

# The Temple Church

Sunday 28 June 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

**Welcome to this morning's service. We are especially delighted to welcome the young members of the Temple City Singers who will join the Temple Church choir for the first time. 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 Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*. 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

Dolce, Symphonie no. 4

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

*All stand at the entrance of the choir.*

## INTROIT

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart  
O Sovereign of Heaven my treasure thou art,  
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Music:* Bob Chilcott (b. 1971)  
*Words:* Ancient Irish Hymn, c. 8<sup>th</sup> century

## HYMN

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

*Music:* Sir John Goss (1800-1880)  
*Words:* Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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

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

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8. 18-23

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope: because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

*All stand for the Psalm.*

PSALM 100 (*Stanford*)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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  
Luke 6. 36-42

Jesus said, be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master; but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

*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

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus*

*Music and words: Daniel Schutte (b. 1947)*

*All sit or kneel.*

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Lord bless you and keep you:  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you:  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen.

*Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)  
Words: Numbers 6. 24-26*

THE PRAYERS

*All stand.*

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear:  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen.  
How thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

*Music:* Praxis pietatis, P. Sohren's edition of Praxis pietatis melica, 1668  
*Words:* Joachim Neander (1650-1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Final, Symphonie no. 4

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

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## 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!*



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## TEMPLE CITY SINGERS

Temple City Singers is our new Junior Choir, open to children in Years 1 - 6. The choir is open to all and rehearses at 4.30 - 5.30pm on Tuesdays at St Vedast-alias-Foster, 4 Foster Lane, London EC2V 6HH. If you would like to find out more, please contact Yvette Murphy at [yvette@templechurch.com](mailto:yvette@templechurch.com).

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## SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 22 July, 6.00pm**

## 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.*

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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.

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

BAPTISM

King Adedeji

MARRIAGE

Phineas Leng and Piyaon Bungwai

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Martyn and Marika Bazen  
Zach and Sara Bredemear  
Sebastian and Katherine Cater  
Simon and Simone Draycott  
Andrew and Sera Edge  
Jack and Annie Emery  
Rupert and Rachel Hamilton  
Ian and Jill Hunter

Isabella and Finley Judge  
Alexander and Natasha Last  
Craig and Natalie Leslie  
Matthias and Rebecca Newsome  
Andrew and Victoria Murray  
Michael and Charlotte Quayle  
Jo-han Ho and Claire Shelley  
Christopher and Anna Tanton

THE DEPARTED

Peter Readman

YEAR'S MIND

Lucy Atkins  
Thomas Baxendale  
Hazel Beringer  
Frances Bolton  
Graham Davies  
Alexander Dawson  
Stephen Denyer  
Timothy Dutton  
Bill Finch  
Sam Hiller  
Andrew John Keogh  
Peter Kerswell  
Sophie Laws  
Brian Lees

Freddie McLellan  
William Monier-Williams  
Stephen Oliver  
Ian Partridge  
Murray Pickering  
Oliver Popplewell  
Jennifer Roberts  
Richard Sones  
John Tiley  
John Toulmin  
Roger Toulson  
Andrew Watson  
Michael Watson  
Jeanie Wright