

The Temple Church

Sunday 16 November 2025

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

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 in G

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The congregation stands.

INTROIT

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying
For the bread of life I'm sighing
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace
When the breath of life has left me
May my soul be blended with thee.

Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Words: George Frideric Handel and others

HYMN 167

O worship the King all glorious above

All sit or kneel for the confession.

CONFESSION (*p. 17 of white booklet*)

All stand at "Glory be....." RESPONSES (*Clucas*)

All remain standing and sing: VENITE (PSALM 95. 1-7)



The first two verses and the Gloria are sung in unison.

- 1 O come let us | sing un-to the | Lord:
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
- 2 Let us come before his | presence · with | thanksgiving:
and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a | great | God:
and a | great King · a- | bove all | gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth:
and the | strength of · the | hills is · his | also.
- 5 The sea is | his and · he | made it:
and his | hands pre- | pared the · dry | land.
- 6 O come let us worship and | fall | down:
and | kneel be-fore the | Lord our | Maker.

2nd Part

- 7 For he is the | Lord our | God:
and we are the people of his | pasture · and the | sheep of · his | hand.
Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and | ev-er | shall be:
World without | end. A- | — | men.

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

All remain standing.

The choir sings: PSALM 132. 1-10 (*Wesley*)

Lord, remember David: and all his trouble;
How he swore unto the Lord:
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house:
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber:
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord:
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata: and found it in the wood.
We will go into his tabernacle: and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place: thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness:
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
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
Malachi 3. 1-4, 4. 1-2a

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:
and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the
messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith
the LORD of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he
appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall
sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and
purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering
in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as
in the days of old, and as in former years.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea,
and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn
them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor
branch.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with
healing in his wings.

All stand.

TE DEUM (*Ireland in F*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great
multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and
sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower
went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and
the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where
they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no
deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and

because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

All stand.

JUBILATE (*Stanford*)

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 to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

For lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

They are terrible and dreadful:

their judgement and their dignity proceed from themselves.

Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves, and their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far. They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour, they come all of them for violence; their faces are set as the east wind, and they gather captives as the sand.

Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him.

For he heapeth up dust and taketh it. Then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over and be guilty, even he whose might is his God.

Art not Thou from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?

We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction.

I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and look forth to see what he will say to me and what I shall answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me and said: The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie; Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come.

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Words: Habakkuk 1:6-12, 2:1-3, 14, 20

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN 184

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

All sit.

THE SERMON

The Master

All stand.

HYMN 266

Thou whose almighty word

THE BLESSING

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

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G

Sir Charles Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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

Guy Cabral and Iona Fielding

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Matthew and Nicola Barnes

Anthony and Terina Corda

Nicholas and Sally Forwood

Anthony and Nell Gamble

Richard and Laura Hayward

Katharine Gritten and William Howard

Francis and Jessica Ijeh

Alan and Grace Karthikesalingham

Seán and Hannah McGuinness

Michael and Alexandra Payne

James and Emma Tussaud

Anthony and Sarah Walker

David and Victoria Ward

Jerram and Eleanor White

THE DEPARTED

William (Bill) Davis

Robin de Wilde

Charles Judge

Marilynne Morgan

Peter Wilson

YEAR'S MIND

Fanny Arnold-Baker

Richard Benson

Dorene Borrie

John Ellis

Geoffrey Farmiloe

Ian (Roderick) Fletcher

Jane Green

Peter Jackson

Igor Judge

Patrick Maddams

Penny Norton

Robin Leigh-Pemberton

Alan Rawley

Theresa Sheppard

David Turner-Samuels

Brian Williams

Graeme Williams

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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.