

The Temple Church

Sunday 2 November 2025

For All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

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 public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Concerto in D minor BWV596, movements 1-4 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

The congregation stands.

INTROIT

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)
Words: Sarum Primer, 1558

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!**

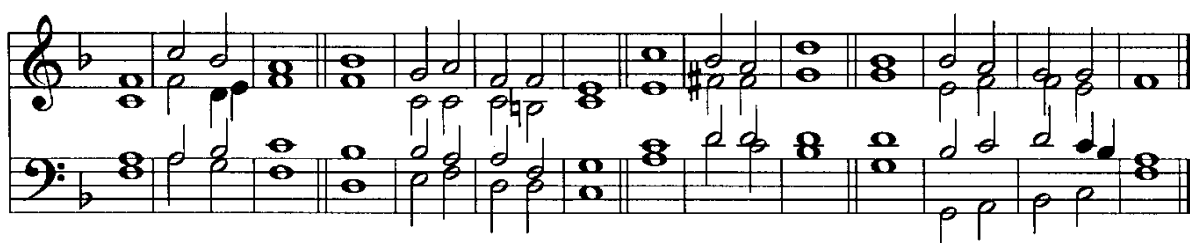
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: Bishop W. Walsham How (1894-1956)

All sit or kneel for the confession.

CONFESSION (p. 17, white booklet)

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

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),
Organist of the Temple Church 1843-1898

The choir sings:

PSALM 87 (*Woodward*)

Her foundations are upon the holy hills:
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
Very excellent things are spoken of thee: thou city of God.
I will think upon Rahab and Babylon: with them that know me.
Behold ye the Philistines also:
and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.
And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her:
an the most High shall stablish her.
The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people:
that he was born there.
The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse:
All my fresh springs shall be 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 35

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land

springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

All stand.

TE DEUM (*Short service, Gibbons*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 11. 32-44

When Mary the sister of Lazarus was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the other sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

All stand.

JUBILATE (*Plainsong*)

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

THE CREED (p. 24, white booklet)

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

All sit or kneel.

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.

THE ANTHEM

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
|O praise ye the Lord our God.

Music: Thomas Tomkins, à 12
Words: Psalm 117

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

**Who are these like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark, they sing,
Praising loud their heav'nly King.**

**Who are these in dazzling brightness,
Clothed in God's own righteousness,
These, whose robes of purst whiteness
Shall their lustre still possess,
Still untouched by time's rude hand?
Whence came all this glorious band?**

**These are they who have contended
For their Saviour's honour long,
Wrestling on 'til life was ended,
Following not the sinful throng;
These, who well the fight sustained,
Triumph by the Lamb have gained.**

**These are they whose hearts were riven,
Sore with woe and anguish tried,
Who in prayer full oft have striven
With the God they glorified;
Now, their painful conflict over,
God has bid them weep no more.**

**These, the Almighty contemplating,
Did as priests before them stand,
Soul and body always waiting
Day and night at his command:
Now on God's most holy place
Blest they stand before his face.**

Music: All Saints (Darmstadt)

Words: H. T. Schenck, tr. Frances E. Cox (1812-1897)

All sit.

**THE SERMON
The Master**

All stand.

HYMN

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:**

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

THE BLESSING

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

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Concerto in D minor BWV596, movement 5

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

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

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

BAPTISMS

Aurelia Florence Ophelia Walder
Emma Alexandra Miles-Secui

MARRIAGES

Rupert Hunt-Grubbe and Alice Arbuthnot
David Tull and Hannah Glover

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Daniel and Florence Bates	Benjamin and Melanie Posford
Alexander and Emma Chartres	Robert and Yooja Tomlinson
Patrick Evans and Alice Jarratt	Roland Walker-Wood and Madeleine
Rupert and Geraldine Bloomfield	Neckar
Ian and Melanie Fry	David and Linda Watts
James and Philippa McDonald	Alexander and Gillian Whiting
Matthew and Alice Mead	Tom and Alexandra Wilding
Joseph and Victoria Newitt	Peter and Claire Wilson

THE DEPARTED

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Helen Lady Delves Broughton	Lionel Sawkins

YEAR'S MIND

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