**Thursday Morning, Shorter Daily Office –**

**Revealing Lord (& Epiphany)**

*(An office drawn mainly from the book of Ephesians)*

**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

Lord Jesus, you said,

***‘I, when I am lifted up, will draw all people to myself.'***

Draw us afresh into the story

of your abundant kindness:

***light for our way,***

***hope in our hearts,***

***wisdom to live by.***

**Celebrating the presence of God**

God whose greatness is beyond searching,

***in Christ you are gathering people from all nations***

and across all generations,

***a family for your Spirit to be at home in.***

For your glorious grace,

***receive our praise.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks or praise*

**Acknowledging our humanity**

Revealing God,

***by your Spirit you are renewing us***

***in the likeness of your Son.***

Where we have been darkened in our understanding

and hard-hearted towards you and others:

***forgive us.*** *(Pause)*

May your infilling-Spirit overflow

***in kindness and good news to all we meet this day.***

**Listening for the Word** *The Common Lectionary* - Gospel &, optionally, other readings

**Canticle –** *Optional*

*Song of the Lord’s Good Pleasure*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

***who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.***

With all wisdom and insight

***he has made known to us the mystery of his will***

***according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ.***

(From Ephesians 1 - NRSVA)

**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**

Creator of all things,

***you are gathering all things together in Christ -***

***things in heaven and things on earth.***

May your ways be made known in our world

***to all in positions of influence,***

and your wisdom through the Church

***in all its rich variety.***

*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**

Now to him who by the power at work within us

***is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,***

to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations

***for ever and ever. Amen.***

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