

# *The Temple Church*

Wednesday 15 May 2024

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6.00 p.m.

It is a delight 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

Cantilène (Trois Pièces)

*Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)*

*All stand at the Introit.*

## INTROIT

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort and restore me  
Christ above me, Christ beneath me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)*  
*Words: A prayer of St Patrick*

## HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear:  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen.  
How thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

*Music:* Praxis pietatis, P. Sohren's edition of Praxis pietatis melica, 1668  
*Words:* Joachim Neander (1650-1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth

## 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 (*Radcliffe*)

PSALM 108

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:

I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people:

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

God hath spoken in his holiness:

I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot:

over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Philistia will I triumph.

Who will lead me into the strong city: and who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God:

and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do great acts: and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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

Deuteronomy 31. 30 – 32. 14

And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

*All stand.*

MAGNIFICAT (*Purcell in B flat*)

*All sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

I John 3. 11-end

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?



PRAYERS

*All stand.*

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
    Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
    Strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
    Songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.

*Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)*

*Words: William Williams (1717-1791)*

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude (Trois Pièces)

*Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)*

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*The congregation is welcome to join us for refreshments in the Round Church. A donation to help cover our costs is greatly appreciated.*

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## CHARITY CONCERT

St Luke's for Clergy Wellbeing

**Thursday 16 May, 7.00pm**

The New London Orchestra

Ronald Corp OBE, *Musical Director*

*Music by Bach, Elgar, Holst, Mozart and Purcell*

*Tickets: £45 for concert only or £150 for the concert, bowl food supper and drinks in the Inner Temple to follow.*

*For more information and to book: [stlukesforclergy.org.uk](http://stlukesforclergy.org.uk)*

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## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday 22 May, 6.00pm**

(Prior to Dinner for new Silks in Inner Temple)

*Music to include: O Lord the maker of all thing (Mundy), Deutches Magnificat (Schütz), I was glad (Purcell)*

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## CHORAL MATTINS

**Sunday 16 June, 11.15am**

Prior to Fathers' Day Sunday lunch in Middle Temple for members of Inner and Middle Temple and their guests.

To book for the lunch: Middle Temple Treasury Office, 020 7427 4800.

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## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday 26 June, 6.00pm**

Guest Speaker: Sam Townend KC, Chair of the Bar

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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

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