

The Temple Church

Wednesday 15 July 2026, 6.00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to this service. It is a pleasure to see you here. This evening we bid a fond farewell to some of our choristers with our prayers and good wishes for their next endeavours. We look forward to welcoming them back to sing with us again in the future.

Tonight, the choir will sing the world premiere of a new setting of the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis, *The Temple Church Canticles* by Martin Baker, commissioned by our Choir to mark Robin's retirement.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Played by Danny Kay, Deputy Head and Joseph Butler-Sloss Chorister

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

All stand at the entrance of the choir.

INTROIT

Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come;
Take in the souls of thine thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from,
Oh, fill them with thy heavenly grace.
Thou art that Comfort from above,
The Highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love,
And the anointing Spirit art.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
Words: by George Wither (1588-1667)

HYMN

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Words: Daye's Psalter, W, Kethe (d. 1595)

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 72. 1-7 (*Walmisley*)

Give the King thy judgements, O God:
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right:
and defend the poor.
The mountains also shall bring peace:
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
He shall keep the simple folk by their right:
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth:
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool:
even as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish:
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
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
Isaiah 35. 1-6, 10

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Martin Baker*)
(*Page 49 of white booklet*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Colossians 3. 12-16

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Martin Baker*)

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, 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.

All sit.

ANTHEM

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.

Music: Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

Words: Revelation 21. 1-4

PRAYERS

HYMN

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice!

Brothers and sisters, with one voice

Make all men know he is your choice:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

O magnify the Lord, and raise

Anthems of joy and holy praise

For Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

They with a faith for ever new

Followed the King, and round him drew

Thousands of faithful men and true.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Christ through all ages is the same:
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Let love's unconquerable might
Your scattered companies unite
In service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
And the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Music: from Vulpius's Gesangbuch 1609, descant by Danny Kay
Words: George Bell (1883-1958)

FAREWELL TO CHORISTERS

THE BLESSING

The congregation sits for the final anthem chosen this evening by the choristers:

FINAL ANTHEM

O clap your hands together, all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high, and to be feared:
he is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us:
and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us:
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises, sing praises unto the Lord our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with the understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
For God, which is highly exalted,
doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Words: Psalm 47

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Flourish for an occasion

William Harris (1883-1973)

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.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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)

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Friday 17 July, 1.15pm

TALK: THE STORY OF THE TEMPLE CHURCH FROM THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO THE PRESENT DAY

The Master of the Temple

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

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

STAYING IN TOUCH

If you would like to join our emailing list and be among the first to hear of our special services and events, you will find cards at the South Door exit. Kindly write your name and email address on a card and leave it in the bowl provided.

SAFEGUARDING

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