

## **Wednesday Morning, Christmas – Incarnate Lord**

(An OBM Shorter Daily Office)

### **Becoming present to God**

*Through a sign of attentiveness like lighting a candle and/or*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

God of perfect timing

Who sent your Son into our world

And your Spirit into our hearts

**We receive you afresh**

**for this day**

**and these moments.**

### **Celebrating the presence of God**

World-entering God

**In you we live and move and have our being**

Self-emptying God

**In you we live and move and have our being**

Jesus-raising God

**In you we live and move and have our being**

Spirit-breathing God

**In you we live and move and have our being.**

*A pause to name any specific thanks or praise*

### **Acknowledging our humanity**

God of loving kindness,

your Spirit helps us to live as children of God.

Where we have turned a blind eye to others

exchanging your glorious freedom

for chains of self-gain or rivalry,

Gracious God

**forgive us.** *(Pause)*

May your renewing Spirit help us to be

**makers of peace**

**pursuers of justice**

**lovers of mercy**

**bearing witness to Christ.**

**Listening for the Word** *The Common Lectionary - Gospel &, optionally, other readings*

### **Canticle – Optional**

*Song of the Lord's Indescribable Generosity*

For you know the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**though he was rich,**

for our sake **he became poor,**

so that by his poverty **we might become rich.**

### **Reflecting on our roots**

Living God, enable us this day

to be pilgrims and companions:

committed to the way of Christ,

faithful to the call of Christ,

discerning the mind of Christ,

offering the welcome of Christ,

growing in the likeness of Christ,

engaging in the mission of Christ,

in the world that belongs to Christ.

### **Bringing our concerns**

God whose poverty makes us rich:

to those who hunger,

**give bread;**

to us who have bread,

**give the hunger for justice.**

*Free prayer for church and world.*

And so we pray...

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Going to love and serve**

We go to live and serve as children of God

**For that is what we are!**

*Optional:* + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.