



## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

### THE FEAST OF EDITH CAVELL



[Edith Louisa Cavell](#) ([/'kævəl/](#); 4 December 1865 – 12 October 1915) was a British nurse. She is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from both sides without discrimination and for helping some 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during the [First World War](#), for which she was arrested under martial law. She was accused of [treason](#), found guilty by a [court-martial](#) and sentenced to death. Despite international pressure for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. Her execution received worldwide condemnation and extensive press coverage.

The night before her execution, she said, "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone." These words were later inscribed on a memorial to her near [Trafalgar Square](#). Her strong [Angli-](#)

[Continued Pg11](#)

*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

Wednesday, 12 Oct 2022 9:30am

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People :** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires  
Known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
May perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy  
Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gloria:**

**Hymnal 1982 S280**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People :** And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

**Living God, the source of all healing and wholeness: we bless you for the  
compassionate witness of your servant Edith Cavell. Inspire us to be agents  
of peace and reconciliation in a world beset by injustice, poverty, and war.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

## **The First Lesson - A Reading from Joshua 2:1–21**

Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.” Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.” But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.” She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men: “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” The men said to her, “Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us the land.”

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, “Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.” The men said to her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your

brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.” She said, “According to your words, so be it.” She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 73:23-29**

**23 Yet I am always with you; \*  
you hold me by my right hand.**

**24 You will guide me by your counsel, \*  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

**25 Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.**

**26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.**

**27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*  
you destroy all who are unfaithful.**

**28 But it is good for me to be near God; \*  
I have made the Lord God my refuge.**

**29 I will speak of all your works \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John 16:25–33**

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

Jesus said, “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you

have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

Deacon:     The Gospel of the Lord  
People:     **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

## **The Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed** *(Traditional)*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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:**

### **Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors, and for those for whom you have given us a special care:

- \* For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache people, that we may honor each other and work together for our common good.
- \* In the diocesan cycle of prayer for *St. Alban's , Wickenburg.*
- \* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Missionary Diocese of Nampula – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*
- \* And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)*

Leader Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*(a short pause)*

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## **Offertory**

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.

*(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)*

Doxology

(Hymn #380 v. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creature here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen**

# Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving -

*BCP Rite II Prayer C*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: *God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.*

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

*From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.*

*But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.*

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.*

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:*

Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982 #S125*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x2)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x2)**



*The Presider continues*

*And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.*

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.*

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

**Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us**  
**Therefore let us keep the feast!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Come to the rail and extend your hand to receive the bread, wait for the chalice to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, then consume it. If you prefer not to have the wine, you may eat the bread when you receive it. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)*

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing**

**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction/Blessing:**

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **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!)**

*Please, join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.*

Continued...

[can](#) beliefs propelled her to help all those who needed it, both German and Allied soldiers. She was quoted as saying, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved."<sup>[1]</sup> The [Church of England](#) commemorates her in its [Calendar of Saints](#) on 12 October.

Cavell, who was 49 at the time of her execution, was already notable as a pioneer of modern nursing in Belgium.

## **Early life and career**

Cavell was born on 4 December 1865<sup>[2]</sup> in [Swardeston](#), a village near [Norwich](#), where her father was vicar for 45 years.<sup>[3]</sup> She was the eldest of the four children of the Reverend Frederick Cavell (1824–1910) and his wife Louisa Sophia Warming (1835–1918). Edith's siblings were Florence Mary (b. 1867), Mary Lilian (b. 1870) and John Frederick Scott (1872–1923).<sup>[2]</sup>

She was educated at [Norwich High School for Girls](#), then at boarding schools in [Clevedon](#), Somerset, and [Peterborough](#) (Laurel Court).<sup>[4]</sup>

After a period as a governess, including for a family in [Brussels](#) from 1890 to 1895, she returned home to care for her father during a serious illness. The experience led her to become a nurse after her father's recovery.<sup>[5]</sup> Cavell worked as a nurse at the Fountains Fever Hospital, Tooting from December 1895.<sup>[6]</sup> In April 1896, at the age of 30, Cavell applied to become a nurse probationer at The [London Hospital](#)<sup>[4][6]</sup> She commenced as a regular probationer at [...]

In 1907, Cavell was recruited by [Antoine Depage](#) to be [matron](#) of a newly established nursing school, L'École Belge d'Infirmières Diplômées (or the Berkendael Medical Institute) on the Rue de la Culture (now Rue Franz Merjay), in [Ixelles](#), Brussels.<sup>[1]</sup> By 1910, "Miss Cavell 'felt that the profession of nursing had gained sufficient foothold in Belgium to warrant the publishing of a professional journal' and, therefore, launched the nursing journal, *L'infirmière*".<sup>[1]</sup> Within a year, she was training nurses for three hospitals, twenty-four schools, and thirteen kindergartens in Belgium.

## **Return to Brussels**

Cavell had been offered a position as matron in a Brussels clinic. She worked closely with Depage, who was part of a "growing body of people" in the medical profession in Belgium. He realised that the care that was being provided by the religious institutions had not been keeping up with medical advances. In 1910, Cavell was asked if she would be the matron for the new secular hospital at [Saint-Gilles](#).<sup>[18]</sup>

## **First World War and arrest [...]**

## **Execution**

The night before her execution, she told the Reverend H Stirling Gahan, the Anglican chaplain of Christ Church Brussels 1914–1922 and former member of staff at [Monkton Combe School](#) who had been allowed to see her and to give her [Holy Communion](#), "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing as I do in view of God and Eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."<sup>[31][32]</sup> These words are inscribed on her statue on St Martin's

[Continued online Wikipedia](#)

