

PURITY

CHRISTMAS DAY

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,

A Christmas Collect

God of light and hope,
Of stars and surprises:
Open our eyes to your glory
and our hearts to your presence,
that we may respond with joy to the angel song;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pure unbounded love thou art!

Even if we cannot physically gather:

God is with us

Even if Christmas celebrations are different:

God is with us

Even if we might not be able to hug family and friends: God is with us

Even if we cannot sing carols in church buildings: God is with us

Even if Christmas cheer is harder this year:

God is with us

Emmanuel, God with us, we come before you in worship and praise.

We remember that you are ever faithful, eternally loving, and
mysteriously present always. **Amen**

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May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be ours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be among us and remain with us always.
Amen