

St Simon  
Zelotes  


**MORNING PRAYER ONLINE**  
**Sunday 22 December 2024**  
**10.00am**

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## Welcome

### Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice, rejoice . . .

3 O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*



4 O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice, rejoice . . .*

5 O come, thou key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice, rejoice . . .*

Walter C Smith (1824-1908); 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.**

## First reading: Leviticus 16.20-28

<sup>20</sup> When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. <sup>21</sup> He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites – all their sins – and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. <sup>22</sup> The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.



<sup>23</sup> Then Aaron is to go into the tent of meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there. <sup>24</sup> He shall bathe himself with water in the sanctuary area and put on his ordinary garments. Then he shall come out and sacrifice the burnt offering for himself and the burnt offering for the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people. <sup>25</sup> He shall also burn the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

<sup>26</sup> The man who releases the goat as a scapegoat must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water; afterwards he may come into the camp. <sup>27</sup> The bull and the goat for the sin offerings, whose blood was brought into the Most Holy Place to make atonement, must be taken outside the camp; their hides, flesh and intestines are to be burned. <sup>28</sup> The man who burns them must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water; afterwards he may come into the camp.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**



## **Second Reading: Colossians 1.21-23**

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Choir: 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.





## **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.**

## The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

O Lord, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.



### **The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

### **Morning Collect**

#### **Anthem**

#### *Song of Mary*

1. My Lord and Saviour is my song,  
He fills my spirit with delight;  
To raise me up His arm is strong  
The lowly precious in his sight.

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum.*

2. My name shall live from age to age,  
And ev'ry tongue his servant bless,  
For mercy is their heritage  
Whose hearts the Holy One confess.



3. The proud beguiled by dreams of power  
Divided and degraded lie:  
He casts them down from throne and tower  
And stoops to lift the humble high.

4. He feeds the hungry at his board  
And sends the rich unfill'd away,  
And mindful of his promis'd word  
Has answer'd Israel's prayer today.

5. With all the elders of our race,  
And those unborn who seek this birth,  
I sing the glory of his grace  
Who brings eternity to earth.

Words: Mary Holtby, from Luke 1:46-55; Music: Richard Shephard  
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### **Intercessions**

*Susan Wajih*

### **Notices**



## Hymn

### *Man of sorrows*

1 Man of sorrows! What a name  
for the Son of God who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned he stood;  
sealed my pardon with his blood;  
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

3 Guilty, vile and helpless we;  
spotless Lamb of God was he,  
full atonement - can it be?  
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

4 Lifted up was he to die:  
"It is finished" was his cry;  
now in heav'n exalted high:  
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

5 When he comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing:  
Alleluia! What a Saviour!



## **Sermon**

Colossians 1:19-23

“Christmas in Colossians: God and sinners reconciled”

*Mike Neville*

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## **Hymn**

*And can it be*

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 And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
*Amazing love!...*

2 He left his Father's throne above,  
so free, so infinite his grace;  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.  
*'Tis mercy all...*



3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed thee.  
*My chains fell off...*

4 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
*Bold I approach...*

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## **Blessing**

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Chorale in A minor - Cesar Franck*



## **Notices**

### **Services over Christmas and New Year**

#### **Sunday 22 December**

10am Morning Prayer

6.30pm NO service

#### **Tuesday 24 December**

11.30pm Midnight Communion

#### **Wednesday 25 December**

10am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 29 December**

10am Morning Prayer with baptism

6.30pm NO service

#### **Sunday 5 January**

10am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Evening Prayer with baptism

Services on **Christmas Day** and **Sunday 29 December**  
**will not be live streamed.**





There will be **no Sunday School on Christmas Day**. Children will be provided with an activity pack to complete quietly in the pews with their families. **On Sunday 29 December** there will be a basic Sunday School.

### **Church Building closed**

The church building will be closed from Christmas Day after the morning service until the morning service on Sunday 5 January, except for the service on **Sunday 29 December**.

### **Hour of Prayer**

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 6 January from 8-9.15pm** in church. 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.



## **Christianity Explored**

One life, what's it all about? Starting **Wednesday 15 January**, our 4 short Christianity Explored sessions are an opportunity to discuss any questions about Christianity. We'll also read extracts from the Gospel of Mark and watch a short film each week. Whether you're unsure, intrigued, or would like to re-visit the essence of Christian faith, this course is for you. To indicate an initial interest in the first (taster) session, get in touch with Mike at [mike.neville@ssz.org.uk](mailto:mike.neville@ssz.org.uk).

## ***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](mailto:gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk)*