

# The Temple Church

Sunday 1 March 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

## 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

*Ecce tempus idoneum*

*Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

*The congregation stands.*

### INTROIT

Call to remembrance, O Lord,  
thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.  
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,  
but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*Music: Richard Farrant (c.1525-1580)*

*Words: Psalm 25. 5-6*

### HYMN

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| <b>1.</b><br>All my hope on God is founded;<br>He doth still my trust renew.<br>Me through change and chance he guideth,<br>Only good and only true.<br>God unknown,<br>He alone<br>Calls my heart to be his own. | <b>2.</b><br>Pride of man and earthly glory,<br>Sword and crown betray his trust;<br>What with care and toil he buildeth,<br>Tower and temple, fall to dust.<br>But God's power,<br>Hour by hour,<br>Is my temple and my tower. |
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3.  
God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of nought.  
Evermore,  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4.  
Daily doth the almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

5.  
Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Music:* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
*Words:* *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste* Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

*All sit or kneel for the confession.*

CONFESSION (*p. 17 of white booklet*)

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

*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 74. 1-12 (*Battishill*)

O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long:  
why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?  
O think upon thy congregation:  
whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.  
Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance:  
and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.  
Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy:  
which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.  
Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations:  
and set up their banners for tokens.  
He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees:  
was known to bring it to an excellent work.  
But now they break down all the carved work thereof:  
with axes and hammers.  
They have set fire upon thy holy places:  
and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.  
Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether:  
thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.  
We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more:  
no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.  
O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour:  
how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name, for ever?  
Why withdrawest thou thy hand:  
why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the  
enemy?  
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  
Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

*All stand.*

LAMENTATIONS (*Tallis*)

*All sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON  
Romans 11. 13-24

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted

contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

*All stand.*

### CANTICLE

Salvator mundi salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos:  
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

*Music:* Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

*Words:* Antiphon at Holy Unction, *Cantiones Sacrae*, 1575,  
Translated in The Visitation of the Sick, *Book of Common Prayer*

*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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through 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.*

### THE ANTHEM

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days,  
that I may be certified how long I have to live.  
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long,  
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;  
And verily every man living is altogether vanity.  
For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain;  
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.  
And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling;  
hold not thy peace at my tears.  
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength,  
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

*Music:* Maurice Greene (1695-1755)  
*Words:* Psalm 39

## THE PRAYERS

*All stand.*

### HYMN

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Music:* Slane (Irish)  
*Words:* Ancient Irish Hymn, c. 8<sup>th</sup> century tr. Mary Bryne (1880-1931)  
versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

*All sit.*

## THE SERMON The Master

*All stand.*

HYMN

**There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.**

**There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

*Words: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)*

THE BLESSING

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

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Master Tallis's Testament

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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*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.*



### **CONFIRMATION**

The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham will kindly be here to preside at our annual celebratory service of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion on Sunday 19 July. 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 mailing 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 via 020 7427 5650.

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

BAPTISM

Tristan David Robinson

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Alex and Sarah Cooke

Edward Devereux and Iona McLaren

James and Philippa Hoddell

Richard and Victoria Robinson

Edward and Florence Smith

THE SICK

Charles Elliott

THE DEPARTED

Jeremy Connor

James Wadsworth

YEAR'S MIND

Desmond Ackner

Betty Boothroyd

Henry Brooke

Philip Butler

Colin Campbell

Trevor Dannatt

Roger Ellis

Nuala Evans

Stella Gallagher

Wendy Grayson

Richard Guy

Eben Hamilton

Adrian Hardiman

John Hobhouse

Andrew Hodge

Charles Holland

Ben Hytner

Paul Jenkins

William Macpherson

Máire Sarah Morwena McNally

Philipp Montigel

Ian Peddie

Robert Porter

Frances Read

Mark Tennant

# FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

**Wednesday 4 March, 6.00pm**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Temple Church Choir

with special guests, the Choir of Norwich Cathedral

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**Thursday 5 March, 9.00pm**

**COMPLINE**

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**Thursday 12 March, 7.30pm**

**BACH: ST JOHN PASSION**

**Thomas Allery *conductor*, Temple Singers, Temple Players**

*This concert is sponsored by The Temple Music Foundation.*

*For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)*

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**Sunday 15 March, 11.15am**

**CHORAL MATTINS: MOTHERING SUNDAY**

*Followed by a Special Mothers' Day Sunday lunch in Inner Temple for members of the Inns and their guests.*

*To book for lunch: [www.innertemple.org.uk/events](http://www.innertemple.org.uk/events)*

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**Wednesday 18 March, 6.00pm**

**CHORAL EVENSONG: FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY**

*Music to include: A Prayer for St Patrick (Rutter),  
Beati quorum via (Stanford), Irish Blessing (Chilcott)*

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**Sunday 29 March, 11.15am**

**CHORAL COMMUNION: PALM SUNDAY**

*Music to include: Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes),  
Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria)*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Wednesday 1 April, 6.00pm**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG FOR HOLY WEEK**  
Temple Singers

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

**Friday 3 April, 11.15am**  
**CHORAL MATTINS: GOOD FRIDAY**  
Temple Church Choir

**Saturday 4 April, 8.00pm**  
**EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER**  
Temple Singers

**Sunday 5 April, 11.15am**  
**CHORAL COMMUNION: EASTER SUNDAY**  
Temple Church Choir

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

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

