

Home Service for Christmas and Epiphany

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, Sovereign God, creator of heaven and earth,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your living Word, eternal in heaven,
assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,
may the light of your love be born in us
to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:
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

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.

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...

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 our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven...

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

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.