

**And so may justice  
be brought to victory.  
In your name we pray  
and put our hope. Amen.**

*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**

As the Father sent Jesus  
into the world,  
so he sends me.

**Yes and Amen!**

*Optional:*

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

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### **Daily Office: Incarnate Lord**

#### **Wednesday Morning & Christmas**

#### **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

'The Word became flesh  
and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.' (NRSV)

or

*Some moments gently repeating:  
'I am here, and you are here'*

#### **Celebrating the presence of God**

Worldly God,  
your Word in season  
enters our neighbourhood  
bringing grace and truth:  
Glory to God in the highest heaven  
**and on earth peace to all people**

Beckoning God,  
your child in a manger invites us  
to lean close and bow down:  
Glory to God in the highest heaven  
**and on earth peace to all people**

Unbounded God,  
your angel brings good news  
and great joy  
to all on the margins:  
Glory to God in the highest heaven  
**and on earth peace to all people**

Intimate God,  
your power seeds hope for the low  
and judgement for the proud:  
Glory to God in the highest heaven  
**and on earth peace to all people**

Saviour God,  
your Spirit gifts one like us,  
one of us, one with us,  
to save us from ourselves:  
Glory to God in the highest heaven  
**and on earth peace to all people.  
Amen**

*A pause to name any specific thank  
or praise*

### Acknowledging our humanity

Heavenly Father,  
in Jesus we discover what it means  
to walk by the Spirit  
as daughters and sons of God.

When we have taken for granted  
the everyday gifts of life:

Lord have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

Where we have failed  
to respond to your presence  
within, between and around us:

Lord have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

Where we have acted  
as though your coming  
was only for me and mine:

Lord have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

*Silence*

Glorious Lord, help us this day  
to receive and embody  
your grace and truth  
for us and for all people:

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy**

### Listening for the Word

From *The Common Lectionary*

### Canticle – Optional

*Mary's Song | Magnificat*

My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord,  
**my spirit rejoices  
in God my Saviour;**  
he has looked with favour  
on his lowly servant.  
**From this day all generations  
will call me blessed;**  
the Almighty has done  
great things for me  
**and holy is his name.**  
He has mercy on those  
who fear him,  
**from generation to generation.**  
He has shown strength with his arm  
**and has scattered the proud  
in their conceit,**  
Casting down the mighty  
from their thrones  
**and lifting up the lowly.**  
He has filled the hungry  
with good things  
**and sent the rich away empty.**  
He has come to the aid  
of his servant Israel,  
**to remember his promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children  
for ever.** Luke 1.46-55 (NRSV)

*Or*

### Song of the Son's Glory

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors  
**in many and various ways  
by the prophets,**  
but in these last days  
he has spoken to us by a Son,  
whom he appointed  
heir of all things,  
**through whom he also  
created the worlds.**  
He is the reflection of God's glory  
and the exact imprint  
of God's very being,  
**and he sustains all things  
by his powerful word.**  
When he had made  
purification for sins,  
**he sat down at the right hand  
of the Majesty on high,**  
having become as much superior  
to angels  
**as the name he has inherited  
is more excellent than theirs.**  
*Hebrews 1.1-4 (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

God of life in all its fullness,  
in Jesus you come to give life  
and not to destroy it.

You call us to be part of  
your healing:  
to make peace, pursue justice,  
and love mercy;  
to bear witness to Christ  
anticipating the day  
when tears are wiped away,  
death, mourning, crying and pain  
are no more,  
and you are at home  
among all people.

God who dwells *within* us,  
**move afresh in our lives and  
neighbourhood**

God among *the nations*,  
**move afresh in our lives  
and neighbourhood**

God whose prophetic presence  
is at hand,  
**move afresh in our lives  
and neighbourhood**  
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Through your Spirit,  
may broken lives be made whole  
and flickering spirits  
fanned into flame.