

# The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Boyne City, Michigan

## Order for Morning Prayer

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*Welcome! Please follow along as you are able, using this leaflet—along with the hymnal, the prayer book, and the lectionary insert. If you get lost, just ask for help.*

### OPENING HYMN

*Please stand, if you able  
See hymn board for number*

*(When a stanza of a hymn begins with an asterisk, we omit it)*

*The leader begins with a sentence of scripture for the season, found in the prayer book, pp.75-78, and then says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer book, p.79  
*Stand or kneel*

*Following the general confession, the leader then prays for God's forgiveness, saying,*  
Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### INVITATORY

*Standing*

*Leader  
People*

Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**



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All **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.**

*Except in Lent, add Alleluia.*

VENITE *Spoken alternative: prayer book, p.82*

- 1 Come, let us praise the Lord,  
with joy our God acclaim,  
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.  
Lift high your songs  
before his throne  
to whom alone all praise belongs.
- 2 Our God of matchless worth,  
our King beyond compare,  
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.  
He all decrees,  
who by his hand  
prepared the land and formed the seas.
- 3 In worship bow the knee,  
our glorious God confess;  
the great Creator, he, the Lord our Righteousness.  
He reigns unseen:  
his flock he feeds  
and gently leads in pastures green.
- 4 Come, hear his voice today,  
receive what love imparts;  
his holy will obey and harden not your hearts.  
His ways are best  
and lead at last,  
all troubles past, to perfect rest.

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*We invite you to stay awhile, enjoying refreshments and fellowship at the rear of the church*

*To see what lessons are appointed for a given week, set your internet browser to [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)*

*PLEASE, leave this leaflet at the church for re-use another time*

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Said together by all:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly Nativity parish and those worshipping here, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

SERMON

Seated

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Standing, p.101

After this prayer, the leader concludes

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

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seated

CLOSING HYMN

Standing; see hymn board

PSALM

Seated; see lectionary insert for text

Those on the right side of the congregation recite the first verse in unison; those on the left say the next, alternating till the end

At the end of the psalm, all say together:

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.

FIRST READING

See lectionary insert

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Standing

Spoken alternative: prayer book, p.86



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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SECOND READING

Seated; see lectionary insert

## THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

*Standing*

*Spoken alternative: prayer book, p.92*



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
 2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
 3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.\_\_\_\_  
 the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.\_\_\_\_  
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.\_\_\_\_

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## GOSPEL READING

*Seated; see lectionary insert*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Standing; prayer book, p.96*

## THE PRAYERS

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader* Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer book, p.97

## SUFFRAGES

*Leader* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Leader* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Leader* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Leader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*These prayers are then said by the leader:*

The Collect of the Day *See insert*

A Collect for Sundays p.98

A Prayer for Mission pp.100-101

*The leader may bid the people pray for their own needs and those of others*