

The Temple Church

Good Friday, 18 April 2025

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

Welcome to this service. We are pleased that you can join us here at the Temple Church on this most special morning. We follow the services of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). Much of the service is sung by the Choir alone. We hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity this offers to let the music and words take your mind and your heart – with all the concerns you have for those you love, for yourself and for our world – to the cross of Christ.

The Round Church was built (1162) to recreate the shape and thereby the sanctity of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the site of Christ's death and burial. To the medieval mind we are gathered at the place which is made by today's events into the holiest ground in the holiest city in the world.

ORGAN PRELUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross BWV622

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand.

INTROIT

In meines Herzens Grunde,
Dein Nam und Kreuz allein
Funkelt all Zeit und Stunde,
Drauf kann ich fröhlich sein.
Erschein mir in dem Bilde
Zu Trost in meiner Not,
Wie du, Herr Christ, so milde
Dich hast geblut zu Tod!

*At the bottom of my heart,
Your name and cross alone
Blazes forth all times and seasons,
For which I can be joyous.
Appear to me in the image
For consolation in my distress
Of how you, Lord Christ, so generously
Have (for my salvation) bled yourself to death.*

Music: St John Passion, J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Words: trans. Michael Marissen and Daniel R. Melamed

HYMN

1.
There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

2.
We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

3.
He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.

4.
There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

5.
O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.

Music: W. Horsley (1774-1858)
Words: Miss C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

All sit or kneel for the Confession.

THE 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.

All stand at 'Glory be.....'

THE RESPONSES (*Plainsong*)

VENITE
(*We say the Venite together*)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth:

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God:
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts:
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said:
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;
Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 31. 10-18 (*Plainsong*)

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.
For my life is waxen old with heaviness: and my years with mourning.
My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity:
and my bones are consumed.
I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my
neighbours:
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see
me without conveyed themselves from me.
I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind:
I am become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude:
and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and
take their counsel to take away my life.
But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God.
My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies:
and from them that persecute me.
Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance:
and save me for thy mercy's sake.
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 52. 13 – 53. 12

All stand.

THE REPROACHES

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Saviour to the cross.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me.

I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns.
I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Music: John Sanders (1933-2003)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON John 18. 1 – 19. 37

All stand.

CANTICLE

Salvator mundi salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos:
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast
redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

Music: John Blow (baptised 1649-1708)

Words: Antiphon at Holy Unction, Cantiones Sacrae, 1575

*All remain standing and (in the tradition of the Temple Church) all 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'.

RESPONSES AND COLLECTS (*Plainsong*)

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE ANTHEM

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato.
Passus et sepultus est.

*He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.*

*Music: Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)
Words: Nicene Creed*

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.

HYMN

**1.
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**3.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**2.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**4.
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Music: Rockingham, E. Miller (1731-1807)
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

FINAL READING
John 19. 38-42

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herzliebster Jesu

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

There will be a retiring collection.

EASTER SERVICES

Saturday 19 April, 8.00pm

EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER

Temple Singers

*Music to include: Missa Ego flos campi (Padilla),
Haec dies (Byrd), Tulerunt dominum meum (Gombert)*

Sunday 20 April, 11.15am

CHORAL COMMUNION: EASTER SUNDAY

Temple Church Choir

*Music to include: Surrexit Christus hodie (Scheidt),
Chester Missa brevis (Matthew Martin), Halleluia Chorus (Handel)
Ave Verum (Mozart)*

Wednesday 30 April, 6.00pm

EASTER CAROL SERVICE

Followed by William Temple Foundation public lecture.

Sunday 4 May, 11.15am

EASTER CAROL SERVICE

To include Vaughan Williams's 'Five Mystical Songs'

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 20 July 2025 The Rt Revd and Rt Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, The Bishop of London, is kindly coming to the Temple to preside at a service of Baptism, Confirmation and Choral Communion. If you or any of your children or grandchildren would like to consider confirmation this summer, please do get in touch.

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