

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

*William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944*

### **The Collect**

O God of light and love, who 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.

### **Old Testament**

**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.

### **Psalms 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 enemies, \*

***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.*

### **The Epistle**

### **Ephesians 3:7–12**

Of the gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **The Gospel**

### **John 1:9–18**

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.