

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10 | 8 AM



"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22

HOLY SPIRIT | EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

The Word of God

We acknowledge that our worship is taking place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.

ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM

The following is said, all standing (repeat three times)

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One.

Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

THE PSALM

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Remain seated.

Reader Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 107 found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- ¹**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, ***
and his mercy endures for ever.
²**Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim ***
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
³**He gathered them out of the lands; ***
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
¹⁷**Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; ***
they were afflicted because of their sins.

¹⁸**They abhorred all manner of food ***
and drew near to death's door.
¹⁹**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, ***
and he delivered them from their distress.
²⁰**He sent forth his word and healed them ***
and saved them from the grave.
²¹**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy ***
and the wonders he does for his children.
²²**Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving ***
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
<i>People</i>	Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be

exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing, as able, or sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop and Marty Stebbins, our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our President, Greg, our Governor, Andrea, our Mayor, and our city council and county commissioners, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton	Marleigh Flanigan	Joel
Bert and Nora Horton	Jeff McElwain	Jeanne
Kathy Adams	Keegan Yates	Cheyenne
Joan Chaussee	Wally Pierce	Liza
Betty Rice	Mary Lou Cordis	Graham
Laura Lambert and her family	Tanya Lodahl	Jim
Norrie Dusty Bull and family	Laura and Cannon	Shannon
James Frank McDonough	Ken and Nancy Hailey	Peg
Angela Ruhnke	Jodie Ulrigg and family	Moe
Willie and Rich Hoffer	Jeff Toole	Peter
Nancy Callen	Malcolm Smith	Sam
Jari Davis	Aaron Evans	Charlie
Paula and family		

and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Helen Brewer and Keo Burcham, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____] and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

The People stand. The Celebrant say to the people

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion

DOXOLOGY

All say in unison as the Offering is received and blessed

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

SURSUM CORDA

The People stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available, and you may drink from the common cup or dip your wafer in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When this prayer is needed, the Celebrant and People say

In the name of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS FOR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their beloved mothers, Helen Brewer and Keo Burcham, by Bob and Lani Brewer.



Participants in the Service

<i>Preacher and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Fred MacInnes</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Lori Cordis</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Bev Maas</i>

GROW WITH US

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's in-person and online services, is made possible because of people like you. We rely on your donations to make our mission and ministry possible. In these challenging times, your support is needed more than ever. If this service has been meaningful for you, we encourage you to give as you're able to help Holy Spirit continue to serve our community and the greater world. Visit <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/> or give on our church app or text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to (833) 714-3270 to give on your smartphone. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the white Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

OUR ALMS SUNDAY TODAY WILL SUPPORT THE M.I.C. FAMILY HOUSELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

Please help us welcome parishioner Zeke Campfield as our Alms Sunday speaker at both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on March 10, when he will discuss the life-changing work of the Housing Advocate Network (HAN). Zeke attended Holy Spirit as a youth with his family and returned to worshipping in our pews several years ago. He has been the director of the Housing Advocate Network, a program of the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, for five years.

HAN is a group of everyday people—like several of our Holy Spirit parishioners—who work alongside individuals and families who are houseless or facing imminent houselessness. We volunteers help people navigate the often confusing and discouraging search for affordable housing in the pricey Missoula market. The specific alms request will be to provide funds for the M.I.C. Family Houselessness Prevention Program. This program offers support to families who are at imminent risk of losing their home and entering the Meadowlark Family Housing Center. Through intensive case management, the program helps families tackle immediate issues, maybe an overdue electrical bill or past-due rent, as well as broader challenges that can help them start anew and avoid becoming houseless. A special offering will be taken during worship this Sunday, or you can give via Pushpay or online at holyspiritmissoula.org.

Following the 10:15 service, Zeke will join parishioners in the Guild Room to answer questions about HAN and the broader work of M.I.C. Please join us.

– Lucia Solorzano Work, Social Concerns Committee

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNITY CONCERNS EVENING ON MARCH 13!

Many Holy Spirit parishioners have been enthused learning more about our community through our Alms Sundays talks, and your Social Concerns Committee is planning to expand this effort with “Community Concerns Evenings.” These will be longer and more detailed explanations of the various efforts underway to improve our community, with time for “Q&A” and discussion, similar to the “panels” which have been offered at Holy Spirit in the past. These events will give all interested parishioners the opportunity to learn about and understand community issues and efforts to address those issues.

Our first event will be on Wednesday, March 13, a presentation on and discussion about Dementia Friendly Missoula. As our population ages, this has become an important issue which all of us should better understand: what dementia is, how to avoid or minimize dementia when you are younger, how to live with dementia and how to treat those suffering from dementia in a friendly and positive manner.

