Temple Church

Sunday 1 November 2026

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

According to the Book of Common Prayer (1662)

All Saints Day

Welcome to this service at which the Temple Singers will sing and the Master, The Revd Dr Andrew Bowyer, will preach.

This order of service is to be used in conjunction with pp 17-29 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

Canzona from *Sonata in C minor* *Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

The congregation stands.

INTROIT

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seem to die:
and their departure is taken for misery.
And their going from us to be utter destruction,
but they are in peace.

Music: Herbert Murill (1903-1946)
Words: Wisdom of Solomon 3. 1-3

HYMN

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.
Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia!
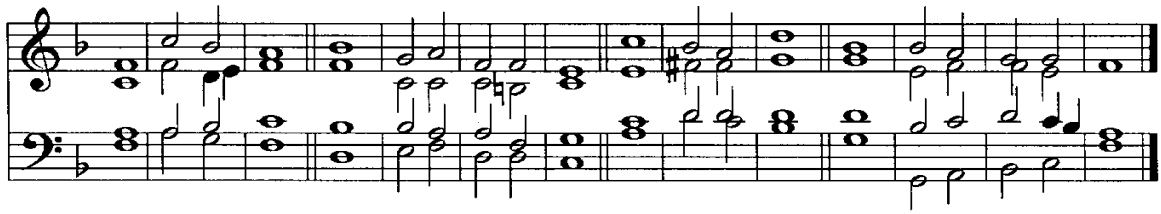
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: Bishop W. Walsham How (1894-1956)

All sit or kneel for the confession.

CONFESSION
(p. 17 of white booklet)

All stand at "Glory be……" RESPONSES *(Radcliffe)*

All remain standing and sing: VENITE (PSALM 95. 1-7)



1 **O come let us | sing un-to the | Lord:**
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
2 **Let us come before his | presence · with | thanksgiving:**
and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
3 **For the Lord is a | great | God:**
and a | great King · a- | bove all | gods.
4 **In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth:**
and the | strength of · the | hills is · his | also.
5 **The sea is | his and · he | made it:**
and his | hands pre- | pared the . dry | land.
6 **O come let us worship and | fall | down:**
and | kneel be-fore the | Lord our | Maker.

7 **For he is the | Lord our | God:**
and we are the people of his | pasture · and the | sheep of · his | hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and | ev-er | shall be:
World without | end. A- | — | men.

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

All remain standing.

The choir sings: PSALM 15 *(Hylton Stewart)*

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle:
or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life:
and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour:
and hath not slandered his neighbour.
He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes:
and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not:
though it were to his own hindrance.
He that hath not given his money upon usury:
nor taken reward against the innocent.
Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.
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
Revelation 7. 9-end

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

All stand. TE DEUM *(Dyson in F)*

All sit. THE SECOND LESSON
Matthew 5. 1-12

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

All stand. BENEDICTUS *(Dyson in F)*

In the tradition of the Temple Church, we face east to say together:

THE CREED
(p. 24 of white booklet)

All sit or kneel at 'Let us pray…'
THE RESPONSES

All sit or kneel.

THE COLLECTS

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

Almighty God, which hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)
Words: Book of Common Prayer, Collect for All Saints' Day

THE PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

Music: Franconia S.M., *Harmonisher Liederschatz,* 1738
Words: J. Keble and others

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Master

All stand.

HYMN

Who are these like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark! they sing,
Praising loud their heav'nly King.

These are they who have contended
For their Saviour's honour long,
Wrestling on 'til life was ended,
Foll'wing not the sinful throng;
These, who well the fight sustained,
Triumph thro' the lamb have gained.

These the Almighty contemplating
Did as priests before him stand,
Soul and bodyalways waiting
Day and night at his command:
Now in God's most holy place
Blest they stand before his face.

Music: All Saints, Darmstadt 1698, adapted W. H. Monk (1823-1889)
Words: Heinrich T. Schenck (1656-1727)
tr. Frances E. Cox

THE BLESSING

All are invited to sit after the departure of the Clergy for

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'King's Lynn' from *Three Hymn Tune Fantasias*
Francis Pott (1832-1909)

COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection. Contactless giving is also available at the South Door. 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.

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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Daniel and Florence Bates
Alexander and Emma Chartres
Patrick Evans and Alice Jarratt
Rupert and Geraldine Bloomfield
Ian and Melanie Fry
Rupert and Alice Hunt-Grubbe
James and Philippa McDonald
Matthew and Alice Mead
Joseph and Victoria Newitt
Benjamin and Melanie Posford
Robert and Yooja Tomlinson
David and Hannah Glover
Roland and Madeleine Walker-Wood
David and Linda Watts
Alexander and Gillian Whiting
Tom and Alexandra Wilding
Peter and Claire Wilson

THE DECEASED

Marc Alexander Roberts

YEAR'S MIND

Wilmer Kenneth Blaylock
Louis Blom-Cooper
Gordon Borrie
Helen Lady Delves Broughton
Stephen Brown
William James Furber
Michael Garvin
David Howker
Helen Khan
Gloria Lawrence
Charles McCullough
Christopher McLaren
Daniel Messenger
David Muir
Keith Nelson
Helen Salmon
Lionel Sawkins
Sarah Seabrook
Michael Turner

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FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICE

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

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, TRAINEE SOLICITORS & PUPIL BARRISTERS

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PRAYING AT HOME WITH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Text and audio versions of Morning and Evening Prayer can be accessed by downloading the Daily Prayer App, accessible by scanning this QR code:

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

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SAFEGUARDING

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