

The Temple Church

Wednesday 15 October 2025

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6.00 p.m.

Welcome to this service. This evening the service will be sung by our special guests, the Choir of King's College, London under the direction of Joseph Fort. The organ is played by their organ scholar, Theo Geileskey. It is a great pleasure to see them here. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The words for the service can be found from page 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.

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

Bleib bei uns,
denn es will Abend werden,
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

*Abide with us,
for it is toward evening,
and the day has almost ended.*

*Music: Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Words: Luke 24. 29*

HYMN

1.
Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

3.
To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

2.
All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

4.
Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

*Music: Adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell (1658-1695)
Words: Anonymous, Latin translated by John M. Neale (1818-1866)*

All sit or kneel for the confession.

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

THE RESPONSES (*Rose*)

Please remain standing for the psalm.

PSALM 31

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :

let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle :

be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me :

for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit :

for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities :

and my trust hath been in the Lord.

I will be glad, and rejoice in thy mercy :

for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy :

but hast set my feet in a large room.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble :

and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.

My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity : and my bones are consumed.

I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours :

and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind :

I am become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude :

and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.

My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies :

and from them that persecute me.

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance : and save me for thy mercy's sake.

Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee :

let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.

Let the lying lips be put to silence : which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully, speak against the righteous.

O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee :
and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before
the sons of men!
Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all
men :
thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.
Thanks be to the Lord :
for he hath shewed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.
And when I made haste, I said : I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.
Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer : when I cried unto thee.
O love the Lord, all ye his saints : for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful,
and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.
Be strong, and he shall establish your heart :
all ye that put your trust in the Lord.
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 1 Chronicles 29. 1-2, 10-19

Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*in F, Coleridge-Taylor*)
(*p. 49 of white booklet*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Colossians 3. 12-17

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*in F, Coleridge-Taylor*)
(*p. 51 of white booklet*)

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

THE CREED

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

THE LESSER LITANY

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

ANTHEM

Geistliches Lied

Sacred Song

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
Mit trauren;
Sei stille,
Wie Gott es fügt,
So sei vergnügt
Mein Wille.

*Do not let yourself be depressed
By sadness;
Be calm,
However God may dispose,
Be content with it,
My will.*

Was willst du heute sorgen
Auf morgen?
Der Eine
Steht allem für;
Der gibt auch dir
Das Deine.

*Why worry today
About tomorrow?
There is One
Who controls everything;
He will give you
Your share too.*

Sei nur in allem Handel
Ohn' Wandel,
Steh feste;
Was Gott beschleusst,
Das ist und heisst
Das Beste. Amen.

*Be constant in everything
You undertake,
Stand firm;
What God ordains
Is and is known to be
Best. Amen*

*Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Words: Paul Fleming (1609-1640)*

PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Music: Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)
Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

All remain standing.

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV532

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

***The congregation is invited to drinks in the Round Church after the service.
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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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'. If you were a Temple Chorister and would like to sing, contact susan@templechurch.com for more information.

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

Tuesday 18 November, 7.30pm

Temple Music Foundation Concert

HOLST SINGERS

O Antiphons (Lukaszewski), Requiem (Durufé)

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

Wednesday 26 November, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

TO CELEBRATE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING (27 November)

SAFEGUARDING

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Officer can be contacted confidentially at
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