

The Temple Church

Sunday 12 October 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

Welcome to this morning's service. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). If you are a visitor here and are a communicant member of your own Church, you are most welcome to receive Communion this morning; if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please just keep your head bowed and hands lowered when you are at the altar-rail. This is Christ's banquet; we are all his guests; and he bids us welcome.

This morning's Communion setting is Howells' *Collegium Regale*. Please turn to page 31 of the white service booklet where you will find the words of the service. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Jesu dulcis memoria

Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Music: Sir John Rutter (b.1945)

Words: Sarum Primer, 1558

HYMN 186

Firmly I believe and truly

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 4. 1-6

I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 119. 105-112

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.
I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed: to keep thy righteous judgements.
I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord:
 and teach me thy judgements.
My soul is alway in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me:
 but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever:
 and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway: even unto the end.
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 priest introduces the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke 14. 1-11

It came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath-day, that they watched him. And behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the Lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath-day? And they held their peace.

And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass, or an ox, fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath-day?

And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms, saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that, when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

All remain standing and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all face East while the Choir and congregation sing the Creed.

THE CREED

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Master

All stand.

HYMN 335
Blest are the pure in heart

All sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN 217

All hail the power of Jesus' name! (t. Miles Lane)

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Paeon

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

There will be a retiring collection.

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Thank you for your support of the Church.



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

BAPTISM

Robert Jack Wilson Cater
Victor Patrick Christian Lawrence

MARRIAGE

Katie Campbell and Patrick Edmond
Ella Clark and Ben Wild

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Matthew and Nicola Barnes	William and Eleanor O'Doherty
David and Jane Blackburn	Oscar Ratcliffe and Katya Churchill
Richard and Charlotte Flynn	Karen and James Reid
Graham and Annaliese Jackson	Anthony and Sarah Walker
Edward and Natasha Lamb	David and Victoria Ward
James and Emily MacDougald	

THE DEPARTED

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

YEAR'S MIND

Roger Adams	Jeremy Hutchinson
John Ashton Thomas	P. D. James
Louis Blom-Cooper	Robin Leigh-Pemberton
Anthony Boswood	Dorothy Lloyd
Rupert Bromley	Charles McCullough
Peter Carter-Ruck	George Newman
Jonathan Culshaw	Murray Pickering
Paula Davies	Michael Pittaway
John Deby	Alison Ross
Hamish de Courcy Thompson	Jack Rumbold
Edgar Fay	Rodney Stewart Smith
James Flynn	Johan Steyn
Oliver Gadney	Michael Turner
Donald Gordon	Graeme Williams
Joan Hatcher	David Wood
Rose Heilbron	Michael Wood
John Hopkins	

SPECIAL AUTUMN EVENTS

Monday 13 October, 6.30pm
Temple Music Foundation Concert

OLD HUNDREDTH

Charles Andrews (organ)

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

*This is a free concert. For more information and to book your place,
www.templemusic.org*

Wednesday 15 October, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the Choir of Kings College, London

Music to include: Geistliches Lied (Brahms), Abendlied (Rheinberger)

Sunday 26 October, 11.15am

CHORAL MATTINS

With special Welcome to the Alumni of the Temple Church Choir

For the first time since the Blitz (1941), the full choir of choirmen and choristers sang choral Mattins back in the Temple Church on Sunday 30 October 1955. This morning, we welcome to Mattins all those who can join us who have sung here since the War. All such singers, young and old, will be invited to sing a 'Te deum'.

The service will be followed by a reception in the Round for the whole congregation.

Wednesday 29 October, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG for ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS

Music to include: Justorum animae (Stanford), Canticles (Service for trebles, Weelkes), Selig sind die toten (Schütz)

Tuesday 4 November, 1.00pm
Temple Music Foundation Concert

MOONSTRUCK

Jonathan Aasgaard (Cello), Libby Burgess (piano)

For more information and to book, www.templemusic.org

Tuesday 4 November, 7.30pm
Temple Music Foundation Concert

OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Alessandro Fisher (tenor), Gareth Brynmor John (baritone),

William Vann (piano), Navarra String Quartet

For more information and to book, www.templemusic.org

Wednesday 5 November, 5.45pm (Please note earlier start time)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Prior to Grand Day in Inner Temple

Sunday 9 November, 10.50am (Please note earlier start time)

CHORAL MATTINS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Music to include: They shall grow not old (Guest),

And I saw a new heaven (Bainton)

Sunday 16 November, 5.00pm
Temple Music Foundation Concert

TEMPLE YOUTH CHOIR: LUX AETERNA

For more information and to book, www.templemusic.org

WERE *YOU* A TEMPLE CHORISTER?



**REUNION:
SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025
11.15AM**

We would love to see you and your families back for a special celebratory service.

For more details contact: Susan@templechurch.com



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