

The Temple Church

Sunday 26 July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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 Rheinberger's *Mass in F minor, op 62*. 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

Sonata No. 5, Movement 1

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

All stand at the entrance of the clergy.

HYMN

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| 1. | 2. |
| All my hope on God is founded; | Pride of man and earthly glory, |
| He doth still my trust renew. | Sword and crown betray his trust; |
| Me through change and chance he | What with care and toil he |
| guideth, | buildeth, |
| Only good and only true. | Tower and temple, fall to dust. |
| God unknown, | But God's power, |
| He alone | Hour by hour, |
| Calls my heart to be his own. | Is my temple and my tower. |

**3. Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the cantor sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8. 12-17

Bretheren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: for if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

All stand. The cantor sings:

THE GRADUAL (*Rheinberger*)

Verbum supernum prodiens,
Nec Patris linquens dexteram,
Ad opus suum exiens,
Venit ad vitæ vesperam.

Se nascens dedit socium,
Convalescens in edulium,
Se moriens in pretium,
Se regnans dat in præmium.

O salutaris hostia,
Quæ cæli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 7. 15-21

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

All remain standing and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all face East to say together

THE CREED (*p. 35, white booklet*)

All sit.

THE OFFERTORY

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, op 122

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

THE PRAYERS

THE CONFESSION

AFTER THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

All stand to respond.

Master: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Master: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Master: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

After the Sanctus/Benedictus, all sit or kneel.

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 5, movement 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

BAPTISM

Isabel Poppy Caro Berry
Theodore Ferdinand Robin Howard

MARRIAGE

Francesca Ann Bailey and Jonathan Frederick Lacey
Shanee Baker and Ciaran Maguire
Stephanie Alexandria Brewer and Patrick Kenny

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Benjamin and Samantha Anstice	William and Sarah Holdcroft
Andrew and Daphne Baker	Rupert and Charlotte Jones
Daniel and Sophie Borrillo	Emily and James McWilliams
Paddy and Hayley Buckley	Richard and Denise Sedgwick
David Dadds and Claire Marshall	James and Deborah Smart
Jonathan and Jennifer Goddard	Anthony and Alexandra Thompson
Matthew and Rachael Greenhall	Mark and Layla Verity
Ben and Louise Griffiths	John and Clare Walters
Lukas and Natalie Hamilton Eddy	Matthew and Heather Watson
James and Nicole Hard	Christopher and Emma Young
Gabrielle and Gregory Hart	

THE SICK

Hugh Mead (Priest)

THE DEPARTED

Graham Trembath

YEAR'S MIND

Sheila Cameron	Tim Kilner Brown
Barbara Calcutt	Bill Monier-Williams
Peter Carrington	Andrew Pugh
Richard Chang	Gerard Ryan
John Gardner	Paddy Sheehan
Anthony Glass	Richard Sones
David Johnson	