



# Morning Prayer Rite II

## *The Feast of Saint Joseph*

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St. Thomas



Episcopal  
Church

*The entire liturgy for Morning Prayer is found below.*  
*Words to be said in unison or as a congregational response are **found in bold.***

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*The Officiant begins with the opening sentence*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Officiant*

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 Officiant then says*

Lord, open our lips.

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

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Venite*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Psalm

*Psalms 132*

1 Lord, remember David, \* **and all the hardships he endured;**

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord \* **and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, \* **nor climb up into my bed;**

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \* **nor let my eyelids slumber;**

5 Until I find a place for the Lord, \* **a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."**

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephrathah; \* **we found it in the fields of Jearim.**

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \* **let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.**"

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \* **you and the ark of your strength.**

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \* **let your faithful people sing with joy.**

10 For your servant David's sake, \* **do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \* **in truth, he will not break it:**

12 "A son, the fruit of your body \* **will I set upon your throne.**

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \* **their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.**"

14 For the Lord has chosen Zion; \* **he has desired her for his habitation:**

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \* **here will I dwell, for I delight in her.**

16 I will surely bless her provisions, \* **and satisfy her poor with bread.**

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \* **and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.**

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \* **I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.**

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \* **but as for him, his crown will shine."**

**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 First Lesson

*Isaiah 63:7-16*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely";  
and he became their savior  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled  
and grieved his holy spirit;  
therefore he became their enemy;  
he himself fought against them.  
Then they remembered the days of old,  
of Moses his servant.  
Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is the one who put within them  
his holy spirit,  
who caused his glorious arm  
to march at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
Like cattle that go down into the valley,  
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.  
Thus you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Look down from heaven and see,  
from your holy and glorious habitation.  
Where are your zeal and your might?  
The yearning of your heart and your compassion?  
They are withheld from me.  
For you are our father,  
though Abraham does not know us  
and Israel does not acknowledge us;  
you, O Lord, are our father;  
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

*People*            The Word of the Lord  
                      **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10  
*The Second Song of Isaiah*

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \***

**nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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 Second Lesson  
*Matthew 1:18-25*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**People**            The Word of the Lord.  
                         **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18  
*A Song to the Lamb*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;**

**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

**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 descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**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.**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

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.**  
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 Collect of the Day (Saint Joseph)

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

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.**

A Prayer for Mission

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.**

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

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