

St Simon
Zelotes


HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 17 November 2024
10.00am

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Welcome

1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the off'ings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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JSB Monsell (1811-1875); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sentence of Scripture



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,

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James MacMillan; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Collect for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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. Amen.



Epistle: Genesis 17:1-27

¹⁷ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'

³ Abram fell face down, and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ⁸ The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.'

⁹ Then God said to Abraham, 'As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. ¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money



from a foreigner – those who are not your offspring. ¹³ Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.'

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.'

¹⁷ Abraham fell face down; he laughed and said to himself, 'Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?' ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, 'If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!'

¹⁹ Then God said, 'Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. ²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.' ²² When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.



²³ On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him. ²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised, ²⁵ and his son Ishmael was thirteen; ²⁶ Abraham and his son Ishmael were both circumcised on that very day. ²⁷ And every male in Abraham's household, including those born in his household or bought from a foreigner, was circumcised with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

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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

On Jordan's Bank

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
prepare wee in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749), trans. John Chandler (1806-1876)
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Sermon

Genesis 17:1-27
'A covenant sign'
Mike Neville



Anthem

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Harold Darke; 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.

Harold Darke, in E; 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

Benedictus

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Darke; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8; Ralph Vaughan Williams; 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

Be thou my vision

(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 Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
In the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father,
and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.



3 Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance,
through all my days:
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art!

4 High King of heaven,
When battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me,
O bright heav'n's sun!
Christ of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O ruler of all.

Irish (C.8th); trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
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Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Passacaglia in D minor – D.Buxtehude



Notices

Safeguarding Sunday - Sunday 17 November

This Sunday, St Simon's is joining thousands of other churches in marking Safeguarding Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to highlight and give thanks for the safeguarding work within our church, and we will hear about and pray for that work, and the part each of us has to play in it, in our services. If you have any questions or would like to talk more about safeguarding, please contact us at safeguarding@ssz.org.uk or speak to our Safeguarding Officer, Sue Badman (morning service) or assistant Safeguarding Officer, Ed Rose (evening service). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Sue Badman at safeguarding@ssz.org.uk or in person, or speak with Ed, Mike, or Joe.

God's Beautiful Story

On **Saturday 23 November (9.30am-1.30pm)**, we will hold a seminar-style event in the church building on the biblical vision for marriage, singleness and sexuality. This will involve plenty of time for discussion and questions. While we cannot offer childcare, we hope that interested parents will be able to make arrangements that enable them to come. Lunch (from 1.30pm) and refreshments will be provided. **To find out more, refer to the weekly email.** To sign up to attend, please email Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.



Advent Carol Services

On **Sunday 1 December** we will have two traditional Advent Carol services at **10am and 6.30pm**. Both services will feature Advent carols sung by a 4-piece 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 popular **Nativity & Christingle service** will be held on **Saturday 7 December at 4pm**. 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 and a gingerbread star. All are very welcome.

Our annual **candle-lit Christmas Carol service** takes place on **Sunday 8 December at 6.30pm**. 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 curate, Joe Ammoun. The service is followed by **mulled wine and mince pies**.

Weekly email

Vicar Mike Neville or Curate Joe Ammoun send 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