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Welcome to Morning Prayer with the people of the  
Green Mountain Online Abbey.

A few notes about today's service.

Please ***leave your microphone on mute*** during the  
responsory portions of the service. You are welcome to  
unmute yourself when you are invited to offer your prayers,  
then remember to mute it again when you have completed  
your prayer.

We will always read the Gospel appointed for the day so that  
we can read and meditate on Jesus' words and teaching.

MORNING PRAYER

**November 6, 2020**

***Friday of Ordinary Time, Proper 26***

***WILLIAM TEMPLE, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944***

**Opening Sentence**

*The Officiant says the following*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my  
redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

## **Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* O God, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Our God has redeemed the world:

*People* Come, let us worship.

*Said in unison* **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve with gladness  
and come before your presence with a song.

For we know that you are God; \*  
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,  
go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant* Our God has redeemed the world:  
*People* Come, let us worship.

## **Psalm Appointed**

*read in unison* **Psalm 69:1-23, 31-38** *Salvum me fac*

1 Save me, O God, \*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, \*  
and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed; \*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the  
hairs of my head;

my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through  
me, O God of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O  
God of Israel.

8 Surely for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an outcast to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*

at the time you have set, O God.

15 “In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O God, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.”

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; \*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, \*

and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; \*  
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise your Name, O God, in song; \*  
I will proclaim your greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please you more than an offering of oxen, \*  
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; \*  
those who seek God, their heart shall live.

35 For you, O God, listen to the needy, \*  
and your prisoners you do not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise you, \*  
the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For you will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; \*  
your people shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of your servants will inherit it, \*  
and those who love your Name will dwell therein.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### First Reading

*Reader:* A reading from **Sirach 50:1,11-24**

50 The leader of his brothers and the pride of his people  
was the high priest, Simon son of Onias,  
who in his life repaired the house,  
and in his time fortified the temple.

11 When he put on his glorious robe  
and clothed himself in perfect splendor,  
when he went up to the holy altar,  
he made the court of the sanctuary glorious.

12 When he received the portions from the hands of the  
priests,  
as he stood by the hearth of the altar  
with a garland of brothers around him,  
he was like a young cedar on Lebanon  
surrounded by the trunks of palm trees.

13 All the sons of Aaron in their splendor  
held the Lord's offering in their hands  
before the whole congregation of Israel.

14 Finishing the service at the altars,  
and arranging the offering to the Most High, the Almighty,

15 he held out his hand for the cup  
and poured a drink-offering of the blood of the grape;  
he poured it out at the foot of the altar,  
a pleasing odour to the Most High, the king of all.

16 Then the sons of Aaron shouted;

they blew their trumpets of hammered metal;  
they sounded a mighty fanfare  
as a reminder before the Most High.

17 Then all the people together quickly  
fell to the ground on their faces  
to worship their Lord,  
the Almighty, God Most High.

18 Then the singers praised him with their voices  
in sweet and full-toned melody.

19 And the people of the Lord Most High offered  
their prayers before the Merciful One,  
until the order of worship of the Lord was ended,  
and they completed his ritual.

20 Then Simon came down and raised his hands  
over the whole congregation of Israelites,  
to pronounce the blessing of the Lord with his lips,  
and to glory in his name;

21 and they bowed down in worship a second time,  
to receive the blessing from the Most High.

22 And now bless the God of all,  
who everywhere works great wonders,  
who fosters our growth from birth,  
and deals with us according to his mercy.

23 May he give us gladness of heart,  
and may there be peace in our days  
in Israel, as in the days of old.

24 May he entrust to us his mercy,  
and may he deliver us in our\* days!

Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle L**

***A Song of Christ's Humility*** *Philippians 2:6-11*

Though in the form of God, \*

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,  
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*  
and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him \*

and given him the name above every name,  
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \*  
to the glory of God the Father.

**The Gospel**

Reader: A reading from the **Gospel Luke 13:31-35**

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32 He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and

the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Here ends the reading.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All say together*

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**

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* 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 for ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **The Collects**

### **The Collect of the Day**

#### *All Saints*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Savior: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

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.*

*Together*

### **A Collect for Guidance**

O God, our Creator and Sustainer, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **For People Facing Uncertainty**

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

*(During the silence people may add their own*

*prayers. Please unmute yourself to share your prayer aloud. When you have completed your prayer, return the microphone to mute.)*

*The Officiant*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts and our nation; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Savior, *Amen.*

*The Officiant concludes with the Collect for Mission.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*The Officiant and People say together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### *Together* **A Collect of Dedication**

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide  
and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one  
body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon or Officiant*      Let us bless God.  
*People*                      To God be thanks forever.

## **Concluding Sentences**

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Commemoration**

William Temple was a renowned teacher and preacher who served as Archbishop of Canterbury during the difficult days of the Second World War. His writings reflect a robust social theology that engages the challenges of modern industrialized society. Temple was born on October 15th, 1881. His father, Dr. Frederick Temple, Bishop of Exeter and then of London, became Archbishop of Canterbury when William was fifteen. Growing up at the heart of the Church of England, William's love for it was deep and lifelong. Endowed with a brilliant mind, Temple took a first-class honors degree in classics and philosophy at Oxford, where he was then elected Fellow of Queen's College. At the age of twenty-nine he became headmaster of Repton School, and then, in quick succession, rector of St. James's Church, Piccadilly, Bishop of Manchester, and Archbishop of York. Though he was never subject to

poverty himself, he developed a passion for social justice which shaped his words and his actions. He owed this passion to a profound belief in the Incarnation. He wrote that in Jesus Christ God took flesh and dwelt among us, and, as a consequence, “the personality of every man and woman is sacred.” In 1917, Temple resigned from St. James’s, Piccadilly, to devote his energies to the “Life and Liberty” movement for reform within the Church of England. Two years later, an Act of Parliament led to the setting up of the Church Assembly, which for the first time gave the laity a voice in Church matters. As bishop, and later as archbishop, Temple committed himself to seeking “the things which pertain to the Kingdom of God.” He understood the Incarnation as giving worth and meaning not only to individuals but to all of life. He therefore took the lead in establishing the Conference on Christian Politics, Economics, and Citizenship (COPEC), held 1924. In 1940, he convened the great Malvern Conference to reflect on the social reconstruction that would be needed in Britain once the Second World War was over. At the same time, he was a prolific writer on theological, ecumenical, and social 559 topics, and his two-volume Readings in St. John’s Gospel, written in the early days of the war, rapidly became a spiritual classic. In 1942, Temple was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury and reached an even wider audience through his wartime radio addresses and newspaper articles. However, the scope of his responsibilities and the pace he set himself took their toll. On October 26th, 1944, he died at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, after only two and a half years at Canterbury.

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