

# St Simon Zelotes



**HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE**

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**6.30pm**

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## Welcome

### Hymn

#### *How firm a foundation*

1 How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith  
in his excellent Word  
What more can he say  
than to you he hath said,  
You who unto Jesus  
for refuge have fled?

2 In ev'ry condition,  
in sickness, in health,  
in poverty's vale,  
or abounding in wealth,  
at home and abroad,  
on the land, on the sea,  
as thy days may demand,  
shall thy strength ever be.



3 When through the deep waters  
He calls thee to go,  
The rivers of grief  
shall not thee overflow;  
For he will be with thee  
in trouble to bless,  
and sanctify to thee  
thy deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials  
thy pathway shall lie,  
his grace, all sufficient,  
shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee;  
His only design  
Thy dross to consume,  
and thy gold to refine.

5 The soul that on Jesus  
has leaned for repose,  
he will not, he cannot  
desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
should endeavour to shake,  
he never will leave  
He will never forsake.



## **Sentence of Scripture**

### **Collect for purity**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany**

Merciful Lord, receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that we may know those things we ought to do and also have the grace and power faithfully to perform them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Summary of the Commandments with response:**

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.



**First reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

**42** 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.'

<sup>5</sup> This is what God the LORD says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> 'I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.'



### **Second reading: Matthew 3:1-17**

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."' "

<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not



worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

## **Prayers**



## Hymn

### *Holy Spirit, Living breath of God*

1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me;  
give me faith for what I cannot see;  
give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2 Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
in each thought and deed and attitude:  
kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.



## **Sermon**

*The baptism of Christ*  
*Anando Mukerjee*

### **Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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**

*We do not have stewards.*

*Please come to take communion when invited to do so*

## **Music during Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those 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

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## Blessing