

The Temple Church

Sunday 19 October 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

For St Luke's Day

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 on a Song by Parry

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The congregation stands.

INTROIT

God grant with grace, he us embrace,
In gentle part, bless he our heart;
With loving face, shine he in place,
His mercies all on us to fall.
That we thy way may know all day,
While we do sail this world so frail;
Thy health's reward is nigh declared,
As plain as eye all gentiles spy.

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)

Words: Matthew Parker (1504–75), based on Psalm 67 vv. 1–2

HYMN 224

Crown him with many crowns

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 147. 1-12 (Stanford)

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God:
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
He healeth those that are broken in heart:

and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names.

The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving:

sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth:

and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of
men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call
upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse:

neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him:

and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

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

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. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

All stand.

TE DEUM (*Elgar*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Luke 1. 1-4

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

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

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Libretto, *Elijah*, Julius Schubring and Felix Mendelssohn

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN 161
Bright the vision that delighted.

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Master

All stand.

HYMN 205
Love divine (Blaenwern)

THE BLESSING

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

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 4, movement 1

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

There will be a retiring collection. It will be of great advantage to the Church if you would kindly fill in a Gift Aid envelope and drop it into a collection-basket as you leave, stating the amount of your cash or contactless gift. If you would prefer to donate online kindly scan the QR code below.



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

MARRIAGE

Rose Fetherstonhaugh and Benjamin Sharples

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

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

THE DEPARTED

Wilmer Kenneth Blaylock	Alan Grieve
Stephen Brown	John Hilton

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
Hamish de Courcy Thompson	Michael Pittaway
Paula Davies	Alison Ross
John Deby	Jack Rumbold
Edgar Fay	Rodney Stewart Smith
James Flynn	Johan Steyn
Oliver Gadney	Michael Turner
Donald Gordon	David William Wood
Joan Hatcher	Michael Wood
Rose Heilbron	Graeme Williams
John Hopkins	

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 26 October, 11.15am

CHORAL MATTINS

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

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 (Duruflé)
For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

Wednesday 26 November, 6.00pm
CHORAL EVENSONG
TO CELEBRATE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING (27 November)

TEMPLE WINTER FESTIVAL
Monday 1-Friday 5 December
A week of wonderful choral music in preparation for Christmas.
For full details of the whole festival and to book: www.templemusic.org

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Darkness to Light
Wednesday 3 December, 6.00pm
The Temple Church Choir
Tickets not required.

BACH: CHRISTMAS ORATORIO, BWV248
Cantatas I-III and VI
Thursday 4 December, 7.30pm
The Bar Choral Society
Tickets required. For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

CONCERT: What sweeter music
Friday 5 December, 6.00pm
Temple Singers
Tickets required. For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 7 December, 11.15am

The Temple Church Choir

This service will be sung again on Thursday 11 December and Sunday 14 December

Booking required via Eventbrite for Sunday 14 December service only.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 11 December, 6.00pm

The Temple Church Choir

(Repeat of Sunday 7 December service).

Tickets not required.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 14 December, 11.15am

The Temple Church Choir

(Repeat of Sunday 7 December service)

Booking required via Eventbrite.

NATIVITY PLAY FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 14 December, 3.30pm

Tickets not required. If your children or grandchildren would like to take part, please contact

Catherine de Satgé in the Church Office, catherine@templechurch.com

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Monday 15 December, 6.00pm

Temple Singers

Tickets not required.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, the Safeguarding Officer can be contacted confidentially at safeguarding@templechurch.com or 020 7427 5650.