

St Simon
Zelotes


MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 2 February 2025

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.

He whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?

Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.



3 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
boasted pomp and empty show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Based on Isaiah 33:20-21; John Newton (1725-1807)
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Sentence of Scripture



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 146

Praise the God of our salvation

1 Praise the God of our salvation,
all life long your voices raise,
stir your hearts to adoration,
set your souls to sing his praise!

2 Turn to him, his help entreating;
only in his mercy trust:
human pomp and power are fleeting;
mortal flesh is born for dust.

3 Thankful hearts his praise have sounded
down the ages long gone by:
happy they whose hopes are founded
in the God of earth and sky!

4 Faithful Lord of all things living,
by his bounty all are blest;
bread to hungry bodies giving,
justice to the long-oppressed.

5 For the strength of our salvation,
light and life and length of days,
praise the King of all creation,
set your souls to sing his praise!



First reading: Ezekiel 34.1-16

34 The word of the LORD came to me: ² ‘Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? ³ You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. ⁴ You have not strengthened the weak or healed those who are ill or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. ⁵ So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶ My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

⁷ “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable



for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.”

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: 1 Peter 5.1-4

5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

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Jubilate sung by choir

1 O be joyful in the Lord ' all ye ' lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his ' presence ' with a ' song.

2 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.

3 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.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is ' ever'lasting : and his truth endureth from gene'ration to gene'ration.

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. ' A ' men.



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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects



Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at
hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of
thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.

Amen.

Words: Philippians 4:4-7; Music: Anon.; CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone...

Words: from Psalm 23; Music: Stuart Townend
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Sermon

1 Peter 5:1-4

“Our expectations of leaders”

Mike Neville

Hymn

Christ triumphant

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 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Yours the glory...



3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory...

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory...

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory...

Michael Seward (1932-2015); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

*Sonata no 2 in C minor (3rd and 4th movements) - Felix
Mendelssohn*



Notices

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 3 February 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.

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.

Church Supper – Sunday 23 February

On Sunday 23 February there will be an informal church supper after the evening service. The whole church family (morning and evening) is **very welcome**. If you are able to bring food or wine, or be on the welcome team please get in touch with Sophie/Beurre on sophie@thebutterfields.me.



Weekend Away 26-28 September 2025

We are delighted to announce dates for the next church weekend away. All are welcome to join us 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 or by visiting <https://rb.gy/4ds0qo>.

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. This post is subject to Safer Recruitment

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