

**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.