

The Temple Church

Sunday 12 July 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

Welcome to this morning's service. This service will be the last sung service for our five choral scholars; Olivia Virgo, Lucy Roberts, Elliot Hampton, Owen Ravden and Iris Oliver. We thank them for their wonderful contribution to the Choir over the past year and bid them farewell and good luck for their next adventures. We look forward to them staying in touch and being back in the stalls as professionals in the future.

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 Lassus's *Missa Bel'Amfitrit altera*. 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

Cantabile, Symphonie no. 6

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Words: Psalm 117

HYMN

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

Music: Adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell (1658-1695)
Words: Anonymous, Latin translated by John M. Neale (1818-1866)

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE
Romans 6. 3-11

Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 90. 12-end

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon:

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us:

and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

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. Matthew 5. 20-26

JESUS said unto his disciples, Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgement.

But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

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

**Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose Death our sins are dead.**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.**

Music: (t. Genevan psalm cxviii)
Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

All sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
Cantate Domino omnis terra,
Cantate Domino et benedicite nomini eius
Annuntiate de die in diem salutare eius.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth,
Sing to the Lord and bless his name
Proclaim his salvation every day without end.*

Music: Claudio Monteverdi (c. 1567-1643)

Words: Psalm 96. 1-2

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's son
The God incarnate born
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem:
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,--
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years!
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail! Redeemer,--Hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity!**

*Music Diademata, Sir G. J. Elvey (1816-1893)
Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo, Symphonie No. 6

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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!



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

MARRIAGE

Paul Luckhurst and Jessica Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Andrew and Sarah Baughan	William and Sarah Holdcroft
Henry and Tamara Bevan	Rupert and Charlotte Jones
Zachary and Sara Bredemear	Robin and Marilena Kingham
Paddy and Hayley Buckley	David and Rebecca Lang
Michael and Harriette Cotter	Luke Maxted and Alicia Luba
Tommy and Emma Dutton	James and Deborah Smart
Matthew and Rachael Greenhall	Adam and Hayley Williams

THE SICK

Hugh Mead (Priest)

THE DEPARTED

James Mackay
Peter Readman
Graham Trembath

YEAR'S MIND

Bridget Archer	David Johnson
Lucy Atkins	Sophie Laws
Hazel Beringer	Thomas Miskell
Anthony Boswood	Bill Monier-Williams
Barbara Calcutt	Murray Pickering
Peter Carrington	Andrew Pugh
Richard Chang	Richard Sones
Timothy Dutton	John Toulmin
Anita de Lotbiniere	Roger Toulson
Natasha Edwards	Hannah Turner
Brenda Farthing	Andrew Watson
Jonathan Hirst	David Yale

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 15 July, 6.00-6.45pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Music to include: World premiere: The Temple Church Service (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) by Martin Baker, formerly Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, commissioned by our Choir to mark Robin's retirement. This evening will be our opportunity to offer an undistracted Thank You to our choristers for all their hard work and immense musicality through the year.

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)
Promoted by Temple Music Foundation
For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

Sunday 19 July, 11.15am

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL COMMUNION

With The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington and
Acting Bishop of London presiding.

Tuesday 21 July, 6.30pm

A GARLAND OF SONG: Madrigals in Church Court

Temple Singers
Come and enjoy some glorious, light music on a summer's evening.
Admission Free

Wednesday 22 July, 6.00pm

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.

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