

**THE TEMPLE CHURCH
LONDON**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 2 April 2026
1.15 p.m.

Palestrina, *Missa brevis*

Organ music before the service

Pange lingua

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The congregation stands at the entry of the clergy.

¶*The priest says privately:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

¶*All sit, as the priest says:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶*The priest then reads:*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Matthew 22. 37-40

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶*While the congregation remains sitting, the choir sings:*

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

¶*The priest says:*

Let us pray.

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen Servant CHARLES, our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we, and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind has 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

1 Corinthians 11. 17-end

Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

All stand.

PSALM 43

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee:
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me:
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul:

and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God:

for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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.

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.

¶ *At the end of the gospel the choir and congregation sing:*

Cong. 

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

¶ *The CREED is sung by the choir and congregation. All remain standing, and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all face East.*

Priest: 

All: 

I be - lieve in one God the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of heaven and earth,

and of all things vis - i - ble and in - vis - i - ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ,

the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God, Be - got - ten of His Fa - ther be - fore all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, Ve - ry God of Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten not made,

Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther, By whom all things were made:

Who for us men, and for our sal - va - tion, came down from heaven,

And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry,

And was made man, And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late.

He suff - ered and was bur - ied, And the third day he rose

a - gain ac - cor - ding to the Scrip - tures, And asc - en - ded in - to heaven,
And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther. And he shall come a -
gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost,
The Lord and gi - ver of life, Who pro - cee - deth from the Fa - ther and the Son,
Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - ge - ther is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied,
Who spake by the pro - phets. And I be - lieve One Cath - o - lick and Ap - o - stol - ick Church.
I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - miss - ion of sins.
And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, And the life of the world to come. A - men.

¶ *The congregation sits.*

OFFERTORY MOTET

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine;
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine;
cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, offered on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood.
Be our food in the testing of death.*

Music: Peter Philips (c.1560-1628)

Words: Recorded in a Reichenau ms, early 14th c., ‘Salutationem sequentem composuit Innocentius Papa’; perhaps Innocent V (1276)

THE CONFESSION

¶ *The priest says:*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

¶ *All say:*

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.

¶*The priest pronounces:*

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶*The priest says:*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
St Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
St John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 John 2.1

SURSUM CORDA

¶*The priest and congregation stand. The choir and congregation sing the responses.*

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

¶*The priest says:*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶*The choir sings:*

SANCTUS

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua:	<i>Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

¶*All sit.*

The priest says:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and

wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

¶*While the congregation receives Communion, the choir sings:*

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

¶*After all have received Communion, all sit and say together:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Choir sings*

THE GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam, Domine Deus,
Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata
mundi, suscipe deprecationem
nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris,
miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus
sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei
Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,
goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the
right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

¶*The priest then gives*

THE BLESSING

May Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Organ music after the service

Christus, der uns selig macht

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

There will be a retiring collection.