

The Temple Church

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Grand Day, Middle Temple

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6.00 p.m.

Welcome to this service. It is a great pleasure to see you here this evening. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The order of service is printed in the Service Booklet pp. 47-54. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

Organ music before the Service

Abendruhe

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured,
who is immortal Father, heavenly blest;
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!
Now are we come to the sun's hour of rest;
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung, with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, Giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Words: Translated from 2nd or 3rd century Greek by J Keble, 1834

HYMN

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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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.

**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: Louis Bourgeois (c. 1500-1561)

Words: Psalm 100

All sit or kneel for the Lord's Prayer.

All stand at 'Glory be to the Father....'

THE RESPONSES (*Rose*)

Please remain standing for the psalm.

PSALM 148. 1-6 (*Smart*)

O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens: and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord:

for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were
created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever:

he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

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 From Isaiah Chapter 42

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Stanford in A*)
(p. 49 of service booklet)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
From Romans Chapter 12

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stanford in A*)
(p. 51 of service booklet)

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

THE CREED

All sit for the Anthem.

ANTHEM

Let thy hand be strengthened and thy right hand be exalted.
Let justice and judgment be the preparation of thy seat!
Let mercy and truth go before thy face.
Let justice, judgment, mercy and truth go before thy face.
Hallelujah!

Music: Coronation Anthem, Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Words: Based on Psalm 89. 13-14

PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear:
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen.
How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

Music: Praxis pietatis, P. Sohren's edition of Praxis pietatis melica, 1668
Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth

All remain standing.

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata & Fugue in D minor BWV565

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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