

The Temple Church

Wednesday 1 July 2026, 6.00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to this service. It is a pleasure to see you here. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The words for the service can be found from p. 47 of the white booklet. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Te lucis ante terminum

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

Lord, for our nation we thy people pray,
That truth and justice ever shall prevail;
And we, who walk in freedom day by day
Must never rest, nor let our courage fail.
Let peace and concord rule throughout our land,
Till, at the last, before thy throne we stand.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)/ Sir John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

All sit or kneel for the Confession and Absolution (p. 47 of white booklet).

All stand at 'Glory be to the Father.....'

THE RESPONSES (*Clucas*)

PSALM 149 (Alcock)

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance:
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
For the Lord hath pleasure in his people:
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
Let the saints be joyful with glory:
let them rejoice in their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their mouth:
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To be avenged of the heathen: and to rebuke the people;
To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with links of iron.
That they may be avenged of them, as it is written:
Such honour have all his saints.
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 6. 1-9, 13

Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Noble in B minor*)
(*Page 49 of white booklet*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Romans 12. 1-18

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace

that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

All stand. NUNC DIMITTIS (*Noble in B minor*)

All remain standing and in the tradition of the Temple Church face East to say together:

THE CREED (*p. 51, white booklet*)

All sit or kneel.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

All sit.

ANTHEM

O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise His name.
Be telling of His salvation from day to day.
O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
For he cometh to judge the earth,
And with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with his truth.

Music: James Macmillan (b. 1958)
Words: Based on Psalm 92

PRAYERS

HYMN

**Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.**

Music: Johannes Crüger (1598-1662)
Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

COLLECTION

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



The congregation is warmly invited to refreshments in the Round Church after the service. A donation to help cover our costs is greatly appreciated.

THIS EVENING

7.00-7.45pm

CONCERT: CHORAL SCHOLARS' CELEBRATION

A short concert by the 2025-26 choral scholars to round off their outstanding year with us.

Admission Free

We invite you to stay on after Evensong, take a seat with glass in hand and enjoy this special treat.

HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 2 July, 6.30pm

CONCERT: SPEM IN ALIUM THE 40 VOICE SPECTACULAR

Temple Singers, Thomas Allery, *conductor*

Music to include: Celia Virgo (Gabriel Jackson),

Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener).

Promoted by Temple Music Foundation

For more information and to book: www.templemusic.org

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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