

St Simon  
Zelotes  


**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 30 March 2025**

**10.00am**

St Simon Zelotes Church  
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## Welcome

### Hymn

#### *Tell out my soul*

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –  
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:  
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!



## **Sentences of Scripture**

*Read by children from St Simon's Sunday school*

Then Hannah prayed: “My heart rejoices in the Lord!  
The Lord has made me strong.” *1 Samuel 2:1*

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith  
that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother,  
Eunice. *2 Timothy 1:5*

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, “God  
has blessed you above all women, and your child is  
blessed.” *Luke 1:42*



## **A Thanksgiving for Mothering Sunday**

*Led by children from St Simon's Sunday school*

Let us thank God for mothers in all ages who have loved and served the Lord.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

For Hannah who dedicated her son Samuel to your service and for Eunice who taught the Holy Scriptures to her son Timothy from his childhood.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

For our mothers who gave us birth and for all the care they have given us.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

And let us especially thank God for the example of the obedience and humility of Mary, the mother of Jesus, her Saviour and ours.

**All : We thank you Lord.**

**Distribution of Flowers**



## **Anthem**

*For the beauty of the earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth,  
over and around us lies.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour,  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child;  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*



4 For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given.  
Graces human and divine,  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Words & Music: John Rutter; CCLI Licence No. 1891688



**Epistle: Isaiah 49:13-17; 66:12-13**

**49** <sup>13</sup> Shout for joy, you heavens;  
rejoice, you earth;  
burst into song, you mountains!  
For the LORD comforts his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

<sup>14</sup> But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me,  
the Lord has forgotten me.'

<sup>15</sup> 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,  
I will not forget you!

<sup>16</sup> See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are ever before me.

<sup>17</sup> Your children hasten back,  
and those who laid you waste depart from you.

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**66** <sup>12</sup> For this is what the LORD says:

'I will extend peace to her like a river,  
and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;  
you will feed and be carried on her arm  
and dandled on her knees.



<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you;  
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. <sup>27</sup> All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God





## Hymn

*I heard the voice of Jesus say*

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
And he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.



3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk,  
till trav’ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

### **Sermon**

Isaiah 49:15-17  
*“Like a mother”*  
*Joe Ammoun*

### **Anthem**

*Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call  
me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his  
Name.



And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all  
generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
And hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
And the rich he hath sent empty away.

He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant  
Israel,

As he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

George Dyson, in F; 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**



## Responses

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.



### **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.

Francis Jackson; 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.

Words: Psalm 34 v.8; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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### *Jesu, the very thought of thee*

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

Edward Bairstow; 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**

### **Hymn**

#### *Lord of all hopefulness*

(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 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.





2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the  
lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the  
day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

## **Blessing**

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Minuet Gothique - Léon Boëllmann*



## Notices

### **Easter at St Simons**

#### *Palm Sunday - 13 April*

10AM - Palm Sunday service with palm crosses,  
Sunday School and crèche  
6.30PM - Holy Communion

#### *Good Friday - 18 April*

12PM - On the Way to the Cross - a reflective service  
with music, readings and meditations on Christ's  
crucifixion

#### *Easter Sunday - 20 April*

10AM - Holy Communion with Sunday School and  
crèche  
No evening service



### **A new Electoral Roll**

If you are (i) baptised, (ii) over 16 and (iii) have been a regular attendee at St Simon's for at least the last six months - and you would like to be added to the Church Electoral Roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meetings etc.) - please kindly complete and return one of the Application Forms at the back of church and pass it to Ed, Susan, Joe or Mike. You can be on the Electoral Roll of more than one parish. **NB this year the existing Roll is dissolved and we start again therefore everyone needs to re-join.**

### **Zermatt Chaplaincy**

Mike and Liz will be in Zermatt between 25 March-8 April. Mike will be leading Sunday services and reaching out to holidaymakers with the gospel of Christ. They have asked that we pray 1) that that they have opportunities to talk about Christ, 2) for Sunday services to be pitched appropriately and to be well-attended and 3) for rest, refreshment and safety.

### **Job opportunity: Director of Music (evening service) and Assistant to the Administrator**

The above role 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://tinyurl.com/sszjobs>. This role is subject to safer recruitment practises. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Monday 31 March 2025.**



**Join us online or in person for Evening Prayer on Friday at 5.30pm**

Where we meet: in the church building or on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87152206320>. What you will need: the free version of the Daily Prayer App - [www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer)

***Weekly email***

*Would you like to keep up to date with what's happening at St Simon's? 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.co.uk](mailto:gloria.skelsey@ssz.co.uk).*