

THE TEMPLE CHURCH

SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025, 11.15 a.m.



BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally DBE
Bishop of London & Dean of HM Chapels Royal

Setting: Mozart's *Spatzenmesse*

THE CANDIDATES' PRAYERS

We have asked the candidates being confirmed today to compose a short prayer for inclusion in this service booklet. Today we ask you, the congregation, to make these prayers your own prayers.

Hamish

God, who guards us night and day,
Every day to you I pray
Wonder, power and seamless love,
Come down upon me from above.
About holiness - you possess the most.
Make me never boast.
Make me never mean -
For that is my dream.
Make my life kind
For there I will find
My dream.

Henry

Dear God,

Thank you to all my family - especially my parents for guiding me through my childhood. Thank you for all of my friends and godparents who have supported me in my hard times. Thank you for the Temple Church Choir and how they have given me the opportunity to sing in lots of services and concerts. Thank you God for lots of sports that I am privileged enough to play such as football, tennis and cricket.

Please stop conflicts in the Middle East and other countries. Please help the innocent find a new hope. Please forgive me for all my misdoings and help me to make better choices. Please help me to be a good Christian from this day onwards. Amen.

Katie

Dear Lord,

We give thanks for the Rev. Mark Hatcher, the Rev. Robin Griffith-Jones and Catherine de Satgé, and all at Temple Church who have guided and supported those being confirmed today.

We give thanks for our family and friends who are here with us today, and we pray for those who cannot be with us. Grant us peace in times of trouble, stillness in moments of chaos, and joy in life's simple blessings.

May we show kindness and compassion to all we meet, and may we bring comfort to those who suffer in this world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Loy

Like a leaf on the wind,
I surrender to Thee
Like a moth in the night,
I fly with Thee
Like a crusading monk,
I honour Thee
Like a divine light shining from within,
I look for Thee
-Amen

Marie

Prayer of Presence and Transformation

Lord Almighty, Father of the universe, known and unknown, Christ and the Holy Spirit, who move upon this earth, expressing your love and kindness in the most unexpected ways. We are gathered here today to embody your light, to praise your glory through this present moment, and to honour the steps of those who came before us in this sacred Temple.

Even the light that guided us here, through bulbs or stars, is filled with the same divine love you offered when you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for all of us, a sacrifice that perpetually renews life, creating wholeness from within. We have been guided, through trials, choices, and revelations, to arrive here, in this place of renewal, to witness the death of our old selves, and the breaking of illusion between body and mind.

Through your grace, we are spiritually reconnected, grateful, humbled, and awakened to the truth that we do not walk this journey alone. We surrender to your eternal love, light, and justice. And with full consciousness, we accept that our mission cannot be defined only by what the eye can see. It is a path we feel, etched into our hearts, where meaning unfolds first through curiosity and openness, then transformation, and now... confirmation.

We are not alone. We have never been. We never will be. God lives in us, through us, above and below, in all that we touch, and all that we cannot. Boundless. Forgiving. You accept us as we are: works in progress, vessels of light, ascending through your mercy. Let us embody your values, and reflect your kindness and love, today, and in all the days to come. Amen.

Natalie

Almighty God, I thank you for helping me to grow closer to you through confirmation. I would like to offer my prayers and immense gratitude to the Rev. Mark Hatcher for his guidance, as well as to my family and the congregation of the Temple Church.

Dear Lord, may your love and compassion reach every corner of the world. May you guide us to live in peace and harmony, treating each other with kindness and respect as we work together to create a better world and environment. I ask for your blessings for all people, especially those who are suffering, in need, poor, or ill, and for the strength to overcome all challenges.

Dear Lord, help me to guide my students, to remain strong and compassionate and to be a positive influence. Protect me, inspire me to show your love to them. Amen.

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Emily Adeline Marie Beckwith
Loy Seattle Phillips
Hamish Ready

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Katie Campbell
Marie Weidlich
Henry Fraser
Loy Seattle Phillips
Hamish Ready
Natalie Taubert

Organ music before the service

Prelude in C BWV 547

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The congregation stands at the entrance of the clergy and
candidates for baptism and for confirmation.*

INTROIT

I would find thee,
Whom here no eye can see:
Only the heart can rise
And reach thy throne beyond the skies.

