepare the earth in this way,
providing people with grain.

10 You soften it with showers and bless its growth,
soaking its furrows and leveling its ridges.

11 You crown the year with Your goodness;
Your ways overflow with plenty.

12 The wilderness pastures overflow,
and the hills are robed with joy.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks
and the valleys covered with grain.

They shout in triumph; indeed, they sing.



Anthem

The heavens are telling

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.
The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Music: Joseph Haydn CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Second Reading: Acts 14:8-18

8 In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, 'Stand up on your feet!' At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ 'Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: he has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.' ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Collect for Harvest Sunday

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Morning Collects

Anthem

Let the people praise thee, O God

Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And shew us the light of his countenance,
And be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth:
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea let all the people praise thee.

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.

William Mathias ; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions



Notices

Hymn

Praise, O praise our God and King

1 Praise, O praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing:

*For his mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.*

2 Praise him that he gave the rain
to mature the swelling grain

For his mercies...

3 And Hath bid the fruitful field
Crops of precious increase yield

For his mercies...

4 Praise him for our harvest-store;
he hath filled the garner-floor:

For his mercies...

5 And for richer food than this,
pledge of everlasting bliss:

For his mercies...

6 Glory to our bounteous King;
glory let creation sing:
Glory to the Father, Son,
and blest Spirit, Three in One.

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

Sermon

Pslam 65.9-13

"An abundant harvest"

Joe Ammoun



Hymn

Come Ye thankful people

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!

All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home!

2 We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott (op.65 no.13) – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Notices

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".

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 5 October 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.

'Suffering wisely and well' - a morning with Dr Eric Orlund - 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 mini weekend away style event in the church building on the subject of suffering, drawing wise pastoral lessons from the book of Job. The morning will involve plenty of time for discussion and questions. There will be lunch and refreshments available. To find out more, or to sign up to attend, please email Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.

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.

'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.

Farewell to Mike and Liz Neville

We will be holding **leaving drinks for Mike and Liz at St Simon's** on the **evening of Friday 6 November, 7-10pm**. To RSVP, please email Sophie/Beurre at sophie.butterfield@ssz.org.uk.

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.

Save the date: organ rededication recital - Saturday 14 November, 6pm

On Saturday 14 November 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.



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.