

# The Temple Church

Wednesday 1 April 2026, 6.00 p.m.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Welcome to this service. It is a pleasure to see you here. 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

Canzona Quinta

*Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)*

*All stand at the entrance of the choir.*

### INTROIT

Christe, adoramus te, et benedicimus tibi.  
Quia per sanguinem tuum pretiosum  
Redemisti mundum, miserere nobis.

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
Because by your precious blood  
You have redeemed the world, have mercy on us.*

*Music: Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

*Words: Antiphon for Good Friday*

### HYMN

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Music: Rockingham, E. Miller (1731-1807)*

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*All sit or kneel for*

## THE CONFESSION

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

## THE RESPONSES (*Smith*)

### PSALM 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire:

hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgement with thy servant:

for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground:

he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works:

yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint:

hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust:

shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God:

let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake:

and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy goodness slay mine enemies:

and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

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 49. 1-8. 13-16a

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.

*All stand.*

OFFICE HYMN  
*Sung by choir only*

The royal banners forward go,  
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side  
By soldier's spear was opened wide,  
To cleanse us in the precious flood  
Of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
How God the heathen's King should be  
For God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,  
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,  
How bright in purple robe it stood,  
The purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,  
He weighed the price for sinners due,  
The price which none but he could pay,  
And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
As by the Cross thou dost restore,  
So rule and guide us evermore.

*Music: Vexilla Regis*

*Words: Bishop Venantius Fortunatus, tr. J.M. Neale and compilers*

### MAGNIFICAT (*First Service, Parsons*)

*All sit.*

#### THE SECOND LESSON

John 13. 21-35

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him.

Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

*All stand.* NUNC DIMITTIS (*First Service, Parsons*)

*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

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All sit.*

ANTHEM

Miserere mei Deus,  
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam,  
et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum,  
dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy on me, God,  
According to your great compassion:  
And according to your many mercies  
Blot out my iniquity.*

*Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)  
Words: Psalm 51.1*

## PRAYERS

### HYMN

**It is a thing most wonderful,  
Almost too wonderful to be,  
That God's own Son should come from heav'n,  
And die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:  
He chose a poor and humble lot,  
And wept and toiled and mourned and died  
For love of those who loved Him not.**

**I sometimes think about the cross,  
And shut my eyes, and try to see  
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
And Jesus crucified for me.**

**But even could I see Him die,  
I could but see a little part  
Of that great love which, like a fire,  
Is always burning in His heart.**

**And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
And I will love Thee more and more,  
Until I see Thee as Thou art.**

*Music: Herongate, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

### THE BLESSING

#### THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde gross BWV 622 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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*There will be a retiring collection. If you prefer to donate online kindly  
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## **CONFIRMATION**

Our annual celebratory service of Baptism, Confirmation and Choral Communion will take place on Sunday 19 July at 11.15am.

If you, your children or grandchildren are considering Confirmation this year, the Revd Griffith-Jones will be delighted to hear from you. [Master@templechurch.com](mailto:Master@templechurch.com)

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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

If you would like to join our emailing list and be among the first to hear of our special services and events, you will find cards at the South Door exit. Kindly write your name and email address on a card and leave it in the bowl provided.

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Please refrain from all filming, recording and photography during the service.  
Thank you.

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Thursday 2 April, 1.15pm**  
**CHORAL COMMUNION: MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*Temple Singers*

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**Friday 3 April, 11.15am**  
**CHORAL MATTINS: GOOD FRIDAY**  
*Temple Church Choir*  
*Music to include: Salvator Mundi (Tallis), Crucifixus (Lotti),*

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**Saturday 4 April, 8.00pm**  
**EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER**  
*Temple Singers*  
*Music to include: Missa ego fos campi (Padilla),  
Haec dies (Byrd), Tulerunt dominum meum (Gombert)*

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**Sunday 5 April, 11.15am**  
**CHORAL COMMUNION: EASTER SUNDAY**  
*Temple Church Choir*  
*Music to include: Surrexit Christus hodie (Scheidt),  
Easter Anthems, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,  
Hallelujah (Handel), Ave verum corpus (Mozart)*

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**Wednesday 15 April, 6.00pm**  
**EASTER CAROL SERVICE**  
*Temple Singers*

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**Sunday 19 April, 11.15am**  
**EASTER CAROL SERVICE**  
*Temple Singers*  
*Music to include: Five Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams)*