

Shorter Daily Office: MONDAY Midday

***Becoming present to God**

Through a sign of attentiveness like lighting a candle

***Prayers of Thanksgiving & Praise**

***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 marvelous 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.

***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: Today's Reading**

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**

*Open time of prayer
For those we know and love
For the Church Family
For local, national and global events*

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

***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.