

The Temple Church

Sunday 21 June 2026

The Third Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

You are most welcome to this morning's service. We follow the service of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). Much of the service is sung by the Choir alone. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the opportunity this offers to let the music and words take your mind and your heart – with all the concerns you have for those you love and for our world – into the presence of God.

It is traditional here for the congregation to stand for the Venite and the Canticles; if it would be more comfortable for you to remain seated, please do.

The order of service is printed in the white service booklet, pp. 17-29. The new public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Cantabile, Symphonie No. 6

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

The congregation stands.

INTROIT

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying
For the bread of life I'm sighing
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace
When the breath of life has left me
May my soul be blended with thee.

Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

HYMN

**Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the word.**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.**

*Music: Anonymous Gaelic
Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

All sit or kneel for the confession.

CONFESSION (*p. 17 of white booklet*)

All stand at "Glory be....." RESPONSES (Clucas)

All remain standing and sing: VENITE (PSALM 95. 1-7)



The first two verses and the Gloria are sung in unison.

- 1 O come let us | sing un-to the | Lord:
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
 - 2 Let us come before his | presence · with | thanksgiving:
and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
 - 3 For the Lord is a | great | God:
and a | great King · a- | bove all | gods.
 - 4 In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth:
and the | strength of · the | hills is · his | also.
 - 5 The sea is | his and · he | made it:
and his | hands pre- | pared the · dry | land.
 - 6 O come let us worship and | fall | down:
and | kneel be-fore the | Lord our | Maker.
- 2nd Part*
- 7 For he is the | Lord our | God:
and we are the people of his | pasture · and the | sheep of · his | hand.
Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and | ev-er | shall be:
World without | end. A- | — | men.

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

All remain standing.

The choir sings: PSALM 49. 1-8 (*Walmisley*)

O hear ye this, all ye people:

ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;

High and low, rich and poor: one with another.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and my heart shall muse of understanding.

I will incline mine ear to the parable: and shew my dark speech upon the harp.

Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness:

and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?

There be some that put their trust in their goods:

and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

But no man may deliver his brother: nor make agreement unto God for him;

For it cost more to redeem their souls: so that he must let that alone for ever;

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
Deuteronomy 11. 1-5, 6-9, 18-21

Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway. And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm, And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day; And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place; And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:

But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it; And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest

in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

All stand.

TE DEUM (*J. C. Bach*)
(*p. 21 of white booklet*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Luke 4. 1-14

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

All stand.

JUBILATE (*Plainsong*)
(*p. 23 of white booklet*)

In the tradition of the Temple Church, we face east to say together:

THE CREED
(*p. 24 of white booklet*)

All sit or kneel at 'Let us pray...' THE RESPONSES

All sit or kneel.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with Psalms must shout.
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Music: C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

Words: J. G. Whittier (1807-1892)

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Master

All stand.

HYMN

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.**

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on Luke 1.46-55

THE BLESSING

All are invited to sit after the departure of the Clergy for

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Finale, (Symphonie No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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



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 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.

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

Sebastian Christopher Howitt Poolman

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Martyn and Marika Bazen	Ian and Jill Hunter
Zach and Sara Bredemear	Alexander and Natasha Last
Sebastian and Katherine Cater	Craig and Natalie Leslie
Simon and Simone Draycott	Andrew and Victoria Murray
Andrew and Sera Edge	Matthias and Rebecca Newsome
Jack and Annie Emery	Michael and Charlotte Quayle
Rupert and Rachel Hamilton	Jo-han Ho and Claire Shelley
Christopher and Anna Tanton	

THE SICK

Margaret Beddoe

THE DEPARTED

Kenneth Keith
Peter Readman

YEAR'S MIND

Thomas Baxendale	Brian Lees
Hazel Beringer	Freddie McLellan
Frances Bolton	Stephen Oliver
Henry John Byrt	Ian Patridge
Graham Davies	Murray Pickering
Alexander Dawson	Oliver Popplewell
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