**An OBM Shorter Office for Monday Morning and Pentecost**

**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 hope, we wait for your Spirit.

***Fill our hearts again with your love.***

**Celebrating the presence of God**

Life-giving God,

from the shadow of your wings

***everything comes into being.***

Through the sending of your Son

***we are called from darkness***

***into your marvellous light.***

By the breath of your Spirit

***our life is re-made.***

For your self-giving love,

your enabling power,

your renewing presence,

***we praise you.*** *(A pause to name any specific thanks or praise)*

**Acknowledging our humanity**

Living God,

in your great love you call us children of God.

***What we will be has not yet been made known.***

But we know that when Christ appears

***we shall be like him,***

***for we shall see him as he is.***

Where we have fallen short of his glory,

Lord have mercy

***Christ have mercy.***

*Quiet confession*

Merciful God,

***by your Spirit, lead us more deeply***

***into what it means to be your children. Amen.***

**Listening for the Word** *The Common Lectionary -* Gospel (and/or other readings)

**Canticle – (***Optional) – Song of the Lord’s Transforming Spirit*

The Lord is the Spirit ***and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.***

And all of us with unveiled faces,

***seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,***

are being transformed into the same image

***from one degree of glory to another;***

***for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.*** (From 2 Corinthians 3.17-18 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**

Transforming God,

***by your Spirit you are leading all creation***

***into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.***

Hear us as we bring before you

***those who long for a way through their struggle:***

those waiting and working with hope,

***and those in despair.*** *(****Free prayer for church, world, others)***

***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**

And now, Lord and Giver of Life,

***may your Spirit lead us and all creation into your liberty and glory. Amen.***

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