

The Temple Church

Sunday 24 May 2026

Whit 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 Mozart's *Mass in B flat*. 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

Komm, heiliger Geist BUX WV 199

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

The spirit of the Lord filleth the world.

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia

Music: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

HYMN 235

Come down, O love divine

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Acts 2. 1-11

When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 104. 24-35a

O Lord, how manifold are thy works:

in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also:

wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan:

whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it:

and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:

when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made:
and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him:
if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall
come to an end:

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
St. John 14. 15-end

Jesus said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

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 329
O thou who camest from above

All sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes
erant omnes pariter dicentes, Alleluia.
Et subito factus est sonus de coelo,
tamquam spiritus vehementis,
et replevit totam domum.
Alleluia.

*When the days of Pentecost were fulfilled
they were all together saying, Alleluia.
And suddenly was heard from heaven
a sound as of a rushing mighty wind,
and it filled the whole house.
Alleluia.*

Music: Giovanni da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Words: Acts 2. 1-2

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN 236
Breathe on me, breath of God

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia super 'Komm, heiliger Geist' BWV 651

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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!



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.

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.

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

BAPTISM

Rory Bates
Ralph Bowley

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Nicholas and Georgina Chadwick
Dafydd and Hannah Edwards
Emily Brougham and Ryan Ellsworth
Mark and Susan Glasgow
Robert and Thea Holford
Abha and Tuomo Hurri
Nicholas and Alice Jenkins
Stephen and Sonal Keay
James and Phoebe Lake
John and Nicola Lumsdon
Martin and Elizabeth Peel
David and Eleanor Redmayne

YEAR'S MIND

Fiona Bartlett	John James
Jean Berry	John Jones
Ann Curnow	Thomas Keeley
Miriam Davey	Andrew Kelly
David Donne	Peter Kerswell
Ann Downham	Helen Khan
Natasha Edwards	Lily Knapman
Rosie Elliot	Ian Partridge
Edward Evans-Lombe	Roger Payton
Roger Gifford	Nicholas Price
Mark Gladwell	John Sawdy
Doris Good	Jonathan Soole
Jackie Gundy	Charlotte Wycherley
Peter Harrison	

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*

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 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*

THURSDAY 2 JULY, 6.30pm

CONCERT: SPEM IN ALIUM THE 40 VOICE SPECTACULAR

Temple Singers, Thomas Allery, conductor

Music to include: Celia Virgo (Gabriel Jackson),

Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener).

Promoted by Temple Music Foundation

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

THURSDAY 16 JULY, 7.00pm

CONCERT: THE KING SHALL REJOICE: A BAROQUE CORONATION

Temple Church Choir, Temple Players

Thomas Allery, conductor; Charles Andrews, organ

Music to include: Zadok the Priest, Let thy Hand be strengthened (Handel).

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

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.
