

The Temple Church

Sunday 11 October 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

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 Rheinberger's Mass in G. 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

Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

All stand at the entrance of the clergy.

INTROIT

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
For the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
May my soul be blended with thee.

Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1750)
Words: Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680-1747)

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HYMN

1.	2.
Angel-voices ever singing	Thou who art beyond the farthest
Round thy throne of light,	Mortal eye can scan,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,	Can it be that thou regardest
Rest not day nor night;	Songs of sinful man?
Thousands only live to bless thee	Can we know that thou art near us,
And confess thee	And wilt hear us?
Lord of might.	Yea, we can.

3.
Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Music: E. G. Monk (1819-1900)

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

All sit or kneel after the Lord's Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

FOR THE EPISTLE
I Corinthians I. 4-8

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All stand.

GRADUAL PSALM 122 (*Plainsong*)

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord :

to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.
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 remain standing.

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 22. 34-46

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

All remain standing and all face East.

CREED (*Merbecke*)

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Reader

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All stand.

HYMN

1.	2.
O Thou who camest from above,	There let it for thy glory burn
The fire celestial to impart,	With inextinguishable blaze,
Kindle a flame of sacred love	And trembling to its source return
On the mean altar of my heart.	In humble prayer and fervent praise.

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.

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)

ANTHEM

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved :
thy keeper will never slumber.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Psalm 121. 1-3

BLESSING

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All stand.

HYMN

1.
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

2.
Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3.
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

Words: William Williams (1717-1791)

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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

MARRIAGE

Ross Wenman and Lily Cooke

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

James and Julia Bowling	Benjamin and Jillian Maltby
Alex and Sarah Chalk	Jonathan and Ngaakudzwe McBain
Thomas and Julie Crangle	George and Lucinda Munton
Michael and Joanna Haswell	John and Natalie Oxley
Lee and Jenny Isted	James and Clemency Roscoe
Sebastien and Fiona Jantet	Michael and Laura Shevlin
Oliver and Flora Lymington	Robert and Amelia Sugden
	Tristan and Amy Thornton

THE SICK

Trish Dunlop
Jo Sawdy

YEAR'S MIND

Gavyn Arthur	Charles McCullough
Louis Blom-Cooper	Alistair McGregor
Gordon Borrie	Arthur Mildon
Joan Cobb	Cormac Murphy-O'Connor
Jonathan Culshaw	George Newman
Miles Gladwyn	Clive Nicholls
Robert Goff	Hugh Pigott
Jonathan Hirst	Nicholas Price
Dan Hollis	Alison Ross
John Hopkins	Helen Salmon
David Howker	Dennis Sayer
Sophie Laws	Gisela Stone
Kate Mallison	Swinton Thomas
	Roger Toulson