

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 11 October 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

How firm a foundation

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

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| 1 How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith
in his excellent word;
what more can he say
than to you he hath said,
you who unto Jesus
for refuge have fled? | 3 When through the deep waters
he calls thee to go,
the rivers of grief
shall not thee overflow;
for he will be with thee
in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress. |
| 2 Fear not, he is with thee,
O be not dismayed;
for he is thy God,
and will still give thee aid:
he'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by his righteous,
omnipotent hand. | 4 When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
his grace all-sufficient
shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee,
his only design
thy dross to consume
and thy gold to refine. |
| 5 The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose
he will not, he cannot,
desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavour to shake,
He never will leave
He will never forsake | |

Richard Keen (c.1787) ; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sentence of Scripture

Exhortation



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.

Responsorial Psalm 40: 1-9



REFRAIN

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
He inclined to me and heard my cry.

CHOIR

2 He brought me out of the roaring
pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made
my footing sure.

3 He has put a new song in my
mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear and put their
trust in the Lord.

REFRAIN

CHOIR

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the
Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that
follow a lie.

5 Great are the wonders you have
done, O Lord my God. How great
your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared
with you.

REFRAIN

CHOIR

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell
of them
they would be more than I am able to
express.

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not
desire
but my ears
you have opened.

REFRAIN

CHOIR

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin
you have not required;
the said I: "Lo, I come.

9 In the scroll of the book it is written
of me that I should do your will, O my
God;

I delight to do it: your law is within
my heart."

REFRAIN



First reading: Psalm 77.1-20

- ¹ I cried out to God for help;
I cried out to God to hear me.
- ² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.
- ³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.
- ⁴ You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.
- ⁵ I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago;
- ⁶ I remembered my songs in the night.
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:
- ⁷ 'Will the Lord reject for ever?
Will he never show his favour again?
- ⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished for ever?
Has his promise failed for all time?
- ⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?'
- ¹⁰ Then I thought, 'To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.
- ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
- ¹² I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds.'
- ¹³ Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God?
- ¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.



¹⁶ The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.
¹⁷ The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.
¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.
¹⁹ Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: John 6.16-24

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realised that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

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All: Thanks be to God



Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies:
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him:
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

Music: Samuel Coleridge Taylor

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Morning Collects



Anthem

Teach me, O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end.

Words: Psalm 119: 33; Music: Thomas Attwood; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

I Heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

John 6:16-24

"Follow the Signs: The water walker"

Joe Ammoun



Hymn

Go forth and tell

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 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing.

3 Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord,
concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours
which cares for humankind.

2 Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation
of his word?

4 Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations
his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King,
for evermore.

James Edward Seddon (1915 - 1983); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Sonata no. 2 (4th movement) - Felix Mendelssohn

Notices

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://bit.ly/4yD1btj>. 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 16 October 2026.** We reserve the right to interview and appoint a suitable candidate before the closing date and to extend the closing date if a suitable candidate is not found.

Happy Home Presentation

We will give our annual presentation on the Happy Home **after the morning service on Sunday 18 October**. This charity in Tamil Nadu, India was set up by a Christian minister and his family to provide lodgings, food, clothing and education for children from poor families. Many of these kids are orphans and others have been left destitute. Currently there are over 200 children being cared for by the Happy Home. Support from St Simons has been mainly based on a family or an individual agreeing to sponsor a particular child with an annual contribution. This charity relies on help from churches and has no help from the Indian government.

Remembrance Sunday Service - Sunday 8 November 10.45am

On Remembrance Sunday we have a special service to remember those who gave their lives, and to reflect on the tragedy of war. **The service starts at the later time of 10.45am.**

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@ssz.org.uk or 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.

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.

Women's Breakfast, Saturday 21 November, 10am-11.30am

We warmly invite women from both the morning and evening congregations to join us for our next women's breakfast being held on Saturday 21 November in the church building. Breakfast will be followed by a short talk and there will also be space to chat and reflect together on what we hear. Babies in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we're not able to provide childcare. For more information, to let us know if you're coming, or if you're able to bring food, please contact Zannie at zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

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.