



# ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Morning Prayer | Rite II  
Year B



**TWO HOURS OF  
WORSHIP PIANO**

A graphic showing a close-up of a piano keyboard with white and black keys. The text is overlaid on the image.

# WELCOME

The Rev. Kassinda R. T. Ellis

Voice of the People:  
Joan Carrott

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your phone or click the microphone  
icon on your computer.



# OPENING SENTENCE

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.

*Daniel 9:9-10*



# CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



# CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**



# THE INVITATORY

*Officiant*      O Lord, open our lips.

*People*          **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**



# THE INVITATORY

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is a God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

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# THE INVITATORY

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*

Give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.



# PSALM 51:11-18 | FRANCINE BROTHERSON

- <sup>11</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>12</sup> Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>13</sup> Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- <sup>14</sup> I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.

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# PSALM 51:11-18 | FRANCINE BROTHERSON

<sup>15</sup> Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.

<sup>16</sup> Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

<sup>17</sup> Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

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# PSALM 51:11-18 | FRANCINE BROTHERSON

<sup>18</sup> The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# READING | OLIDIA GORDON

*A reading from the Book of Jonah, chapter 3, verses 1 to 10.*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

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# READING | OLIDIA GORDON

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

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# READING | OLIDIA GORDON

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

# CANTICLE 9 | FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

*Ecce, Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me;\*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,\*  
and he 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 the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;\*

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# CANTICLE 9 | FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he 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.  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\***  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
**Amen.**



# THE GOSPEL

*A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 11, verses 29 to 32.*

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, 'This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement

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# THE GOSPEL

with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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# THE APOSTLES' CREED

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

**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.**

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# THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



# THE SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

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# THE SUFFRAGES

- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**



# THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



# THE COLLECTS

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, 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. **Amen.**



# THE COLLECTS

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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# THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**



# A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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 his 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. **Amen.**



# CONCLUSION

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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