

## Home Service for Lent and Passiontide

**O Lord, open our lips**, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
As we rejoice in the gift of this day, so may the light of your presence,  
O God, set out hearts on fire with love for you.

**Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy**,  
To you be praise and glory for ever.  
In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.  
Amen.

**The Lord is full of compassion** and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set out sins from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

### Psalm and Bible Readings appointed

**Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.**  
Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.  
Be not far from me, O my God.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

### Prayers of Intercession

*For the day and its tasks...*

*For the world and its needs...*

*For the Church and her life...*

*For our villages and their people...*

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.  
God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We adore you, O Christ and we bless you;  
by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**Almighty and everlasting God**, you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we,  
worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission  
and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Our Father, which art in heaven...

**May God our Redeemer** shew us compassion and love.  
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.