

All Saints Church  
Deanery of Northern Ryedale



## Morning Prayer

First Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

***BEFORE THE SERVICE WE STILL OUR MINDS AND HEARTS. GENERAL CONVERSATION IS ENCOURAGED AFTER THE SERVICE RATHER THAN BEFORE.***

*Light a candle, if you have one, as the service begins:*

Christ is the Light of the World, in him there is no darkness at all.

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your light springs up for the righteous  
**and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
king of the nations,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.  
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts  
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit  
that we may witness to your gospel  
and sing your praise in all the earth.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 146

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul:  
while I live will I praise the Lord;  
as long as I have any being,  
I will sing praises to my God.

**Put not your trust in princes,  
nor in any human power,  
for there is no help in them.**

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;  
on that day all their thoughts perish.

**Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their  
help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong  
and bread to those who hunger.**

The Lord looses those that are bound;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous;**

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow;  
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

**The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Alleluia.**

**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.**

### **1 Corinthians 6.1-11**

When any of you has a grievance against another, do you dare to take it to court before the unrighteous, instead of taking it before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know

that we are to judge angels—to say nothing of ordinary matters? If you have ordinary cases, then, do you appoint as judges those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to decide between one believer and another, but a believer goes to court against a believer—and before unbelievers at that?

In fact, to have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? But you yourselves wrong and defraud—and believers at that.

Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived! Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, sodomites, thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, robbers—none of these will inherit the kingdom of God. And this is what some of you used to be. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Homily and Silence*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

**let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

**Let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Declare his glory among the nations

and his wonders among all peoples.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**

**let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,

who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,**

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow  
of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

The Intercession

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

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. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Christian Unity:

God our Father,  
you reveal to us your love  
through Christ  
and through our brothers and sisters.  
Open our hearts so that we can  
welcome each other  
with our differences and live  
in forgiveness.  
Grant us to live united in one body,  
so that the gift that is each person  
comes to light.  
May all of us together be a reflection  
of the living Christ.

Believing in the promises of God, let us pray with  
confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,  
give us the power of his Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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