Music: Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Words: from Isaiah 55. 6-7

HYMN

**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.**

**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 to assuage:
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, since 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,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.**

Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

THE PROMISES

Master: Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: **With the help of God, we will.**

Master, to the infants' parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ? Will you help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents:

With the help of God, we will.

Master: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask us all:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All: **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All: **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All: **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All: **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All: **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All: **I come to Christ.**

Master: Brothers and sisters, I ask you all to profess together with the children's parents and godparents the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Master: Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe 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.**

Master: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The congregation sits.

THE BAPTISM

The Bishop baptises the candidates.

Bishop: I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After all the candidates have been baptised:

Bishop: Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. And so may almighty God restore in you the image of his glory.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation stands.

HYMN

**He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round
With dismal stories
Do but themselves confound
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might;
Though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end,
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.**

Music: Monks Gate, adapted Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: John Bunyan (1628-88) and Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

THE WORD

The congregation sits or kneels.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bishop: Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Reader: St Paul's Letter to the Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here endeth the epistle.

The congregation remains seated.

PSALM 84. 8-end

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender:
and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house my God:
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence:
the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing
shall he withhold from them that live godly life.
O Lord God of hosts:
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.
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.

The congregation stands for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

Master: The Gospel according to St Matthew, the fifth chapter, beginning
at the first verse

All:

Cong.  *Org.*
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

Master: And seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain:
 and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
 for they shall be filled.
 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers:
 for they shall be called the children of God.
 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,
 and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my
 sake.
 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:
 for great is your reward in heaven:
 for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his
 savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good
 for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of
 men.
 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot
 be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel,
 but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the
 house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see
 your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

All: 

The congregation sits.

THE SERMON

The Bishop of London

THE CONFIRMATION

The candidates for confirmation gather before the Bishop.

The congregation remains seated.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

All: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

All: **Henceforth, world without end.**

Bishop: Lord, hear our prayers,

All: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given them forgiveness of all their sins: strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

*Then, each of the candidates in order kneel before the Bishop.
She lays her hand upon the head of each one, saying,*

Bishop: Confirm, O Lord, thy servant with thy Holy Spirit.

The Bishop anoints each with the oil of chrism, saying:

Shine in the world as one of God's chosen ones,
beloved and accepted in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Bishop continues:

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, we make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants, upon whom (after the example of thy holy apostles) we have now laid our hands.

Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them, let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the newly confirmed persons:

Bishop: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation stands.

HYMN

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
 Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
 Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
 O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
 Be thou mine inheritance now and always,
 Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music: Slane (Irish)

Words: Mary Bryne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

THE COMMUNION

The Bishop and congregation sing the Sursum Corda as follows:

Priest:	All:
<i>The Lord be with you: And with thy Spi - rit</i>	
Priest:	All:
<i>Lift up your hearts: We lift them up un - to the Lord.</i>	
Priest:	All:
<i>Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God: It is meet and right so to do.</i>	

Bishop: 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,

SANCTUS

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua:
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Hosanna in the highest.*

The congregation kneels.

All: **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.**

Bishop: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel

command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread, and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: **Amen.**

During Communion the choir sings.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine;
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine;
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, offered on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood.
Be our food in the testing of death.*

Music: Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Words: Recorded in a Reichenau ms, early 14th c., ‘Salutationem
sequentem composuit Innocentius Papa’; perhaps Innocent V (1276)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our
Lord, and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

Music: From “Messiah” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Words: Revelation 11.15, 19.16

The congregation stands.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus,
Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram;
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will
towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,*

*we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ;

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that
takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.*

The congregation sits or kneels.

**All: 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.**

**Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly
received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the
most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus**

Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The congregation stands.

HYMN

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My master and my friend.**

**O let me see thy footprints,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My saviour and my friend.**

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

FINAL BLESSING

Bishop: And now go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Ghost. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Organ music after the service

Stella maris

Guy Weitz (1883-1970)

RECEPTION AND RETIRING COLLECTION

After the service we invite the whole congregation to join us for a celebratory drink and cake in the courtyard.

The retiring collection today will support the general work of The Temple Church Trust. Please consider adding Gift Aid (significantly increasing the value of your donation) by providing your name and address on the yellow envelopes found at the end of the pews. All donations will, on this special occasion, be matched with an equivalent donation from the Trust directly to the Bishop of London's Discretionary Fund.

Thank you for your support!



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