

The Temple Church

Sunday 1 November 2020

All Saints' Day

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

The Temple Singers

You are most welcome to this morning's service. We follow the service of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). Much of the service is sung by the Choir alone. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the opportunity this offers to let the music and words take your mind and your heart – with all the concerns you have for those you love and for our world – into the presence of God.

It is traditional here for the congregation to stand for the Venite, Te Deum and Jubilate; if it would be more comfortable for you to remain seated, please do.

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

This service is being live-streamed, and is accessible through the homepage of the Temple Church at www.templechurch.com. It will remain online for five days. If you would prefer not to be seen online kindly ask a steward to show you to a seat out of camera shot.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Dolce from Symphonie No. 4

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

All stand.

INTROIT

Seek ye first God's kingdom and his righteousness.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed, blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Music: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Words: Matthew 5. 3, 8

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HYMN

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.	2. Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return Till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
3. Visit, then, this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, radiancy divine; Scatter all my unbelief; More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.	

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Rastisbon*, Melody from Werner's *Choralbuch*,
Harmony by W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)

All sit or kneel for the confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen

All stand at "Glory be....." RESPONSES (*Reading*)

All stand. The Choir sings the: VENITE

The Choir sings: PSALM 34. 1-10

I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him:
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him:
and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger:

but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is 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 sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35

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 parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: 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.

TE DEUM (*Boyce in C*)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 6, 8-16 and 12. 1-2

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of

them that diligently seek him. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

All stand.

JUBILATE (*Boyce in C*)

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

THE CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; The Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

All sit or kneel.

THE COLLECT

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.**

All sit.

THE ANTHEM

Gaudent in coelis animae Sanctorum,
qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti:
et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt,
ideo cum Christo exsultant sine fine.
Sancti Dei omnes, orate pro nobis.
Alleluia.

*The souls of the saints rejoice in heaven,
they who have followed in the footsteps of Christ;
and because they shed their blood for love of Him,
they rejoice with Christ without end.
All you saints of God, pray for us.
Alleluia.*

Music: Tomàs Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Words: Magnificat Antiphon

THE PRAYERS

All join in the saying of

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

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All stand.

HYMN

1.
Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy pardoning love extend.

2.
Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy saving grace extend.

3.
Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy quickening power extend.

4.
Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

Music: J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)

Words: Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

All sit.

THE SERMON
The Master

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All stand.

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!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of Glory passes on his way.
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)*

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Te Deum

Max Reger (1873-1916)

There will be a retiring collection. Contactless collection points for the use of cards will be available at the doors; the devices are set at £5 per 'swipe'. There will be baskets for the receipt of cash, dropped in without contact.

In either case, it will be of great advantage to the Church if you would kindly fill in the Gift Aid envelope enclosed in this Order of Service and drop it into a collection-basket as you leave.

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

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