

**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.

***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts  
And forgive us.***

*(Silence)*

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)

**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**  
Revealing Lord,  
**by your Spirit,  
help us to bear your light today.  
Amen.**

*Optional:*

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

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