

## Holding the Silence

### The Daily Office Epiphany 2022

(6th January – 1st February 2022)

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Epiphany embraces  
the nations of the world,  
kneeling on a bare floor  
before a child.

Epiphany shows  
a man kneeling  
In the waters of baptism.  
Epiphany reveals  
the best is kept for last  
as water becomes wine  
at the wedding feast. *Kate McIlhagga*

*A candle may be lit at the start of the  
prayer.*

#### PREPARATION

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

#### Morning:

**Grant that this and every day,  
we may keep our shock of wonder at  
each new beauty that comes upon  
us as we walk down the paths of life:  
and that we may say in our hearts  
when horror and ugliness intervene,  
Thy will be done.  
Amen.**

#### Noon:

**Dear God, we bring the offering of  
ourselves this day, the gift of love in  
our hearts, the incense of prayer, the**

**myrrh of our suffering, the gold of all  
that we hold most dear, that you may  
create through our loyal obedience  
such wonders as pass our imagining.  
Amen.**

#### Evening:

**As once you changed water into  
wine, change our drear day into  
sweet rest in you. Change the  
drudgery of the old and worn and of  
all for whom life's sparkle has gone.  
Amen.**

#### Night:

**Jesus, we offer you the gold of our  
desire to love, even though our hearts  
are often cold; we offer you the  
incense of our longing to pray,  
although our spirits can be lukewarm;  
we offer you the myrrh of our  
frustrations and troubles, even when  
self-pity and bitterness creep in.  
Receive and make good our gifts out  
of your great love for us, and grant  
that we, like the magi, may find some  
kneeling space at Bethlehem.  
Amen.**

#### CANTICLE

*This or another psalm or canticle is said.*

**Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

**Though night still covers the earth, and  
darkness the peoples; above you the  
Holy One arises, and above you God's  
glory appears.**

**The nations will come to you light, and  
kings to your dawning brightness. Your  
gates will open continually, shut neither  
by day nor by night. The sound of  
violence shall be heard no longer in your  
land, or ruin and devastation within your  
borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, and  
your gates, praise. No more will the sun  
give you daylight, not moonlight shine  
upon you;**

**But the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your splendour.**

**Glory to God, Source of all Being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:**

As it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be forever.  
Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

How you inhabit this text, how you disclose your hidden self through open and closed syllables ... we do not know or comprehend. We ask for patience, alertness, discernment, and freedom as we watch your starchiness move from sound to sound. We give thanks that you have come fleshed in text, so powerfully textured are you. We give thanks in the name of Jesus, deeply textured as he was.

## READINGS

*(See Daily Readings leaflet)*

## SILENCE

### **Morning:**

Beckoning God, stir us with a holy discontent, over a world which gives its gifts to those who have plenty already, whose talents are obvious, whose power is recognised: and help us both to share our resources with those who have little and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us. Rise within us, like star, and make us restless 'til we journey forth to seek our rest in you.  
Amen.

### **Noon:**

Holy God, whose breath is felt in the soft breeze and whose life surges through socket and screen, we seek your strength in the midst of the day. May we, and the peoples of the world work in dignity and walk in the beauty of the day.  
Amen.

### **Evening:**

As once you changed water into wine, change our drear day into sweet rest in you. Change the drudgery of the old and worn and of all for whom life's sparkle has gone.  
Amen.

### **Night:**

While we sleep, O God, let not our hearts cease to worship you, let out sleep be permeated by your presence, while creation keeps watch, singing psalms with the angels, and taking up our souls into a paean of praise.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS

*As the community of St James's Piccadilly, apart and part of the whole, in isolation and in communion, near and far, together we pray . . .*

## COLLECT

*(See Daily Readings leaflet)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## THE CONCLUSION

May God who has called us out of darkness into marvellous light, bless us and fill us with peace.  
Amen.

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

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