

The Temple Church

Sunday 26 January 2025

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

CHORAL COMMUNION, 11.15 a.m.

Welcome to this morning's 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.

This morning's Communion setting is Haydn's *Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo*. 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 will remain online for two days.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in F minor BWV 534

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand at the entrance of the clergy.

INTROIT

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Words: Collect for Epiphany 3

HYMN

At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Name Him, brothers, name Him, with love strong as death
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Music: William Monk (1823-1889)

Words: Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877)

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12.16-end

Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 19. 1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:

which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

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.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matthew 8.1-13

When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man, but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say unto this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

All remain standing and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all face East to say together.

THE CREED

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 Master

All stand.

HYMN

1.

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.

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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., Harmonischer Liederschatz, 1738

Words: J. Keble and others

All sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

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.

All stand.

AFTER THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Master: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with thy spirit.**
Master: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Master: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
All: **It is meet and right so to do.**

After the choir sings the Sanctus/Benedictus, all sit or kneel.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

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 (1685-1759)
Words: Barthold Henrich Brockes (1680-1747)

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.

All stand.

THE GLORIA

THE BLESSING

HYMN

1.
O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

2.
O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

3.
O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My master and my friend.

4.
O let me see thy footprints,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My saviour and my friend.

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in F minor BWV 524

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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Edgar Andrew Hillen

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

John and Elise Crump

Ian and Jennifer Fitzgerald

Richard and Sonja Jayne Fowler

Ellis and Mary Knight

Matthew and Claire White

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James Flynn

Anthony Lloyd

Anthony May

Brian Nicholson

James Turner

Dennis Orde

YEAR'S MIND

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Franziska (Cissy) Bennett

Richard Benson

Mark Cannon

David Croft

Robert Davey

David Dorey

Luke Gordon Butler

Richard Edwards

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Theodore Gulliford

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