

The Temple Church

Wednesday 29 October 2025, 6.00 p.m.

*For All Saints and in Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed (All Souls)*

CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to this service. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The words for the service can be found from p. 47 of the white booklet. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mein Jesu, der du mich

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

INTROIT

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum malitiæ.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori;
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Words: Antiphon, Vigil of All Saints; Wisdom 3. 1-2

HYMN

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.
Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia!**

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: Bishop W. Walsham How (1894-1956)

We remain standing.

OPENING PRAYER

We give thee thanks, most gracious God, for all the saints who have lived and died in the faith of Christ, for the great cloud of witnesses who surround us from day to day and from age to age. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The noble fellowship of prophets praise thee. The white-robed army of martyrs praise thee. We acclaim thee in this our generation, in communion with the angels and archangels and with all those who have served thee in every age and have looked with longing, as we do, for the coming of thy kingdom when death shall be swallowed up in life and tears shall be no more.

As we acknowledge all our forebears in the faith, so especially we hold before God, in love and in thanksgiving, those whom we ourselves have loved and lost. We commend them in silence to God's own indefeasible love and care.

So let us acknowledge and confess before God our own manifold sins and wickedness, approaching with a pure heart and humble voice the throne of the heavenly grace:

All kneel.

CONFESSION (p. 47, white booklet)

THE RESPONSES (Smith)

PSALM 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young:

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:
and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength:
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
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 at 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.

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON
Isaiah 25. 6-9

And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Service for Trebles, Weelkes*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Revelation 7. 9-12

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

All stand. NUNC DIMITTIS (*Service for Trebles, Weelkes*)

All remain standing and in the tradition of the Temple Church face East to say together:

THE CREED (p. 51, white booklet)

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

THE RESPONSES (Smith)

THE COLLECTS

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit.

During the Anthem you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one if you so wish.

ANTHEM

Selig sind die Toten,
die in dem Herren sterben,
von nun an.

Ja der Geist spricht:
Sie ruhen von ihrer Arbeit
und ihre Werke folgen ihnen nach.

*Blessed are the dead,
that die in the Lord
from now on.*

*Yea, the Spirit speaks:
they rest from their labors
and their works follow them.*

*Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)
Words: Revelation 14. 13*

All remain seated or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember those whom we ourselves have loved and lost and have entrusted with sorrow and with faith to thy eternal care. Acknowledge them, we pray, as the sheep of thy own fold, lambs of thy own flock, sinners of thy own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of thy mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace; may they shine in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Lord of all comfort and healing, be present, we pray, with those who mourn; may thy angels guard and strengthen them, may thy Church gather round and succour them, may we as family and as friends support them, and may their memories of shared happiness and love inspire them all through their lives. As thy Son raised Lazarus from death to life, so may they and we, for all eternity, rise to the resurrection and to life in Christ's everlasting kingdom.

All stand.

HYMN

**Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.**

**Once they were mourning here below
Their couch was wet with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins, and doubts and fears.**

**We ask them whence their vict'ry came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.**

**They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.**

**Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given,
While the great cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.**

Music: Sir Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Ciacona in E minor

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

There will be a retiring collection. It will be of great advantage to the Church if you would kindly fill in the Gift Aid envelope found at the end of your pew and drop it into a collection-basket as you leave. If you prefer to donate online kindly scan the QR code below.



The congregation is warmly invited to refreshments in the Round Church after the service. A donation to help cover our costs is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MICHAELMAS TERM

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

Tuesday 18 November, 7.30pm

Temple Music Foundation Concert

HOLST SINGERS

O Antiphons (Lukaszewski), Requiem (Durufle)

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

Wednesday 26 November, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

To celebrate American Thanksgiving (27 november)

Wednesday 3 December, 6.00pm

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Darkness to Light

The Temple Church Choir

Friday 5 December, 6.00pm

CONCERT: What sweeter music

Temple Singers

Tickets required. For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

Sunday 7 December, 11.15am

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Temple Church Choir

Thursday 11 December, 6.00pm

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(Repeat of Sunday 7 December service)

Monday 15 December, 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Temple Singers

Wednesday 17 December, 6.00pm

“BAH, HUMBUG?” – CERTAINLY NOT!

CAROLS AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Temple Singers

Thursday 18 December, 7.00pm

BRITTEN: A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

The Temple Church Choristers

Tickets required. For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org
