

# St Simon Zelotes



**Advent Service Online**  
**Sunday 28 November 2021**  
**10.00am**

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## Welcome and Introduction

### O come, O come

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, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave.

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

3. O come, Thou Day-spring, 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!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to thee,*  
*O Israel.*

4. 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!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to thee,*  
*O Israel.*

5. 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!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to thee,*  
*O Israel.*

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## **Opening Prayers**



### **Advent Collect**

**All:** 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, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**All:** 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 who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen



### **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup> 'As I looked, 'thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



## **Psalm 118:22-26**

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.  
<sup>25</sup> Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

This is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Choir: The Song of Mary**

*Words : Mary Holtby from Luke 1: 46-55*

*Music: Richard Shephard*

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  
(My soul magnifies the Lord)*



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.



### **Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. <sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



**Choir: How lovely are the messengers**

*Words: Romans 10: 15&18*

*Music: Felix Mendelssohn*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

**Matthew 24:36-44**

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



## Intercessions

### Notices

#### **Come thou long expected Jesus**

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee

2. Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

3. Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a king  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring

4. By thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne



## **Sermon**

*“Ready for his coming: by caring for his household”*

*Philip Stewart*

### **Lo he comes**

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for mortal sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what  
rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!



4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign and thou alone

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### **Closing Prayer**

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us  
therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the  
armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.

**All: Even so, Lord, come**

O Lord Jesus Christ, come

**All: at evening time with light**

And in the morning, with your glory,

**All: to guide our feet into the way of peace**

He who receives our prayers says: Surely I come quickly.  
I am the root and offspring of David, I am the bright and  
morning star.

**All: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus**



**Blessing**

**Voluntary**

*Toccata on Veni Emmanuel - Andrew Carter*