

# The Temple Church

Sunday 31 May 2026

Trinity 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 Schubert's *Mass in G*. 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 in E flat BWV 552

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*All stand at the entrance of the choir.*

## INTROIT

Holy, holy, holy  
God almighty Lord!  
Holy, holy, holy  
Everywhere adored!

Power and love and wonder  
Circling round his throne  
Praise him, holy, holy  
Lord of life alone.

He without beginning  
He th'eternal one  
Reigns and rules for ever  
All things 'neath the sun.

Holy, holy, holy  
God almighty Lord!  
Holy, holy, holy  
Everywhere adored!

*Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

## HYMN 160

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty

## CHORISTER INSTALLATION

Molly Hartigan

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

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

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR THE EPISTLE  
Revelation 4.1-end

After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold: and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices.

And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast

their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

*All stand for the Psalm.*

PSALM 8 (*Corfe*)

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world:  
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!  
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,  
because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.  
For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.  
What is man, that thou art mindful of him:  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?  
Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship.  
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands:  
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;  
All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;  
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea:  
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.  
O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!  
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 3.1-15

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of

the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not; how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

*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 372  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*All sit or kneel.*

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Great Lord of Lords, supreme immortal King, O give us grace to sing  
thy praise, which makes earth, air, and heaven to ring.  
O word of God, from ages unbegun, the Father's only son,  
with him in power, in substance, thou art one.  
O Holy Ghost, whose care doth all embrace, thy watch is o'er our race,  
thou source of life, thou spring of peace and grace.  
One living Trinity, one unseen light, all, all, is thine, thy sight  
beholds alike the bounds of depth and height. Amen.

*Music:* Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*Words:* The Revd Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

THE PRAYERS

*All stand.*

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN

1.  
**The God of Abraham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heaven confest;  
We bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.**

3.  
**There dwells the Lord our King,  
The Lord our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world of sin,  
The Prince of Peace:  
On Sion's sacred height  
His Kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light  
For ever reigns.**

2.  
**The goodly land we see,  
With peace and plenty blest:  
A land of sacred liberty  
And endless rest;  
There milk and honey flow,  
And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life for ever grow,  
With mercy crowned.**

4.  
**The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
'Hail! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'  
They ever cry;  
Hail! Abraham's God, and mine!  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
All might and majesty are thine,  
And endless praise.**

*Music:* Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)  
*Words:* based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*, Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat BWV 552

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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COLLECTION

*There will be a retiring collection. 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

Guinevere Emma Rosalyn Bennett  
Olive Sophia Chandler

MARRIAGE

Matthew Page and Claudia Matthews

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Robin and Sarah Abram  
Julian and Clodagh Alexander  
Jean-François and Victoria André  
Alexander and Alexandra Barnfield  
Raphael and Tehillah Biendarra  
Asa Bennett and Emma Double  
Martin and Samantha Chamberlain  
Jason and Ashley Cross  
Anthony and Julie Downes  
Martin Dwyer and Hilary Toulmin  
James and Emma Ellison  
Simon Gilson and Georgina Petrova  
Jonathan and Julia Hanlon

Nicholas Hill and Julie Swan  
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William and Katherine Hopkin  
Rebecca and Christopher James  
Henry and Charlotte Knapman  
Charles and Susan Llewellyn  
Daniel and Katie Moorey  
James and Emma Newman  
Felix Lowe and Alexandra Openshaw  
Phillip and Anna Souta  
Philippa and Giles Stevens  
Lachlan Wilson and Victoria James

YEAR'S MIND

Bridget Archer  
Charles Arnold-Baker  
Fiona Bartlett  
Agnes Campbell  
Natasha Edwards  
Rosie Elliott  
Roger Gifford

William Griffiths  
Gillian Kalitsi  
Ian Partridge  
Nicholas Price  
Mark Sheldon  
Hannah Turner  
Susan Ward

# **SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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.*

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

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

Thank you.

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

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

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# **SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**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*

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**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](http://www.templemusic.org)*

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**Wednesday 17 June, 6.00pm**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Sung by The Bar Choral Society*

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**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*

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**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](http://www.templemusic.org)*

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**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 is kindly supported by The Michael Tippett Musical  
Foundation. Free Admission

**Friday 26 June, 8pm**

**COMPLINE**

*Sung by the Temple Church Youth Choir*

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**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](http://www.innertemple.org.uk/events)*

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