

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 1 November 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

For all the saints

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

1 For all the saints
who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be for ever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 O Blest communion!
fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee,
for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear
their one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array:
the King of glory
passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

William Walsham How (1823 - 1897) ; 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.

Metrical Psalm 84

1 For God my spirit longs
within his courts to come,
while in my heart I hear the songs
that speak to me of home.

2 The sparrow builds her nest,
the swallow lays her young:
may my long home be with the
blest
who hear God's praises sung.

3 My journey be with those
whose pilgrim feet have trod
where water in the desert flows,
a highway home to God.

4 To him, when life is past,
my song shall still be praise;
our Sun and Shield while time shall
last,
and to eternal days.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



First reading: Judges 16:23-30

²³ Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, 'Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.'

²⁴ When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying,

'Our god has delivered our enemy
into our hands,
the one who laid waste our land
and multiplied our slain.'

²⁵ While they were in high spirits, they shouted, 'Bring out Samson to entertain us.' So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars, ²⁶ Samson said to the servant who held his hand, 'Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.' ²⁷ Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. ²⁸ Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.'

²⁹ Then Samson reached towards the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, ³⁰ Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines!' Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading: Hebrews 11:32-12:3

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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: John Ireland

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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for All Saints' Day

O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Anthem

O how glorious is the Kingdom

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ,
Clothed with white robes, they follow the Lamb,
whither soever He goeth, they follow the Lamb.

Music: Basil Harwood; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices



Hymn
Fight the good fight

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811 – 1875) alt. ; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon
Hebrews 11:32-12:3
“A great cloud of witnesses”
Mike Neville



Hymn

The Church's one foundation

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 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word;
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord,
give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

St. John of Damascus (c. 750) trans. John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866) ; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Fanfare - William Mathias

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.

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on Monday 2 November 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.

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.