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### **The Episcopal Church of the Nativity**

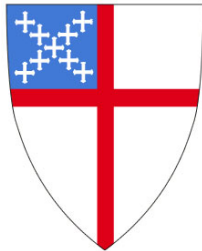
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# Morning Prayer

9:30 am

**Episcopal Church of the Nativity**



*Sourced from:*

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

*Enriching Our Worship 1998*

*(A BCP 1979 Supplement)*

## ***Opening Hymn***

***Officiant:*** Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (*1 Cor. 15:57*)

## **The Confession**

***Officiant:*** Let us confess our sins to God.

*(Silence)*

***All:***

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

***Officiant:*** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

***All:*** Amen

*Source information for the different portions  
of the service:*

*\* "The Creed" is an Ionian Creed from  
Iona Abbey Worship Book.*

## The General Thanksgiving

### *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**Officiant:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in God's Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

**People:** Amen.

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

### The Concluding Sentence

**Officiant:** Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

### *Closing Hymn*

### *(Announcements)*

## Opening Versicle

**Officiant:** O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

**People:** And your glory all day long.

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever. Alleluia

## The Invitatory and Psalter

**Officiant:** Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

**People:** Come let us adore him! Alleluia!

**Venite** (*Psalm 95:1-7*) (*All*)

Come, let us sing to God  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise to God a shout with psalms.  
For you are a great God;  
you are great above all gods.  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.  
The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us fall down in awe of divine presence,  
before our loving Creator.  
For you are our God,  
And we are the people of your pasture  
and the sheep of your hand.  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

### **The Appointed Psalm for Sunday**

### **The Readings**

*(All readings are the appointed readings for Sunday)*

### **First Testament Reading**

**Officiant:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God

### **The Epistle**

**Officiant:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God

### **Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (All)**

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
will trust in God and not be afraid.  
For God is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to God and call upon God's Name;  
Make God's deeds known among the peoples;

### **A Collect for Peace**

**Officiant:** O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies: that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **Prayer for Mission**

**Officiant:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

**People:** Amen.

**Officiant:** Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People:** For we put our trust in you.

## The Collects

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### *A Collect for Grace*

**Officiant:** Lord God, almighty and everlasting Creator, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

see that they remember that God's Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of God,  
for God has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

## The Gospel Reading

**Officiant:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God

## (Homily/Message)

## The Creed\*

**All:**

We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of all living things.

We believe in God beside us,

Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.  
He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen

### **The Prayers**

**Officiant:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**All:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen

### **Suffrages**

**Officiant:** Save your people, God, and bless your inheritance;

**People:** Govern and uphold them, now and always.

**Officiant:** Day by day we bless you;

**People:** We praise your name for ever.

**Officiant:** God, keep us from all sin today;

**People:** Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.