

The Temple Church

Wednesday 30 October 2024, 6.00 p.m.

*For All Saints and in Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed (All Souls)*

CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to this service. 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

White note paraphrase

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

INTROIT

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum malitiæ.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori;
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Words: Antiphon, Vigil of All Saints; Wisdom 3. 1-2*

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!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.
Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold.
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)

We remain standing.

OPENING PRAYER

We give thee thanks, most gracious God, for all the saints who have lived and died in the faith of Christ, for the great cloud of witnesses who surround us from day to day and from age to age. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The noble fellowship of prophets praise thee. The white-robed army of martyrs praise thee. We acclaim thee in this our generation, in communion with the angels and archangels and with all those who have served thee in every age and have looked with longing, as we do, for the coming of your kingdom when death shall be swallowed up in life and tears shall be no more.

As we acknowledge all our forebears in the faith, so especially we hold before God, in love and in thanksgiving, those whom we ourselves have loved and lost. We commend them in silence to God's own indefeasible love and care.

So let us acknowledge and confess before God our own manifold sins and wickedness, approaching with a pure heart and humble voice the throne of the heavenly grace:

All kneel.

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

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: 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 (Leighton)

PSALM 85

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land:
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people: and covered all their sins.
Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure:
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
Turn us then, O God our Saviour: and let thine anger cease from us.
Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever:
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.
I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me:
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not
again.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness:
and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him: and he shall direct his going in the way.
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 25. 6-9

And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT (*First Service, Parsons*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
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 SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7. 9-12

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

All stand. NUNC DIMITTIS (*First Service, Parsons*)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 and in the tradition of the Temple Church 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 RESPONSES (Leighton)

THE COLLECTS

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.*

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit.

During the Anthem you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one if you so wish.

ANTHEM

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

*May everlasting light shine upon them, O Lord,
With your saints forever, for you are merciful.*

Music: from The Strathclyde Motets, James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Words: Communion motet from the Requiem Mass

All remain seated or kneel.

THE PRAYERS

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember those whom we ourselves have loved and lost and have entrusted with sorrow and with faith to thy eternal care. Acknowledge them, we pray, as the sheep of thy own fold, lambs of thy own flock, sinners of thy own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of thy mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace; may they shine in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Lord of all comfort and healing, be present, we pray, with those who mourn; may thy angels guard and strengthen them, may thy Church gather round and succour them, may we as family and as friends support them, and may their memories of shared happiness and love inspire them all through their lives. As thy Son raised Lazarus from death to life, so may they and we, for all eternity, rise to the resurrection and to life in Christ's everlasting kingdom.

All stand.

HYMN

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:**

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)*

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C minor BWV546

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6 November, 5.45pm

(Please note earlier start time!)

CHORAL EVENSONG

(Prior to Grand Day in Inner Temple)

Sunday 10 November, 10.50am

CHORAL MATTINS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*Music to include: They shall not grow old (Guest), And I saw a new
Heaven (Bainton)*

Wednesday 13 November, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Celebratory service welcoming members of the American Bar
Association International Section

Sunday 17 November, 5.00pm

Temple Music Foundation

TEMPLE YOUTH CHOIR: FAURÉ REQUIEM

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Tuesday 19 November, 7.00pm

Temple Music Foundation

BAR CHORAL SOCIETY 10th BIRTHDAY CONCERT

For more information and to book, www.templemusic.org

Wednesday 27 November, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG for St Andrew's Day
(30 November)