

The Temple Church

Wednesday 8 July 2026, 5.30 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

In Memory of Lady Helen Delves Broughton

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

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Words: Sarum Primer, 1558

HYMN

**The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.**

Music: Wolvercote, W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

Words: Sir H.W. Baker (1821-1877)

WELCOME

PSALM 84. 8-end (*Parry*)

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house my God:
 than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence:
 the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he
 withhold from them that live godly life.
O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man at putteth his trust in thee.
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 Ecclesiastes 3. 1-4, 6, 9-13

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Dyson in F*)
(*Page 49 of white booklet*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Revelation 21. 1-7

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Dyson in F*)

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sit.

ANTHEM

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles
And One, born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend
And, O my soul, awake!
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flow'r of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Words: Henry Vaughan (1622-1695)

TRIBUTE
Lord Mance

All stand.

HYMN

**The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.**

Music: Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Elegy

Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

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.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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