

An Order for Night Prayer
Sunday, 17 January 2021 ~ The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
All **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who made heaven and earth.**

A period of silence for reflection on the past day

All **Most merciful God,**
 we confess to you,
 before the whole company of heaven and one another,
 that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
 and in what we have failed to do.
 Forgive us our sins,
 heal us by your Spirit
 and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
All **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 shall be for ever. Amen.
 Alleluia.

The Word of God Psalm 16

Refrain: *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Refrain: *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.*

*Give to us, Lord Christ,
the fullness of grace,
your presence and your very self,
for you are our portion and our delight,
now and for ever.*

Scripture Reading

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Titus 2.11

Reflection

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

All Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle

All Alleluia. Christ the light of the world, alleluia,
has manifested his glory. Alleluia, alleluia.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
All for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
All so do we look for you, O Christ.

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,
may the Spirit descend upon us,
and the blessing of God be with us
this night and always. Amen