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praise Him in the highest places.

Praise Him, O sun and moon;
praise Him, all you shining stars.

Young men and maidens, old and young together,
let us praise the name of the LORD!

Opening Prayer

God our Father, when the time had fully come, You sent Your Son, born of a woman, so that we might become Your children. Thank You for Christmas: for the songs and the candles, for the people we love, and for the quiet that follows. Give us the patient eyes of Simeon and the faithful prayers of Anna, so that we may see Your salvation in the ordinary days ahead. Let the Child who grew in wisdom grow in us. In His name. Amen.

Closing Blessing

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servants in peace, for our eyes have seen Your salvation. Go now in that peace. May the Spirit of the Son, who cries “Abba, Father!” in our hearts, keep you as God’s children through all the days of the new year. Amen.

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