

The Temple Church

Sunday 5 October 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

You are most welcome to this morning's service. We follow the service of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). Much of the service is sung by the Choir alone. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the opportunity this offers to let the music and words take your mind and your heart – with all the concerns you have for those you love and for our world – into the presence of God.

It is traditional here for the congregation to stand for the Venite and the Canticles; if it would be more comfortable for you to remain seated, please do.

The order of service is printed in the white service booklet, pp. 17-29. The new public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in E flat

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The congregation stands.

INTROIT

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)
Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Music: Sir John Goss (1800-1880)

All sit or kneel for the confession.

CONFESSION (p. 17 of white booklet)

All stand at "Glory be....." RESPONSES (Rose)

All remain standing and sing: VENITE (PSALM 95. 1-7)

The choir sings: PSALM 141. 1-11 (Battishill)

Lord, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me:
and consider my voice when I cry unto thee.
Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense:
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing:
let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work
wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.
Let the righteous rather smite me friendly: and reprove me.
But let not their precious balms break my head:
yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.
Let their judges be overthrown in stony places:
that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.
Our bones lie scattered before the pit:
like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.}
But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God:
in thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.
Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me:
and from the traps of the wicked doers.
Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together: and let me ever escape them.
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.

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON
Isaiah 55. 1-12

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy,

and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All stand.

TE DEUM (*Stanford in B flat*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 2. 13-22

And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

All stand.

JUBILATE (*Walton*)

In the tradition of the Temple Church, we face east to say together:

THE CREED

(p. 24 of white booklet)

All sit or kneel at 'Let us pray...' THE RESPONSES

All sit or kneel.

THE COLLECTS

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

*O, sing unto the Lord
Unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord
All the whole earth.*

Sing unto the Lord and praise His name
Be telling of His salvation from day to day.

For he cometh to judge the earth
And with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with his truth.

Music: James MacMillan (b. 1958)
Words: Psalm 96. 1-2

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

**1.
Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**2.
In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

**3.
O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**4.
Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

**5.
Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

All sit.

THE SERMON

The Master

All stand.

HYMN

1.
**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.**
2.
**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**
3.
**O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**
4.
**For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**
5.
**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

*Music: The Old Hundredth Psalm tune, : Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: Daye's Psalter, 1560-1, W. Kethe*

All sit.

NEW PROBATIONERS

Adeline Bilbay
Molly Hartigan
Sophia Mayes
Louis Spilling

CHORISTERS RECEIVING SURPLICES

Ben Ashby Vann
Beatrice Fraser
Barney Holmes

CHORISTER PRESENTATION

Elliott Hesketh: Head Chorister

THE BLESSING

All are invited to sit after the departure of the Clergy for

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale fantasia on 'Old Hundredth'

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918))

We ask your prayers for those dear to us in this House, and at this time especially for the following:

BAPTISMS

Ophelia Elizabeth Rose Fernandez
Jasper Leo Gadsden Magoon

MARRIAGES

Emily Parrott and James McMurray
Emma Heselton and Daniel Murray

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

James and Julia Bowling	Oliver and Flora Lymington
Joshua and Kloe Bunn	William and Allison Males
Alex and Sarah Chalk	Benjamin and Jillian Maltby
Isabel and Sam Chandler	George and Lucinda Munton
Thomas and Julie Crangle	Sue Kim and Andrew Parsons
Timothy and Katrina Cray	James and Clemency Roscoe
Simon and Judith Gill	Michael and Laura Shevlin
Michael and Joanna Haswell	Robert and Amelia Sugden
John and Monica Hillen	Tristan and Amy Thornton
Lee and Jenny Isted	Joshua Viney and Kyra Cornwall
Aaron and Charlotte James	Anne and Daniel Waller
Sebastien and Fiona Jantet	Catherine and Nicholas Wilson

THE DEPARTED

Stephen Brown	John Hilton
Catherine Callaghan	Anthony May
Sheila Cameron	Marilynne Morgan
William (Bill) Davis	John Morrissey
Robin de Wilde	Gerard Ryan
Alan Grieve	

YEAR'S MIND

Roger Adams	Jonathan Hirst	George Newman
Gavyn Arthur	Dan Hollis	Clive Nicholls
Cassian Berry-Rowe	John Hopkins	Murray Pickering
Louis Blom-Cooper	David Howker	Hugh Pigott
Gordon Borrie	Helen Khan	Nicholas Price
Anthony Boswood	Sophie Laws	Jennifer Roberts
Joan Cobb	Kate Mallison	Alison Ross
Jonathan Culshaw	Charles McCullough	Helen Salmon
Paul Darling	Alistair McGregor	Dennis Sayer
Paula Davies	Daniel Messenger	Rodney Stewart Smith
John Deby	Arthur Mildon	Gisela Stone
Miles Gladwyn	Cormac Murphy-O'Connor	Swinton Thomas
Robert Goff	Peter Murphy	Roger Toulson

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Wednesday 8 October, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG IN MEMORY OF

JOHN MORRISSEY

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Temple Music Foundation Concert

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Charles Andrews (organ)

Professor Charles Andrews launches his debut solo album – marking 100 years of the Church's Harrison and Harrison organ.

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