

Psalm 16 as a Great Thanksgiving

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1
Keep us safe, loving God, for in you we take refuge.
Thank you for your love and power.
Thank you for your arms of grace,
drawing us in, leading us on
from a deep place of safety and confidence.

2
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."
Lord Jesus, all that we have comes from you.
All that we own, all the skills we take for granted,
all that is worth anything in our lives,
all is gift, from you, from your infinite goodness.

3
We celebrate godly people, here and everywhere.
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
We praise you for your church, especially this church,
for warm fellowship in which we know you, loving Lord.
With your people around the world,
those gone before and those who come after us,
we praise you.

4
Those who run after other gods
are wasting their time.
We choose you, Jesus.
We turn away from anything else
which would lay claim to us.

You alone are our portion and our cup;
because you have poured out your very self for us
even to the point of death, death on a cross,
as Jesus allotted to us his portion, his life eternal,
his Spirit, his body, his blood, given for us.

6
As we gather for Communion this morning,
we claim our delightful inheritance,
we step into the life of mercy and blessing
that Christ has claimed for us.

7
And so we praise you Lord, we honour your name,
we open our hearts and minds to your truth
even in the night you teach us.
even as we rest, we rest secure in your love

8
And here, in this moment, we look to you,
we keep our eyes on you, Lord.
You are here, you hold us in your hand,
you uphold us every day.
We will not be shaken.

9
Therefore our hearts are glad
and our souls rejoice;

10
for Jesus Christ rose from death!
You did not abandon him to the pit of decay,

11
but opened for us the path of life;
In your presence is fullness of joy,
Here at your table is delight, now and for evermore.
Amen