

# The Temple Church

Sunday 29 March 2026

The Sunday next before Easter, Palm Sunday

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

Welcome to this morning's service. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). If you are a visitor here and are a communicant member of your own Church, you are most welcome to receive Communion this morning; if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please just keep your head bowed and hands lowered when you are at the altar-rail. This is Christ's banquet; we are all his guests; and he bids us welcome.

This morning's Communion setting is Berkeley's *Missa Brevis*. The order of service is printed in the Temple Church Service Booklet, pp. 31-44. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.



Giotto, Entry into Jerusalem (Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, 1304-1306)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*All stand at the entrance of the clergy.*

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in excelsis deo.

*Music:* Thomas Weelkes (c.1574-1623)

*Words:* Matthew 21. 9

HYMN

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| <p>1.<br/><i>All glory, laud, and honour<br/>To thee, Redeemer, King,<br/>To whom the lips of children<br/>Made sweet hosannas ring.</i></p> <p>3.<br/>The company of angels<br/>Are praising thee on high;<br/>And mortal men and all things<br/>Created make reply.<br/><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>5.<br/>To thee before thy Passion<br/>They sang their hymns of praise<br/>To thee now high exalted<br/>Our melody we raise.<br/><i>Chorus</i></p> | <p>2.<br/>Thou art the King of Israel<br/>Thou David's royal Son,<br/>Who in the Lord's name comest,<br/>The King and Blessed One.<br/><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>4.<br/>The people of the Hebrews<br/>With palms before thee went<br/>Our praise and prayer and anthems<br/>Before thee we present.<br/><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>6.<br/>Thou didst accept their praises<br/>Accept the prayers we bring<br/>Who in all good delightest<br/>Thou good and gracious king.<br/><i>Chorus</i></p> |
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*Music:* M. Teschner (1615)

*Words:* St Theodulph of Orleans. Tr. J. M. Neale

*All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.*

*After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:*

THE KYRIE

## 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.*

## THE EPISTLE Philippians 2. 5-11

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*All stand for the Psalm.*

### PSALM 73. 22-27 (Parratt)

Nevertheless, I am alway by thee: for thou hast holden me by my right hand.  
Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee:

and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth:

but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish:

thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God:

and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

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.

THE GOSPEL  
Matthew 21. 1-13

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

*All remain standing and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all face East while the Choir and congregation sing the Creed.*

THE CREED (p. 35, white booklet)

THE SERMON  
The Master

HYMN

**1.**  
**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**Hark! All the tribes Hosanna cry.**  
**O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,**  
**With palms and scattered garments**  
**strowed.**

**2.**  
**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**In lowly pomp ride on to die.**  
**O Christ, thy triumphs now begin**  
**O'er captive death and conquered**  
**sin.**

3.  
**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering  
eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

4.  
**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

5.  
**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power and reign.**

*Music: Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg (1690)  
Words: Henry H. Milman (1791-1868)*

*All sit or kneel.*

#### THE PRAYERS

#### THE CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All stand.*

#### AFTER THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Master: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And with thy spirit.**  
Master: Lift up your hearts.  
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Master: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

*After the choir sings the Sanctus/Benedictus, all sit or kneel.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Pueri Hebraeorum,  
vestimenta prosternebant in via,  
et clamabant dicentes:  
Hosanna filio David:  
benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini!

*The Hebrew children  
spread their garments in the way,  
and cried out, saying:  
Hosanna to the Son of David:  
Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord!*

*Music: Tomas Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)*

## THE PRAYERS

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*All stand.*

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN

1.  
**My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?**
2.  
**He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend.  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!**
3.  
**Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.**
4.  
**They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
To suffering goes  
That he his foes  
From thence might free.**

**5.  
Here might I stay and sing.  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.**

*Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)  
Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)*

**THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Prelude op 5

*Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

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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.

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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.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Catherine and Richard Borrett  
Phillippa and Samuel Bryant  
Edward and Katherine Johns  
Ross and Anna Marchant  
Richard and Catriona Roberts  
Hugh Cornford and Charlotte Rogers  
Hugo Hamper-Potts and Clover Hibbert  
Jacob Rogers and Imogen Holroyde

THE DEPARTED

John Cone

YEAR'S MIND

Stella Addison  
Joan Bryce  
Andrew Buchanan  
William Glover  
Ann Goddard  
Michael Havers  
Richard Hill  
William Powell  
Joanna Sawdy

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