

The Temple Church

Sunday 10 May 2026

The Fifth 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 Lassus's *Missa octavi toni*. 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

Andantino

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

Music: Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

HYMN 133

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

James 1. 22-end

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 15

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life:

and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour:

and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes:

and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not:

though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury:

nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

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. 23-end

Verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

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 415
Faithful Shepherd, feed me

All sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Dextera Domini fecit virtutem,
dextera Domini exaltavit me,
non moriar, sed vivam,
et narrabo opera Domini.

*The right hand of the Lord has done mighty things,
the right hand of the Lord has exalted me.
I shall not die, but live,
and proclaim the works of the Lord.*

Music: Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Words: Psalm 118. 16, 17

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN 217

All hail the power of Jesus' name

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude

Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

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!



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

BAPTISM

Lena Amara Sullivan Baig

MARRIAGE

Thomas Walker and Stefania Matthidi

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Timothy and Victoria Albone	Robert Lakin and Florence Binks
William and Megan Ashworth	Joseph Latimer and Margo Munro-Kerr
Paul and Ruth Bleasdale	John and Sophie Lawley
Richard and Helen Bourne	Matthew and Alice Loynes
Anna and Samuel Caird	Frederick and Alexandra Pollock
Robert Gomer and Laura Thomson	Warren and Harper Ruhomon
Tim and Dawn Hayes	Oliver and Bridget Spencer
Robert and Nicola Hamilton	Alaric Watson and Phillipa Hill
Tony and Debra Harding	Christian and Sophie Westra
Christopher Johnson and Hannah Stubbs	

THE DEPARTED

Anthony Clarke
John Cone
Patrick Ground
Colin Mackay

YEAR'S MIND

Joan Ackner	David Dawson	Ian Partridge
Tati Aldrete	Ann Downham	James Price
Jose Barker	Cyril Horsford	James Richmond
Meyrick Beebee (priest)	Peter Jacobsen	Theo Savvides
Stanley Brodie	Gillian Kalitsi	Mark Sheldon
Joan Bryce	Peter Little	Jonathan Soole
Cecil Clothier	Mary May	Evan Stone
Jackie Davies	Robert Moorhead	David Vaughan
	Brian Neill	Charlotte Wycherley

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

Music to include: If ye love me (Tallis), The word is a lantern (Purcell)

Friday 22 May, 7.30pm

CONCERT: RAPHAEL WALLFISCH PLAYS BACH

Raphael Wallfisch brings to life the timeless genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, performing the first three of Bach's iconic Cello Suites entirely from memory.

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*

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 joining us for our annual celebratory service this summer.

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, 6PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

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.