

The Temple Church

Sunday 25 October 2020

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

The Choristers of the Temple Church Choir

Welcome to this service. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). If you are a visitor here and are a communicant member of your own Church, you are most welcome to receive Communion this morning; if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please just keep your head bowed and hands lowered when you are at the altar-rail. This is Christ's banquet; we are all his guests; and he bids us welcome.

In accordance with the most recent recommendations, we will be receiving Communion 'in one kind' only in the Bread. The Church has always been clear that such reception brings with it all the blessings of Communion.

This morning's Communion setting is the world premiere of Gareth Treseder's *Missa brevis* which was written especially for the Temple choristers. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

It is of significant benefit to the Church to receive a 'gift-aided' collection (in the yellow envelope) that accompanies this service sheet. Please fill in the details of your name and address. We rely heavily upon our Sunday collections for the ongoing work of the Church; thank you for your generous support.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV639

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand at the entrance of the clergy.

INTROIT

1.

Wake, all my hopes, lift up your eyes,
And crown your heads with mirth;
See how they shine beyond the skies,
Who once dwelt on our earth!

2.

Hail, all ye happy Spirits above,
Who make that glorious ring,
About the sparkling Throne of Love,
And there for ever sing.

3.

All glory to the sacred Three,
One ever-living Lord;
As at the first, still may he be
Beloved, obeyed, adored.

*Music: Alan Ridout (1934-1996)
Words: John Austin (1613-1669)*

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HYMN

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| 1.
O Thou who camest from above,
The fire celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart. | 3.
Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up the gift in me. |
| 2.
There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise. | 4.
Still let me prove thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat;
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete. |

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

All sit or kneel after the Lord's Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that though wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

FOR THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5. 15-21

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

All stand.

GRADUAL PSALM 133 (*Ashton Thomas*)

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard:
even unto Aarons beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.
For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.

All remain standing.

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 22. 1-14

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

All remain standing and all face East.

CREED (*Merbecke*)

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified. Who spake by the prophets. And I believe One Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Reader

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All stand.

HYMN

1.
Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2.
King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3.
Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

4.
At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

*Music: Picardy, Traditional French
Words: Liturgy of St James Tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-1885)*

THE CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Thou wilt keep
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee,
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.
God is light and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise thee,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for evermore.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

*Music: Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976)
Words: Isaiah 26. 3, Psalm 139. 11*

THE PRAYERS

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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All stand.

HYMN

1.
Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O, I know not
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

2.
They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever with them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3.
O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

Music: Alexander Ewing (1830-95)

*Words: Bernard of Cluny (1146),
tr. J. M. Neale (1830-1895)*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare with Dances

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

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

MARRIAGE

Wesley Potterton and Mei Yen Chang
Thomas Bolitho and Eleanor Harbage

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Ajinder and Elizabeth Banns
Michael and Nasrin Belch
Guy and Lisa Davison
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Dominic and Deborah Lee
Benjamin and Eleanor Leger
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Ryan and Emma Taylor
Dean and Judith Wilson
Jonathan Shenkman and Joanna Wale

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Jo Sawdy

YEAR'S MIND

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