

The Temple Church

Wednesday 6 May 2026, 6.00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

*In Celebration of the Coronation of Their
Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla,
6 May 2023.*

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

Fantasia in G

Sir C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958),
for the Coronation of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1953)
Words: Psalm 34. 8*

HYMN

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen**

Music: 'Old 100th', arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958),
for the Coronation of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1953)
Words: W. Kethe (d. 1594), Daye's Psalter, 1561 (Psalm 100)

All sit.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

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

THE RESPONSES (*Smith*)

PSALM 99 (*Ley*)

The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient:
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people.
They shall give thanks unto thy Name: which is great, wonderful, and holy.
The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity:
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
O magnify the Lord our God:
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his
Name:
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar:
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
Thou heardest them, O Lord our God:
thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill:
for the Lord our God is holy.
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

The First Lesson is written in the First Book of Chronicles,
the twenty-ninth Chapter.

And king David said, Call unto me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet. And they came before the king. The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule. And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead.

So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule. And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Gibbons, Second Service*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Read at the Coronation, 6 May 2023

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel of Luke,
the fourth Chapter.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Gibbons, Second Service*)

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit.

ANTHEM

Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, anointed Solomon king.
And all the people rejoiced, and said,
God save the king. Long live the king. May the king live forever.
Amen. Alleluia.

Music: Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Words: 1 Kings 1. 39, 40

'Zadok' was composed for the Coronation of George II (1727) and has been sung at every coronation since.

PRAYERS

HYMN

Sung at the Coronation, 6 May 2023

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| 1.
Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone. | 2.
To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always. |
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**3.
Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.**

Music: Adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell (1658-1695)
Words: Anonymous, Latin translated by John M. Neale (1818-1866)

THE BLESSING

NATIONAL ANTHEM

**1.
God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.**

**2.
Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G

Sir C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

There will be a retiring collection. If you prefer to donate online kindly scan the QR code below.



The congregation is warmly invited to refreshments in the Round Church after the service. A donation to help cover our costs is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 19 JULY AT 11.15AM BAPTISM CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL COMMUNION

We are delighted that The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington and Acting Bishop of London will be presiding at our annual celebratory service this summer.

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, 6PM CHORAL EVENSONG AND FAREWELL

A special service as we bid farewell and happy retirement to Robin Griffith-Jones, The Reverend and Valiant Master of the Temple.
Followed by drinks and jazz in Church Court.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

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

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 13 May

5.45pm: CHORAL EVENSONG (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME)

7pm: BOOK LAUNCH: 'GOOD FAITH' by The Revd Angela Tilby

The Revd Angela Tilby is Canon Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, and a Canon of Honour at Portsmouth Cathedral. She lectures on early Church history, spirituality and Anglicanism, and is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day'.

There will be drinks in the Round following Evensong followed by the book launch.

Sunday 17 May, 11.15am

CHORAL MATTINS: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

To celebrate William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament which was first published in 1526; it is the basis of almost all later New Testament translations including the King James Bible.

Sung by Temple Singers

Friday 22 May, 7.30pm

**CONCERT: RAPHAEL WALLFISCH PERFORMS BACH
Cello Suites nos. 1, 2 and 3**

For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

Monday 8 June, 5.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sung by The Temple Church Choir

To include music by Noble and Bairstow

Tuesday 9 June, 7.30pm

**CONCERT: Courtney Pine presents Song
(The Ballad Book)**

We are delighted to welcome to Temple Church ground-breaking saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist, Courtney Pine CBE for an intimate show with MOBO award-winning pianist, Zoe Rahman.

For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

Wednesday 17 June, 6.00pm
CHORAL EVENSONG
Sung by The Bar Choral Society

Sunday 21 June, 11.15am
CHORAL MATTINS
Sung by The Temple Church Choir

*Followed by Father's Day Sunday lunch in Middle Temple for
members of the Inns and their guests.
To book for the lunch: 020 7427 4800*

Tuesday 23 June, 7.30pm
CONCERT: A CELEBRATION OF BENJAMIN BRITTEN
The Bar Choral Society
Greg Morris, *conductor*; Francois Cloete, *organ*
For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

Thursday 25 June, 6pm-7pm
CONCERT: SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES
Temple Singers, Temple Church Choristers, Temple City Singers,
and children from local schools.
This concert will centre around Michael Tippett's 'Four Songs
from the British Isles' alongside folksong arrangements by
Benjamin Britten. This concert is kindly supported by The
Michael Tippett Musical Foundation.
Free Admission

Friday 26 June, 8pm
COMPLINE
Sung by the Temple Church Youth Choir

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*
