

Scripture Sentences

for use at the beginning of services

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. *Psalm 46.1*

I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. *Psalm 51.3*

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. *Psalm 51.9*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.17*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118.24*

Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no-one living is righteous before you. *Psalm 143.2*

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. *Isaiah 55.6*

Correct me, Lord, but only with justice - not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing. *Jeremiah 10.24*

If a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. *Ezekiel 18.27*

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us. *Daniel 9.9f*

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. *Joel 2.13*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. *Habakkuk 2.20*

Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. *Matthew 3.2*

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. *Luke 15.18f*

A time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit and his worshippers must worship in spirit and truth. *John 4.23f*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *Philippians 4.6*

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. *Hebrews 13.15*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8f*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4.11*

Christmas

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9.6*

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. *Galatians 4.4*

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. *1 John 4.9*

Easter

For Christ our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. *1 Corinthians 5.7f*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

Ascension

God exalted Christ to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.9-11*

Whitsun (Pentecost)

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses. *Acts 1.8*

God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. *Romans 5.5*

Trinity

Day and night those around the throne never stop saying: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.' *Revelation 4.8*