

St Simon
Zelotes


MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 26 January 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth;
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting
sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.



4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for ay we adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
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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: Jeremiah 29.1-7

29 This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² (This was after King Jehoiachin and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the craftsmen had gone into exile from Jerusalem.) ³ He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in



Babylon. It said:

⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵'Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.11-25

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme



authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for



righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' ²⁵ For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Choir: Psalm 119:17-24

17 O do well ' unto thy ' servant : that I may ' live,
and ' keep thy ' word.

18 Open ' thou mine ' eyes : that I may see the '
wondrous ' things of thy ' law.

19 I am a stranger up'on ' earth : O hide not ' thy
com'mandments ' from me.

20 My soul breaketh out for the very ' fervent
de'sire : that it hath ' alway ' unto thy ' judgements.

21 Thou hast re'buked the ' proud : and cursed are
they that do ' err from ' thy com'mandments.

22 O turn from me ' shame and re'buke : for ' I have
' kept thy ' testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and ' speak a'gainst me : but
thy servant is ' occupied ' in
thy ' statutes.

24 For ' thy ' testimonies ' are my de'light : and ' my
' counsellors.



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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects



Anthem

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Words: Collect for for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Music: Orlando Gibbons

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Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

Lord, I have made thy word my choice

1 Lord, I have made Thy Word my choice,
My lasting heritage;
There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.

2 I'll read the histories of Thy love,
And keep Thy laws in sight,
While through the promises I rove,
With ever fresh delight.

3 'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise,
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748); CCCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

1 Peter 2:11-12

“Our life in the world”

Mike Neville



Hymn
Ye holy angels bright

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 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.



3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heav'nly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter (1615-1691); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Carillon - Herbert Murrill



Notices

Weekend Away

All are welcome to join us **26-28 September 2025** at a new venue, De Vere Horsley Estate in Surrey, for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and meeting with God. The Revd Dr Tim Ward (Lecturer at Oak Hill College) will be our speaker. The brochure, containing the sign-up form, is now available at the back of the church or on the St Simon Zelotes website.

Women's breakfast

On **Saturday 1 February, 10-11.30am** we will be hosting a Women's Breakfast in the church building. It will be an opportunity for women from both congregations to come together to encourage one another. There will be coffee and pastries, a short talk and some discussion time. Babes in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we cannot provide childcare. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Liv Jani on oijkjani@gmail.com.

Breakfast before Morning Service

Breakfast will be served in church on **Sunday 2 February from 9.15 am**. Delicious homemade bread and breakfast cake and coffee. All welcome.



Valentine's Day service

A service of about 45 minutes followed by refreshments on **Friday 14 February at 7pm** in which we thank God for, pray for and reflect on marriage. This service is open to anyone but is especially designed for those who are married or approaching marriage. If you would like to come or can help with refreshments please let Gloria know at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.

Recruiting vergers

St Simon's is looking to recruit and train congregation members who would be willing to occasionally act as a 'verger' at weddings and funerals. The role involves running the sound system and other 'behind the scenes' tasks and usually requires 2-3 hours of work. Vergers will be paid £90 for each service they serve at. To express an interest, please get in touch with Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Thank you from London City Mission

At our carol service on 8 December 2024, £1000 was raised in donations to support the work of London City Mission. London City Mission have recently responded to our gift, writing: "we are truly grateful and encouraged. Your gift of £1000 enables missionaries to continue working alongside local churches to bring the truth of Jesus to those least likely to hear it."



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