

Saturday Prayers

Week-end of January 7th – 8th 2017

Feast of the Epiphany - January 6th (celebrated over the week-end.)

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Matthew 2.2.

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son,
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

(English Traditional Carol, from 17th Century)

Sunday, January 8th 2017

The Baptism of the Lord

Eternal Father, who at the Baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children born of water and the
Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

I was made a Christian when my name was given, one of God's dear children,
and an heir of heaven. In the name of Christian I will glory now, evermore
remember my Baptismal vow. Father Son and Spirit give me grace that I still may
live as Christian and a Christian die.

Loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given us, and for the love which brings us together; for the earth which provides for our needs and for the new life you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

We pray for our Christian family, for the protection and provision of those in need. We pray for the world, and all people of every faith and belief, that we may all live together in truth, peace and freedom.

We pray for the United Nations, and leaders of all nations and communities, that we may grow together caring for each other in peace and justice. We pray for those who live in fear, the sick, the dying, the frightened, the hurt, the sorrowful, the unemployed, the homeless and the unloved. And, as we pray for others, we pray a Blessing upon our family, friends, relatives, and neighbours, and upon ourselves. Bless us all in our work, and in our play, that we may live to your Glory and make your Name known throughout the whole world.

Remembering that Jesus promised "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Amen.

May God's Blessing of Light and Peace be with you, and from you spread into your family, community, nation and the world.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen

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