

THE TEMPLE CHURCH

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026, 11.15 a.m.



BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson

Bishop of Kensington & Acting Bishop of London

Setting: Mozart's *Coronation Mass*

THE CANDIDATES' PRAYERS

We have asked the candidates being confirmed today to compose a short prayer for inclusion in this service booklet. Today we ask you, the congregation, to make these prayers your own prayers.

James

Dear God,

Thank you for everyone who has helped shape us in our journey to today. We give particular thanks for Revd. Robin for his service to us and to this church over many years.

We ask that you bless us and give us knowledge and wisdom in our walk with you and your church.

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Mylo

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the Rev. Robin Griffith-Jones, who has dedicated 27 years in leading The Temple Church and guided those who are being confirmed today. We wish him a most deserved and relaxing retirement.

We also give thanks for our friends and family, both present and absent, and for the love and support they bring into our lives.

Please grant those in areas of conflict around the world, especially in Ukraine and Iran, the strength and resilience to endure each day. May you protect the vulnerable, comfort the suffering and guide these nations towards a lasting peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Patrick

God of all ages and all silence, who set the world on its course and fires it still with love, in this moment, receive me.

I stand at this threshold, small before your vastness, and find, astonishingly, that you bend toward me.

I do not come to you with answers. But with an attempt at attention. To song, to the shape of old stones, to what they try to say.

Teach me to live inside that mystery, and inside your love which passes all understanding, not to reduce you to what I can contain, but to be enlarged by what I cannot.

In your mercy, hear my prayer.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Ethan James Calvert
James Plaut

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Patrick Edmond
Mylo Hutchings
James Plaut

Organ music before the service

Fantasia in G minor BWV572

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The congregation stands at the entrance of the clergy and candidates
for baptism and for confirmation.*

INTROIT

I would find thee,
Whom here no eye can see:
Only the heart can rise
And reach thy throne beyond the skies.

Music: Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Words: from Isaiah 55. 6-7

HYMN

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.**

Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

THE PROMISES

Master: Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: **With the help of God, we will.**

Master, to the candidates' parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these candidates with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ? Will you help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents:

With the help of God, we will.

Master: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask us all: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All: **I reject them.**

All: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

All: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God
and neighbour?
I repent of them.

All: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

All: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

All: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the
life?
I come to Christ.

Master: Brothers and sisters, I ask you all to profess together
with the candidates' parents and godparents the faith
of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the
Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

Master: Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

Master: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The congregation sits.

THE BAPTISM

The Bishop baptises the candidates.

Bishop: I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After the candidates have been baptised:

Bishop: Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. And so may almighty God restore in you the image of his glory.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation stands.

HYMN

**He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round
With dismal stories
Do but themselves confound
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might;
Though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end,
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.**

Music: Monks Gate, adapted Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: John Bunyan (1628-88) and Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

THE WORD

The congregation sits or kneels.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bishop: Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Reader: St Paul's Letter to the Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here endeth the epistle.

The congregation remains seated.

PSALM 34. 11-end

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me:

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous:

and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them:

and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart:

and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous:

but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly:

and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants:

and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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 congregation stands for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

Master: The Gospel according to St Matthew, the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

All:



Master: And seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain:
and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in
heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before
you. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his
savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good
for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot
of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an
hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it
under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto
all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven.

All:



The congregation sits.

THE SERMON

The Bishop

THE CONFIRMATION

The candidates for confirmation gather before the Bishop.

The congregation remains seated.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

All: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

All: **Henceforth, world without end.**

Bishop: Lord, hear our prayers,

All: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given them forgiveness of all their sins: strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

*Then, each of the candidates in order kneel before the Bishop.
She lays her hand upon the head of each one, saying,*

Bishop: Confirm, O Lord, thy servant with thy Holy Spirit.
The Bishop anoints each with the oil of chrism, saying:
Shine in the world as one of God's chosen ones, beloved
and accepted in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Bishop continues:

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, we make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants, upon whom (after the example of thy holy apostles) we have now laid our hands.

Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them, let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the newly confirmed persons:

Bishop: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation stands.

HYMN

**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 my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Be thou mine inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Music: Slane (Irish)

Words: Mary Bryne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

THE COMMUNION

SURSUM CORDA

Bishop: The Lord be with you:

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts:

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

Bishop: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God:

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

Bishop: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

SANCTUS

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua:
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Hosanna in the highest.*

The congregation kneels.

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Bishop: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread, and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: Amen.

During Communion the choir sings.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our
Lord, and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

Music: From “Messiah” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Words: Revelation 11. 15, 19. 16

The congregation stands.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus,
Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;

qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram;
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will
towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,*

*we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ;

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that
takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us. For thou only art holy;*

thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

*with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.*

The congregation sits or kneels.

**All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy
name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The
power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly
received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the
most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and**

goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The congregation stands.

HYMN

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My master and my friend.**

**O let me see thy footprints,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My saviour and my friend.**

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

FINAL BLESSING

Bishop: And now go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Ghost. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Organ music after the service

Fugue in G minor BWV572

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

RECEPTION AND RETIRING COLLECTION

*After the service we invite the whole congregation to a celebratory
drink and cake in the courtyard.*

*The retiring collection today will support the general work of
The Temple Church Trust. Please consider adding Gift Aid
(significantly increasing the value of your donation) by providing
your name and address on the yellow envelopes found at the end of
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