

Opening Prayer: Almighty, you
 were before the beginning and are
 beyond all time, and you have come into
 the days of our lives in the bright
 shining light of your Son. Those who
 are wise, behold your light and adore
 your majesty. Grant that the star of
 your truth and righteousness will lead
 us to Christ, and move us to offer
 our gifts, and ourselves in worship
 and praise through Jesus X our Lord and

Pastoral Prayer

O God of infinite
 grace and goodness, you have blessed
 us in many ways. We are children of
 blessing and hope. In blessing you
 have called us apart to be your children
 and to live holy lives. It seems
 such a difficult thing to do, but ~~that~~
 when we look at the life of Jesus
 we realize that he is our example and
 our guide. He tells us to be perfect,
 and we shudder at that prospect.

It is as if you are asking
us to give up something precious,
our sin.

Holy God, help us to know that
you created us to be, it is then that
we experience the exciting joy
of being your Sons and
Daughters. May others learn to
praise you because of the
goodness and the God-likeness
they see in us. Today we claim
that we are your children. Help
us to live so even as we
follow the perfect example of
Jesus our risen Saviour, Amen