

# Feast of St Brigid

## Opening Prayer:

Merciful God,  
Origin and reward of all charity,  
You called Saint Brigid to teach the new commandment of love  
Through her life of hospitality and her love of the needy;  
Give to your people, by her intercession,  
A generous spirit, so that, with hearts made pure,  
We may show your love to all.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Prayer over the Gifts:

As we present these gifts, O Lord,  
On the Feast of St Brigid,  
May we come to know you as the source of all true love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Preface:

The Lord be with you  
*And also with you*  
Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord.*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
*It is right and just*

It is right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
Always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Holy father, almighty and eternal God,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your wonderful love is seen in St Brigid:  
You taught her to open her heart and hands to the poor  
And seek the image of you son in every welcomed guest.

**Through her you showed a people  
The way of Mary, the mother of your son,  
In dedicated service and holiness of life.**

**On this feast you fill our hearts with joy  
For you continue to bless the church  
That you planted by her labours.  
And so, with archangels and angels  
And the whole company of saints,  
We sing the unending hymn of your praise:**

*Holy, holy, holy.....*

**Closing Prayer:**

**You give us food from heaven, Lord,  
To strengthen us in love;  
Grant we pray, through the intercession of St Brigid  
That works of charity continue to flourish  
And the light of true faith not fail.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**