

Shorter Daily Office: THURSDAY Midday

***Becoming present to God**

Through a sign of attentiveness like lighting a candle

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Praise

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.

***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 for Quiet Confession)

May your infilling-Spirit overflow
in kindness and good news to all we meet this day.

***Listening for the Word: Today's Reading**

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**

*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.***

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.