

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM ONLINE

Sunday 25 October 2026

10.00am

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We especially welcome Finlay this morning along with his parents, godparents,
family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

O Lord my God

1 O Lord, my God,
when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works
thy hand has made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout
the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art,
how great thou art. (x2)*

2 When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul...

3 And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in
that on the cross,
my burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died
to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul...

4 When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home,
what joy will fill my heart;
then I shall bow
in humble adoration,
and there proclaim:
my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul...

Karl Boberg (1859 – 1940) trans. Stuart K. Hine (1899 – 1989)
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Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The Minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Finlay and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Finlay with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Finlay begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.



Baptism of Finlay

Finlay Richard Michael, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: Amen.

Children leave for Sunday School, Youth Group, and Crèche while adults return to their seats.

Baptismal Anthem

The Peace of God

The peace of God,
Which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds,
In the knowledge and love of God,
And of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
Be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

John Rutter
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First reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

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.



Signing with the Cross

Finlay receives the sign of the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The Minister addresses the congregation, parents, and godparents.

Let us affirm,
for ourselves and the one to be baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



9 In that day they will say,
'Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second reading: John 11:17-44

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, **19** and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. **20** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

21 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'

23 Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

24 Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'

25 Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

27 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' **29** When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. **31** When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. **34** 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.



35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. **39** 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

40 Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' **44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



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.

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.

Music: Philip Ledger. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Anthem *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble
and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent emp
ty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he prom
ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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: Luke 1:46-55. Music: Herbert Brewer. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices

Hymn

Stand up and bless the Lord

1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name
and laud and magnify?

3 O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our mind inspire,
and wing to heav'n our thought.

4 God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed pow'rs.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name
henceforth for evermore.



Sermon

John 11.17-44

“Follow the signs: The brother who died”

Mike Neville



Hymn

Thine be the Glory

(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 Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory...

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

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Blessing

Voluntary

Grand choeur in D – Alexandre Guilmant

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 30 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.

Breakfast before Morning Service

Delicious Breakfast will be served in church on Sunday 1 November from 9.15 am. All welcome

Gift Day

Our sincere thanks to all those who generously supplemented their regular giving or gave a special gift to St Simon's on our 3 & 4 October gift day. With gift aid, £6609 was given to support the church's life and ministry.

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. Please note that 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/Beurre at sophie.butterfield@ssz.org.uk.

Mike and Liz's last Sunday

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, 10-11.30am

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.

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<https://ssz.breezetranslate.com> or scan the QR code
to the right.



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.