

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.