

The Temple Church

Sunday 26 April 2026

The Third Sunday after Easter

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 Mozart's *Orgelsolemnmesse K259*. Please turn to page 31 of the white service booklet where you will find the words of the service. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Vreuchten'
(1987)

George Thalben-Ball (1896-

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west

Shall wake the dead in number.
Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Music : Dutch carol, arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Words : G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

HYMN 296

Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer

CHORISTER AWARDS

Thomas Mayes – Head Chorister

Danny Kay – Deputy Head Chorister

Robert Berry-Roe – Director of Music Award

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2. 11-17

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 57 (Lloyd)

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee:
and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be
over-past.

I will call unto the most high God:

even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from heaven:

and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

God shall send forth his mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.

And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire:

whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul:

they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people:

and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens:

and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

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 priest introduces the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL
John 16. 16-22

Jesus said to his disciples, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; because I go to the Father.

Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see

me; and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me? Verily, verily I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

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*)

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Master

All stand.

HYMN

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.**

*Music: Slane, Traditional Irish Melody
Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)*

All sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

*Where there are affection and love, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and delight in him.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And from our hearts let us love each other sincerely.
Where there are affection and love, there God is. Amen*

*Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
Words: Antiphon for Maundy Thursday*

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN 137

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

COLLECTION

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. Thank you!



CONFIRMATION

Our annual celebratory service of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion will be held 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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like to join our mailing list and be 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.

SAFEGUARDING

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

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

BAPTISM

Teia Rose Power Granger
Tristan Jacob Daley Granger

MARRIAGE

Richard Charteris and Georgina Thomas
Jack Gordon and Margery Infield

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

James and Charlotte Clark
Ranald and Lucy Davidson
Rupert Harcourt Kent and Emily Forde
Karim Ghaly and Georgina Wolfe
Philip and Clare Hicks
Benjamin and Natalie Kyneswood
Christopher Morgan and Tracy Watts
Jan Mugerwa and Clare Kenny
Marcus and Henrietta Newbold
Gary Porter and Rachel Spearing
Bernard and Christa Richmond
Jonathan and Claire Rushton
William and Nicola Stuart
Aaron and Elizabeth Walder
William and Sophie Wapshott

THE DEPARTED

Anthony Clarke
John Cone
Patrick Ground
Colin Mackay

YEAR'S MIND

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| Mary Ewa Oboho | Brian O'Kell |
| Okon Ewa Oboho | Theo Savvides |
| Jean Forshaw | Joanna Sawdy |
| Gillian Kalitsi | Barbara Sayer |
| Rosemary Kilner Brown | Clive Stanbrook |
| Brian Neill | Evan Stone |

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 6 May, 6pm
CHORAL EVENSONG IN CELEBRATION OF
HM THE KING'S CORONATION
Music to include: Zadok the Priest (Handel)

Wednesday 13 May, 5.45pm
(Please note earlier start time)
CHORAL EVENSONG ON THE EVE OF ASCENSION
*Music to include: Coelos ascendit hodie (Stanford),
Laetatus sum (Cozzolani)*

Sunday 17 May, 11.15am
CHORAL MATTINS: in Celebration of William Tynedale

Sunday 24 May, 11.15am
CHORAL COMMUNION: PENTECOST SUNDAY
Music to include: Mozart's Mass in B flat

Wednesday 17 June, 6pm
CHORAL EVENSONG
Sung by the Bar Choral Society

Sunday 21 June, 11.15am
CHORAL MATTINS
*Followed by Fathers' Day Sunday Lunch in Middle Temple for
members of the Inns and their guests.
To book for the lunch: 020 7427 4800*

Sunday 28 June, 11.15am
CHORAL COMMUNION
*Followed by the Big Picnic in Inner Temple Gardens. To book for
the Big Picnic: www.innertemple.org.uk/events*