

# *The Temple Church*

Wednesday 10 July 2024

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6.00 p.m.

It is a pleasure for us to see you here this evening. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in G BWV541

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*All stand at the Introit.*

## INTROIT

Tu es Petrus  
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam.

*You are Peter,  
And upon this Rock I will build My Church:*

*Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

*Words: Matthew 16. 18*

## HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make:  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

*Music:* Louis Bourgeois (c. 1500-1561)  
*Words:* Psalm 100

## BIDDING AND INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*We all sit or kneel and say together:*

### 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.

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins; He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All say:*

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.

*All stand at 'Glory be to the Father' . . . .*

## THE RESPONSES (*Rose*)

### PSALM 149

O sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:

and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance:

let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

For the Lord hath pleasure in his people: and helpeth the meek-hearted.

Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them rejoice in their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hands;

To be avenged of the heathen: and to rebuke the people;

To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with links of iron.

That they may be avenged of them, as it is written: Such honour have all his saints.

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 61. 10 – 62. 5, 62. 10-12

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

*All stand.*

MAGNIFICAT  
(*Noble in B minor*)

*All sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians I. 1-11

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

*All stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Noble in B minor)

*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 at 'Let us pray.'*

## THE LESSER LITANY

### THE COLLECTS

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE ANTHEM

The Lord will come and not be slow,  
His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice, from her heavenly bower,  
Look down on mortal men.

Rise God, judge thou the earth in might,  
This wicked earth redress;  
For thou art he who shalt by right  
The nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made  
Shall come, and all shall frame  
To bow them low before thee, Lord,  
And glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great  
By thy strong hand are done;  
Thou in thy everlasting seat  
Remainest God alone.

*Music: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674)*

## PRAYERS

*All stand.*

HYMN

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

*Music:* Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)

*Words:* John Ellerton (1826-1893)

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G BWV541

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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*The congregation is welcome to stay for refreshments.  
A donation to help cover our costs is greatly appreciated.*

*There will be a retiring collection. If you would prefer to donate online kindly scan the QR code below.*



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## TEMPLE CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

For our usual services please refer to our website, [www.templechurch.com](http://www.templechurch.com). Here below are some of our special services and events. We would be delighted to see you if you can join us!

### CHORAL COMMUNION

**Sunday 14 July, 11.15am**

*Sung by The Temple Church Choir and special guests The Choir of HM Chapel Royal,  
Hampton Court Palace*

*Music to include: Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener)*

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## TEMPLE MUSIC FOUNDATION CONCERT

Come Ye Sons of Art

**Tuesday 16 July, 7.00pm**

Temple Church Choir, Temple Players, Thomas Allery *director*

**Purcell: Come Ye Sons of Art**

**Vivaldi: Gloria**

Tickets: £10-£30. For more information and to book [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)

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TEMPLE MUSIC FOUNDATION

**Thursday 18 July, 6.15pm**

Madrigals in Fountain Court

Temple Singers

Temple Singers perform a delightful selection of madrigals outside in Middle Temple's Fountain Court champagne bar. Buy a drink from the bar, take a chair and enjoy an enchanting evening of music al fresco. (In the event of bad weather, the event will take place inside the Temple Church.) The singers will perform two sets of madrigals from 6.15pm. The music will finish circa 8.15pm. Seating is available on a first come first served basis.

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BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL COMMUNION

**Sunday 21 July, 11.15am**

President and Preacher: The Rt Hon. and Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally,  
Bishop of London

Followed by a drinks and cake in Church Court.

*Booking required for the reception. Adults £5 (no charge for children)*

*To book: [catherine@templechurch.com](mailto:catherine@templechurch.com) or 020 7353 8559*

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CHORAL EVENSONG with JAZZ

**Wednesday 24 July, 6.00pm**

*Music to include:* Lighten our darkness (L'Estrange), Canticles (Farrington Blues Service),  
Psalm 23 (Goodall)

This will be the last sung service of the Legal Year. Followed by a jazz set in Church or Church Court. Come and join us to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the summer break!

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