

The Temple Church

Sunday 11 May 2025

The Third Sunday after Easter

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 Mozart's *Missa brevis in B flat*. The public-address system has a loop-facility. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn its setting to T.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no 6, movement 2 BWV530

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand at the entrance of the clergy.

INTROIT

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.
O come, let us adore him.

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

HYMN

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.**

2.
See the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

3.
Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection!

4.
Alleluia now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia yet again
To the spirit raising.

Music: St Kevin, Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Words: St John of Damascus, trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

All sit or kneel after the Lord's prayer.

After the Summary of the Law the Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2.11-17

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit

yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness; but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

All stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

The priest introduces the Gospel.

The congregation answers.



THE GOSPEL John 16. 16-22

Jesus said to his disciples, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; and, Because I go to the Father?

They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me? Verily, verily I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

At the end of the Gospel the congregation replies.



All remain standing and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all face East while the Choir sings.

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 Reader

All stand.

HYMN

1

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

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Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

4

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

6

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Music: Wolvercote, W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

Words: Sir H. W. Baker (1821-1877)

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 unto 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

Gott ist mein Hirt, mir wird nichts mangeln,
er lagert mich auf grüne Weide,
er leitet mich an stillen Bächen,
er labt mein schmachtendes Gemüth,
er führt mich auf rechtem Steige
zu seines Namens Ruhm.
Und wall' ich auch im Todesschatten-Tale,
so wall' ich ohne Furcht,
denn du beschüttest mich;
dein Stab und deine Stütze
sind mir immerdar mein Trost.
Du richtest mir ein Freudenmahl
im Angesicht der Feinde zu,
du salbst mein Haupt mit Öle
und schenkst mir volle, volle Becher ein,
mir folget Heil und Seligkeit in diesem Leben
nach, einst ruh' ich ew'ge Zeit dort in des Ew'gen Haus.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to rest in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside still waters;
he giveth peace unto my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of goodness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me.
Thy rod and staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of mine enemies;
my head with oil thou anointest;
my cup runneth over.
Yea, surely peace and mercy all my life
shall follow me, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for evermore.*

*Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Words: Psalm 23*

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

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| <p>1.
All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.</p> <p>2.
Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all.</p> | <p>3.
Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the stem-of-Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all.</p> <p>4.
Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.</p> <p>5.
Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
And shout in universal song
The crowned Lord of all.</p> |
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Music: William Shrubsole (1760-1806)

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C BWV547

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

There will be a retiring collection.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, the Safeguarding Officer can be contacted confidentially at safeguarding@templechurch.com or via 020 7427 5650.

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

BAPTISMS

George Wilfred Robin Beddoe
Arno Bramwell Antonio Maxted

MARRIAGES

Margo Munro-Kerr and Joseph Latimer
Florence Binks and Robert Lakin

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Timothy and Victoria Albone	Christopher Johnson and Hannah Stubbs
William and Megan Ashworth	John and Sophie Lawley
Paul and Ruth Bleasdale	Matthew and Alice Loynes
Richard and Helen Bourne	Frederick and Alexandra Pollock
Anna and Samuel Caird	Warren and Harper Ruhomon
Robert Gomer and Laura Thomson	Oliver and Bridget Spencer
Tim and Dawn Hayes	Alaric Watson and Phillipa Hill
Robert and Nicola Hamilton	Christian and Sophie Westra
Tony and Debra Harding	

YEAR'S MIND

Joan Ackner	David Dawson	Ian Partridge
Tati Aldrete	Ann Downham	James Price
Jose Barker	Cyril Horsford	James Richmond
Meyrick Beebee (priest)	Peter Jacobsen	Theo Savvides
Stanley Brodie	Gillian Kalitsi	Mark Sheldon
Joan Bryce	Peter Little	Jonathan Soole
Cecil Clothier	Mary May	Evan Stone
Jackie Davies	Robert Moorhead	David Vaughan
	Brian Neill	Charlotte Wycherley