



## A SHORT LITURGY BEFORE OPENING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**For His mercy endures forever.**

(PSALM 136:1)

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

**Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

**We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

(PSALM 100:1-3)

For God so loved the world

**that He gave His only begotten Son,**

that whoever believes in Him should not perish

**but have everlasting life.**

(JOHN 3:16)

Heavenly Father, we thank You on this day for the birth of Your only-begotten, our Lord Jesus Christ,

Wrapped in our flesh and blood,

Covered in our sins,

Hidden in the tomb and raised for our salvation,

Given for us and our salvation,

Grant us joy in the free gift of

Forgiveness,

Life, and

Salvation that He brings.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,**

**And let these gifts to us be blessed.**

Heavenly Father, grant that our giving and receiving of gifts would be filled with joy.

Bless the gifts and givers.

Expand our generosity and thankfulness.

Make the unwrapping of these gifts remind us of the mysteries of the faith revealed in Christ.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,**

**And let these gifts to us be blessed.**

Heavenly Father,

Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we would receive all things as good gifts from Your fatherly care,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,**

**And let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.**