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## THE FEAST OF EVELYN UNDERHILL



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**Evelyn Underhill** (6 December 1875 – 15 June 1941) was an English **Anglo-Catholic** writer and **pacifist** known for her numerous works on religion and **spiritual practice**, in particular **Christian mysticism**. Her best-known is *Mysticism*, published in 1911.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

### **Life**

Underhill was born in **Wolverhampton**. She was a poet and novelist as well as a pacifist and mystic. An only child, she described her early mystical insights as "abrupt experiences of the peaceful, undifferentiated plane of reality—like the 'still desert' of the mystic—in which there was no multiplicity nor need of explanation".<sup>[3]</sup> The meaning of these experiences became a lifelong quest and a source of private angst, provoking her to research and write.

Both her father and her husband were writers (on the law), London **barristers**, and yachtsmen. She and her husband, Hubert



**Opening Acclamation:**

**Presider** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**Gloria**

**1982 Hymnal #S236**

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;**  
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;**

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Salutation**

**Presider** God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Presider** Let us pray

**Collect of the Day:**

**O God, Origin, Sustainer, and End of all creatures: Grant that your church, taught by your servant Evelyn Underhill, may continually offer to you all glory and thanksgiving, and attain with your saints to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have promised us by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Word of God** *(please be seated)*

**The First Lesson - A Reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Kings 22:14–20**

The priest Hilkiah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophetess Huldah the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she resided in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter, where they consulted her. She declared to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell

the man who sent you to me, Thus says the Lord, I will indeed bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have abandoned me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. But as to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place.” They took the message back to the king.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm - Psalm 96:7-13**

**7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

**9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

**11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.**

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**John 4:19–24**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Samaritan woman at the well said to Jesus, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** *All say together* (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

Leader: Holy God, by your spirit you gave birth to your church: may our many members be the one Body of Christ in this World, and then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in languages of the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power and grace throughout the world, that all may know of your loving-kindness and saving mercy. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given their food in due season. Open your hand in the desolate places and fill the hungry with good things. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your holy city Jerusalem: pour out your Spirit in our own towns and cities. Raise up modern day prophets and visionaries to call us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day, especially (the people add their petitions for prayers)..... In your might and compassion, renew the face of the Earth. Bring renewal to those in need. Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ. In your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *Church of the Advent in Sun City West.*

And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home.

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.  
Come, Spirit of Truth,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

## Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## Absolution

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Let us pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.**

## Benediction:

*Presider:* And now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with all of you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (*Alleluia!*)**

Stuart Moore, grew up together and were married on 3 July 1907. The couple had no children. She travelled regularly within Europe, primarily Switzerland, France and Italy, where she pursued her interests in art and Catholicism, visiting numerous churches and monasteries. Neither her husband (a [Protestant](#)) nor her parents shared her interest in spiritual matters.

Underhill was called simply "Mrs Moore" by many of her friends. She was a prolific author and published over 30 books either under her maiden name, Underhill, or under the pseudonym "John Cordelier", as was the case for the 1912 book *The Spiral Way*. Initially an agnostic, she gradually began to acquire an interest in [Neoplatonism](#) and from there was increasingly drawn to [Catholicism](#) against the objections of her husband, eventually converting before becoming a prominent [Anglo-Catholic](#). Her spiritual mentor from 1921 to 1924 was Baron [Friedrich von Hügel](#), who was appreciative of her writing yet concerned with her focus on mysticism and who encouraged her to adopt a much more [Christocentric](#) view as opposed to the [theistic](#) and intellectual one she had previously held. She described him as "the most wonderful personality. ... so saintly, truthful, sane and tolerant" (Cropper, p. 44) and was influenced by him toward more charitable and down-to-earth activities. After his death in 1925, her writings became more focused on the [Holy Spirit](#) and she became prominent in the Anglican Church as a lay leader of spiritual retreats, a spiritual director for hundreds of individuals, guest speaker, radio lecturer and proponent of contemplative prayer.

Underhill came of age in the [Edwardian era](#), at the turn of the 20th century and, like most of her contemporaries, had a decided romantic bent. The enormous excitement in those days was mysteriously compounded of the psychic, the psychological, the occult, the mystical, the medieval, the advance of science, the apotheosis of art, the rediscovery of the feminine, the unashamedly sensuous, and the most ethereally "spiritual" (Armstrong, p. xiii–xiv). Anglicanism seemed to her out-of-key with this, her world. She sought the centre of life as she and many of her generation conceived it, not in the state religion, but in experience and the heart. This age of "the soul" was one of those periods when a sudden easing of social taboos brings on a great sense of personal emancipation and desire for an [El Dorado](#) despised by an older, more morose and insensitive generation.<sup>[2]</sup>

As an only child, she was devoted to her parents and, later, to her husband. She was fully engaged in the life of a barrister's daughter and wife, including the entertainment and charitable work that entailed, and pursued a daily regimen that included writing, research, worship, prayer and meditation. It was a fundamental axiom of hers that all of life was sacred, as that was what "incarnation" was about.

She was a cousin of [Francis Underhill](#), [Bishop of Bath and Wells](#).

## **Education**

Underhill was educated at home, except for three years at a private school in Folkestone, and subsequently read history and botany at [King's College London](#). An honorary Doctorate of Divinity was conferred on her by [Aberdeen University](#) and she was made a fellow of [King's College](#). She was the first woman to lecture to the clergy in the [Church of England](#) and the first woman officially to conduct spiritual retreats for the Church. She was also the first woman to establish [ecumenical](#) links between churches and one of the first woman theologians to lecture in English colleges and universities, which she did frequently. Underhill was an award-winning bookbinder, studying with the most renowned masters of the

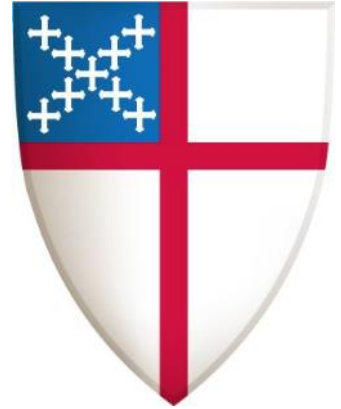
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