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Daily Office: Revealing Lord

Thursday Morning & Epiphany

Becoming present to God

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

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

or

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness

***let the whole earth
tremble before him.*** (from Ps. 96)

or

Revealing Lord,
***In this place and at this time,
open our eyes to your presence.***

Celebrating the presence of God

Radiant God,
in Jesus, your Son,
you have made yourself known
to those who are near
and those who are far off.

***We give you praise
that no-one is beyond the reach
of your love
and that you desire
everyone to be drawn to your light.***

We give you thanks
that your light shines
in all places and towards all peoples
and that your light
has shone in our hearts.

***Help us this day
to walk in the light of your Spirit
as we seek to live for your glory.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

Glorious God,
we confess to backing away
from your brilliance
preferring the shadows
if not the darkness itself
lest your radiance
disclose who we truly are.
Thank you that you treat us tenderly
and that your light brings life.

***Forgive us
when we doubt your goodness
and heal our wounds.
Pour out your Spirit upon us
that we might be lights to the world
and in your service know your joy.
Amen.***

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - Optional

Song of Christ's Appearing

Christ Jesus was revealed
in the flesh

and vindicated in the spirit.

He was seen by angels

and proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world,

he was taken up in glory.

This will be made manifest
at the proper time

by the blessed and only Sovereign,

Who alone has immortality,

and dwells in unapproachable light.

Whom no one has ever seen

or can see;

to him be honour

and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15, 16 (NRSV)

or

Song of God's Wonderful Deeds

Great and wonderful

are your deeds,

Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,

O ruler of the nations.

Who shall not revere

and praise your name, O Lord?

for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come

and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings

have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3, 4 (NRSV)

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

Revealing Lord,
We rejoice in the light
you have brought to our world
and the light you have shed
in our hearts through your Son.
We pray this day
for people and places
overshadowed by the darkness
asking you to shine forth your glory.

We pray for:

- World
- Church
- People

The 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

By your Spirit
help us to grow more
in the likeness of Christ,
bearing his light
as we seek to serve you
in the Church and the world.

Amen.

Optional:

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

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