St Simon Zelotes

HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE

Sunday 22 November 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Immortal, invisible

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

1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render,
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824 - 1908). CCLI Licence No. 1891688

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 Sunday next Before Advent

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epistle: Psalm 102:18-28

18 Let this be written for a future generation,

that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:
19 'The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high,
from heaven he viewed the earth,
20 to hear the groans of the prisoners
and release those condemned to death.'
21 So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion
and his praise in Jerusalem
22 when the peoples and the kingdoms
assemble to worship the Lord.

23 In the course of my life he broke my strength;
he cut short my days.
24 So I said:
'Do not take me away, my God, in the midst of my days;
your years go on through all generations.
25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
26 They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them
and they will be discarded.
27 But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.
28 The children of your servants will live in your presence;
their descendants will be established before you.'

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God



Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

25 ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink;
or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the
body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or
reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are
you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying
add a single hour to your life?

28 ‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field
grow. They do not labour or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all
his splendour was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the
grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire,
will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? 31 So do not worry,
saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we
wear?” 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father
knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his
righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do
not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has
enough trouble of its own.

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 catholick 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

Rock of Ages

(Youth leave for their group after this hymn)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Nothing in my hands I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
tainted, to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.



Sermon
Psalm 102:25-28
“God cannot change”
Joe Ammoun



Anthem

O praise the Lord

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Words: Adrian Batten. 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.

Herbert Howells. 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.

Herbert Howells. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

Let thy merciful ears

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord
Be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;
And that they may obtain their petitions
Make them to ask such things as shall please thee;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thomas Mudd. CCLI Licence No. 1891688.

Jesu dulcis memoria

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

Tomas Luis de Victoria Words – trans. Edward Caswa. 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

Safeguarding Sunday - presentation and prayer

Hymn

How firm a 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 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?

2 Fear now, 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.

3 In ev'ry condition,
in sickness, in health,
in poverty's vale,
or abounding in wealth;
at home and abroad,
on the land, on the sea,
as thy days may demand
shall thy strength ever be.

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.

Blessing

Organ Voluntary
Passacaglia in d minor - D. Buxtehude

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.

Wreath Making Event - Wednesday 2 December, 7pm
We will hold a wreath making event in the church building at 7pm on Wednesday 2 December. Tickets are £40 and you will be able to take your wreath home with you. There will also be refreshments and a short thought about the story of Christmas. There are limited spaces, so in order to secure a place for yourself and friends, and for details of payment, please email Liv Jani at liv.jani@ssz.org.uk. A flyer for the event can be found at: https://bit.ly/4exzg69

Advent Devotions
A number of us at St Simon's will be using the devotional booklet 'Repeat the Sounding Joy' during the season of Advent to prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. It includes 24 short reflections on passages of Scripture from Luke 1-2. Each reflection comes with the day's Bible reading, a hymn, a suggested prayer, and space to journal. If you've taken a copy of the book, we'd encourage you to begin using it on Tuesday 1 December. If you'd like to join with others in the Church family in using this booklet, there will be copies available at the back of church this Sunday. We recommend a donation between £2-5 towards the purchase cost.

Advent Carol Services
On **Sunday 29 November** we will hold two traditional Advent carol services at 10am and 6.30pm. Both services will feature Advent carols sung by an 8-piece (morning) or 4-piece (evening) choir, hymns, and a series of readings to set before us the hope of Christ's first and second coming to earth.

Christmas Services
- Our **Nativity & Christingle service** will be held on **Saturday 5 December at 4.30pm**. St Simons Sunday School children will tell the story of the nativity and present a tableau with the help of a real donkey and a real baby! Every child goes home with a Christingle. All are very welcome.

- Our annual **candle-lit Christmas Carol services** take place on **Sunday 13 December at 4.30pm** and **7pm**. We will hear the story of Christmas in nine readings with carols and pieces of music sung by the choir and a Christmas Reflection by Associate Vicar, Joe Ammoun. The services are both followed by **mulled wine and mince pies**.

To read a translation of this service, please visit **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.*