

Thursday Morning and Epiphany – Revealing Lord
An Alternative Daily Office

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

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. ***Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life.***" (John 8:12)

or

Lord of all light,

***Shine your light into our lives today,
that we may walk in your light.***

Celebrating the presence of God

God of all light,

through whose Son Jesus Christ
our lives have been rescued from
the power of darkness and transferred into
the kingdom of your beloved Son,

***we give you praise
that you have enabled us
to share in the inheritance of the saints
in the eternal light of glory.***

We give you thanks

for the hope you have set in our hearts
and the pathway to the light
upon which you have set our feet dancing.

***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

God beyond our imagining,
who dwells in unapproachable light,
we confess that your glory
has not been shown through our lives,
but your image has been marred in us.
***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts
and forgive us.***

We confess that your truth
has not been heard upon our lips,
but rather we have spoken words
of compromise and cheap grace.
***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts
And forgive us.***

We confess that your compassionate love
has not been expressed through our hands,
but they have hung limp with indifference
and faint disregard.
***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts
And forgive us.***

***So fill our hearts this day
with your Spirit's light
that we might speak truth,
act compassionately
and in all things show forth your glory. Amen.***

Listening for the Word of God

From The Common Lectionary

Canticle - Optional

Raised with Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

***Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth,***

For you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

***When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.***

(Colossians 3:1-4)

or

Est ist ein Ros entsprungen

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aus einer Wurzel zart,
als uns die Alten sungen:
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blumlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

(Traditional German)

A rose has sprung up
from a tender root
as the ancient's song promised us:
it was of Jesse's lineage
and has brought forth a flower
amid the cold winter
and halfway through the night.

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,
wherever there is darkness,
Lord, shed your light.

In homes overshadowed by violence,
poverty, illness or grief,
Lord shed your light.

In communities overshadowed by oppression,
fear, hatred of the other, or injustice,
Lord shed your light.

In our world overshadowed by greed,
war, hunger and global warming,
Lord shed your light.

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 bear your light today
in the Church and the world.

Amen.

Optional:

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