

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## MORNING PRAYER FEAST OF WILLIAM TEMPLE

Wednesday 6 November 2024 9:30am

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

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### William Temple (15

October 1881 – 26 October 1944) was an English [Anglican](#) priest who served as [Bishop of Manchester](#) (1921–1929), [Archbishop of York](#) (1929–1942) and [Archbishop of Canterbury](#) (1942–1944).

The son of an Archbishop of Canterbury, Temple had a traditional education after which he was briefly a lecturer at the [University of Oxford](#) before becoming headmaster of [Repton School](#) from 1910 to 1914. After serving as a parish priest in London from 1914 to 1917 and as a [canon](#) of [Westminster Abbey](#), he was appointed [Bishop of Manchester](#) in 1921. He worked for improved social conditions for workers and for closer ties with other Christian Churches. Despite being a [socialist](#), he was nominated by the [Conservative](#) government for

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## Welcome and Announcements - Sherry Simon

### Prayer for members of the Armed Forces: Veterans Day Nov 11 2024

Deacon: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Opening Sentences *(Please stand as you are able)*

Leader: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *(Psalm 43:3)*

### Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
(a short silence is observed)

Deacon: We have wounded your love.

**People: O God, heal us.**

Deacon: We stumble in the darkness.

**People: Light of the world transfigure us.**

Deacon: We forget that we are your home.

**People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

**All: Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise you in deed and in truth.**

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

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**People O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Leader: The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

### **Venite: (In unison)**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! Amen.**

**The Lessons**      *(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: A Reading from the book of Exodus 22:21-27:**

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Psalm 119:97-104:**

**97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.  
98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my nemies, \*  
and it is always with me.  
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.  
100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.  
101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.  
102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.**

**103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.**

**104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.**

**Second Lesson: A Reading from the Epistle to the Philippians 2:12-13:**

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 1:1-14**

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Reflection—Sherry Simon**

## **The Apostles Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **The Prayers**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Leader:** Let us pray.

## *The Collect of the Day:*

**All: O God of light and love, you illumined your Church through the witness of your servant William Temple: Inspire us, we pray, by his teaching and example, that we may rejoice with courage, confidence, and faith in the Word made flesh, and may be led to establish that city which has justice for its foundation and love for its law; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

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**All: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

## The Suffrages (B)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### *Collect for Sundays:*

Leader: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings:**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

### **Prayer of General Thanksgiving (All in unison)**

Leader: Let us Pray

**All: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

Deacon/Leader: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?  
**People: We are called to love and serve.**  
Deacon/Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Deacon/Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore.  
**Amen.**

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the [Archbishopric of York](#) in 1928 and took office the following year. In 1942 he was [translated](#) to be [Archbishop of Canterbury](#), and died in post after two and a half years, aged 63.

Temple was admired and respected for his scholarly writing, his inspirational teaching and preaching, for his constant concern for those in need or under persecution, and for his willingness to stand up on their behalf to governments at home and abroad.

### **Early years**

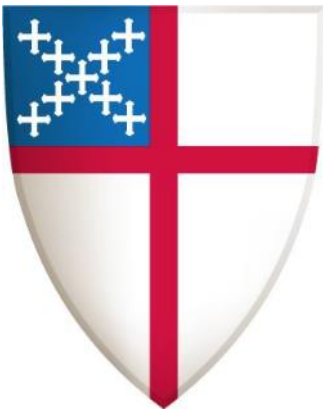
Temple was born on 15 October 1881 in [Exeter](#), Devon, the second son of [Frederick Temple](#) and his wife Beatrice, *née* Lascelles. Frederick Temple was [Bishop of Exeter](#), and later (1896–1902) [Archbishop of Canterbury](#). Despite the considerable age gap – the bishop was 59 years old when Temple was born (Beatrice Temple was 35) – they had a close relationship.<sup>[1]</sup> Sixty years later Temple referred to his father as "among men the chief inspiration of my life".<sup>[1]</sup> In a centenary appraisal [Frederick Dillistone](#) wrote:

Both parents came from aristocratic families and William's life, until he was 21, was spent in episcopal palaces. Yet it is clear that this privileged start did not spoil him, for there was no trace of snobbery or class-consciousness in his later years. Rather, there came to be an increasing concern for all who had not shared his circumstances.<sup>[2]</sup>

After a [preparatory school](#), [Colet Court](#), Temple went to [Rugby School](#) (1894–1900), where his [godfather](#), [John Percival](#), was headmaster. Temple later wrote a biography of him.<sup>[3]</sup> At Rugby, Temple began lifelong friendships with the future historian [R. H. Tawney](#) and [J. L. Stocks](#), who became a philosopher and academic.<sup>[4]</sup>

In 1900 Temple went up to [Balliol College, Oxford](#), where he obtained a [double first](#) in classics and served as president of the [Oxford Union](#).<sup>[4]</sup> The master of Balliol was the philosopher [Edward Caird](#); the biographer [Adrian Hastings](#) comments that Caird's [neo-Hegelian](#) idealism provided the philosophical inspiration for many of Temple's academic writings.<sup>[3]</sup> Temple learned to search for a synthesis in apparently conflicting theories or ideals, and later wrote of "my habitual tendency to discover that everybody is quite right – but I was brought up by Caird and I can never get out of that habit".<sup>[5]</sup> In Dillistone's view, Temple did not make "any radical distinction between Christianity and the World, the Church and the State, Theology and Philosophy, Religion and Culture".<sup>[2]</sup>

While an undergraduate Temple developed a deep concern for social problems, involving himself in the work of the Oxford and Bermondsey Mission, which brought material and



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