

Temple Church

Wednesday 28 October 2026, 6.00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

According to the Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Saint Simon and Saint Jude

Welcome to this service at which the Temple Singers will sing and the Master will officiate.

This order of service is to be used in conjunction with pp 47-54 of the white laminated book.

The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

Photography and filming are not permitted during the service.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prélude from Trois Pièces pour Grand Orgue, op 29

Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

All stand.

INTROIT

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti,
amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum quocunque ierit,
laudantes Deum et dicentes:

Benedictio et claritas et sapientia et gratiarum actio, honor, virtus et fortitudo
Deo nostro in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ;
arrayed in white robes they follow the Lamb*

whithersoever he goeth, praising God and saying:

*Benediction and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, honour and power and
strength, to our God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Music: William Byrd (1539-1623)

Words: Revelation 7. 12

HYMN

**O worship the king all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Music: Sir R. Grant, based on W. Kethe (1561)

Words: Psalm 104

All sit for the Confession and Absolution (p. 47 of white book)

All stand at 'Glory be to the Father'

THE RESPONSES (Smith)
(p. 48 of white book)

PSALM 24 (Thalben-Ball)

The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is:
the compass of the world and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it up on the seas:
and prepared it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:
or who shall rise up in his holy place?
Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart:
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity nor sworn to deceive his
neighbour.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face O Jacob.
Lift up your heads O ye gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory:
it is the Lord strong and mighty even the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads O ye gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts he is the King of glory.

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
Jeremiah 3. 11-18

And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.

Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*Pachelbel*)
(*p. 49 of white book*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON
Ephesians 2. 19-end

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

All stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Wood in B flat*)
(*p. 51 of white book*)

In the tradition of the Temple Church we all turn East to say together:

THE CREED
(*p. 51 of white book*)

All sit or kneel at 'Let us pray.'

THE RESPONSES (*Smith*)

THE COLLECTS

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Lord, grant grace, we humbly beseech thee,
That we, with thy Angels and Saints
May sing to thee continually
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Glory, honour and power be unto thee,
O God the Creator, O Lord Jesu the Redeemer,
O Holy Spirit the Comforter.

And let everything that has breath,
Praise and magnify the same Lord almighty.
Amen.

Music and words: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

All remain seated or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:**

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

THE BLESSING

Go forth 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 all people; love and serve the Lord; rejoice in the power of the Holy Ghost. So may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Te Deum

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

DRINKS IN THE ROUND

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

COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection. Contactless giving is also available at the South Door as you leave the church. If you would prefer to donate online kindly scan the QR code below.



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VOLUNTEERING AT TEMPLE CHURCH

There are many volunteering opportunities at the Church. If you would like to get involved, kindly contact Lee Prevett, lee@templechurch.com

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, the Safeguarding Officer can be contacted confidentially at safeguarding@templechurch.com or 020 7427 5650.

REGULAR SERVICES IN TERM

SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion

11.15am Choral Mattins/Choral Communion

(Mattins: 1st and 3rd Sunday, Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday)

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Choral Evensong

THURSDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Holy Communion

FRIDAY

8.30am Holy Communion

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Monday 2 November, 6.15pm

ALL SOULS' DAY

A short, contemplative service of readings, prayer and music to remember those who have died

If you would like the name(s) of your deceased loved one(s) read out during the service, please contact Catherine in the church office.

catherine@templechurch.com

Wednesday 4 November, 5.45pm (please note earlier start time)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Prior to Grand Day in Inner Temple

Music: Ave Maria (Bruckner), Second Service (Gibbons),

A new Song (Macmillan)

Sunday 8 November, 10.50am
CHORAL MATTINS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Music: They shall grow not old (Guest), And I saw a new Heaven (Bainton)

Sunday 22 November, 5.00pm
TEMPLE MUSIC FOUNDATION CONCERT

Sung by The Temple Youth Choir

'WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM'

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

Wednesday 2 December, 1.15pm
AN ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL

Charles Andrews, *organ*

(Free event)

and at 6.00pm

TEMPLE CHURCH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

'THE DAWNING OF THE LIGHT'

Sung by the Temple Church Choir

A programme of carols, readings, and prayers

(Free event)

Thursday 3 December, 7.00pm
TEMPLE MUSIC FOUNDATION CONCERT
'MESSIAH'

Sung by the Temple Church Choir, accompanied by the Temple Players

Thomas Allery, *director*

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

Tuesday 8 December, 6.15pm
CAROLS FOR PRO BONO 2026

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

Sunday 6 December, 11.15am
TEMPLE CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

Sung by the Temple Church Choir