Please plan to join us on March 13 at 6:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the Church Office (406-542-2167) if you are planning to attend, as we will be providing some light refreshment during this event.

And, if there is an organization or a topic that you believe we should cover, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your Social Concerns Committee.

NEW NAME TAGS!

We're making new, permanent name tags for everyone at Holy Spirit. Come by the parish hall this Sunday after service to make sure you're on our list and that your name is just how you like it. Our Name Tag Project will be looking for you at coffee hours through March. For the 8 o'clock congregation, please check the name tag list at the back of the church near the coatrack.

SIGN UP FOR THE MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

The Maundy Thursday Vigil sign-up board can be found on a table in the parish hall. This prayerful time will commence after the Maundy Thursday service. We encourage individuals to join us in prayer and reflection with Jesus during this solemn night. The church will be dimly lit and secured during the vigil. Additionally, a designated area will be set up with chairs, a lamp, and books for study, as well as the option to pray in the pews. Kindly consider signing up for an hour slot on the board, and when your time approaches, please knock on the door for entry. For any inquiries, feel free to contact Holly Swartz at 406-542-1978.

2024 LENTEN SERIES: FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

The Christian story did not end with the Book of Revelation! This Lent we'll meet together for on Saturday mornings in March and take a deep dive into some of our extraordinary and demanding post-biblical Christian stories and think about the implications they might have for our own life stories. The class will once again be led by Zara Renander.

Please join us in the parish hall on Saturday, March 16th, from 10:00 – 11:30 am for the final Lenten program. Stay after if you can for a soup and bread meal, provided in the parish hall. **Please let the church office know you'll be joining us so we can be prepared with plenty of soup.** Call us at (406) 542-2167 or email us at office@holyspiritmissoula.org.

About our speaker:

This year's Lenten series will be led by Zara Renander. Zara, a Hospice Chaplain and member of our parish, began worshipping with us during the pandemic. She holds a B.A. in Religious Studies and an M.A. in Theology. Zara raised her children in Great Falls, MT and then moved to Minnesota and eventually to Alabama. When her husband became ill, they moved back to Montana to Missoula to be close to family. We are thrilled to have Zara as a part of our worshipping community and to learn from her varied passions and interests.

DO YOU HAVE AN EASTER MEMORIAL?

Do you have someone you would like to remember in the Prayers of the People at the Easter services? If so, please send us their name, and we will include it in the service leaflet for those services. Memorials may be sent to the church office at office@holyspiritmissoula.org. **The deadline for submission of names for inclusion in the service leaflet is Wednesday, March 20, at 9 a.m.** A donation of \$30 for the Easter flowers is suggested.

SIGN UP TO DONATE AT OUR SPRING BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR APRIL 4

Holy Spirit Parish will host its **annual spring blood drive on Thursday, April 4, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** The demand for Red Cross blood services remains high. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. While the need is constant, a very small percentage of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Here's our chance to help the American Red Cross make sure that supply meets demand.

How can you participate?

- **Roll up your sleeve and donate.** You can sign up for an appointment to donate blood at www.redcrossblood.org or by contacting Elizabeth Drummond (eadrummond56@comcast.net; 406-240-8873). The basic requirements to donate are:
 - You must be in good health and feeling well.
 - You must weigh at least 110 pounds.
 - If you are not yet 18 years old you must have a consent form signed by your parent or guardian.
- While you're signing yourself up, invite a family member or friend to join you. Share this lifesaving gift together.
- **Help at the blood drive.** We need volunteers to help register donors and to serve refreshments. We need people to bring those refreshments, too. Please contact Elizabeth to sign up.

We look forward to seeing you at the Holy Spirit Parish Blood Drive.

NEW SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY BEGINS APRIL 4

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and The Heart of the Middle East, by Sandy Tolan

Join us as we dive into the heart of the Middle East with "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan. This powerful nonfiction book takes us through the deep and complex history of modern Israel, showing us stories of hope and reconciliation in the midst of conflict. Let's read with open minds and empathy for those on both sides of the divide.

Our small group book study begins on Thursday, April 4 at 3 p.m. at Anita Rognas' home on 626 Preston Street (across from Hawthorne Elementary School). We will meet every Thursday until May 9, delving into the pages of this timely and thought-provoking book. Space is limited, so reach out to Anita at 208-305-4022 (via text or voicemail) to secure your spot and inquire about obtaining a copy of the book. This is a chance to come together, discuss, and learn from each other as we explore the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Let's create a space for dialogue, understanding, and growth as we embark on this literary journey. See you there!

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