



The Holy Eucharist: Enriching Our Worship

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Tho' I may speak with bravest fire

Emma Lou Diemer

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song. The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.


PROCESSIONAL HYMN • #9 (vss. 4-6)

Not here for high and holy things


Sung by all

Morning song


THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

WELCOME

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The People standing as able, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

The Celebrant may say

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

SONG OF PRAISE • CANTICLE 20: GLORY TO GOD

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

The following is said, all standing as able

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons, and when there is Children's Worship, the children leave for Children's Worship. The children will return for Holy Eucharist.

THE FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

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

Proverbs 25:6-7

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People remain seated.

THE PSALM

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

Reader Our response to the first reading is Psalm 112 found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 112

¹**Hallelujah!**
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; ***
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³**Wealth and riches will be in their house, ***
and their righteousness will last for ever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ***
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
⁵**It is good for them to be generous in lending ***
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken; ***
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
⁷**They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; ***
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, ***
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
⁹**They have given freely to the poor, ***
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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.

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand as able to sing the hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN • #321

My God, thy table now is spread

Sung by all

Rockingham

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

THE SEQUENCE HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Remain standing as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are

invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Bradley Wirth

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 as able.

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.**

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.

The People stand, as able, or sit or kneel.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 4 found on page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

Lord, awaken us to love and work.

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United). In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the community of Anaconda and the congregation of St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Rector Theresa Kelley Bergmann and Deacons Mary Alice and Jim Jones. We also pray for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; and for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

Stir and guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may steward its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Today we pray especially for:

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Bert and Nora Horton	Jennifer, Mark and Jacob	Sullivan
Joan Chaussee	Bob Simons	Beth
Betty Rice	Robert Hadlow	Peg
Jari Davis	Laura and Cannon	Janel
Lew and Robin Mueller	Linda T.	Paula
Dolores Criswell	Christina Errebo	Patrick
Nancy Callen	Maggi Teague	Ray
Kathy Adams	Dan	Shannon
Paula and family	Jeanne	Greg
Michael Ayers and family	Mari, Brian and baby	Mary
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Jone and Jesse	Moe
Peggy Deeds	Peter and Malcolm Smith	Sam
Doug Harris and family	Ben and Alexis Clark	Wanda
Mae Nan Ellingson	Anna Goodfriend	Tim
Dennis Beary	Jean Larson	Graham
Cile Steward	Tom Ard	Carol
Terry Whatley	Dylan Taylor	Mary Louise
Danielle Dimmock	Margaret Francis	

The staff and patients of al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City

And for those who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

And we also pray for:

- our national, state, and local leaders and their work on our behalf
- all who are involved in fighting wildfires
- peace and right action in war zones, borderlands, and negotiations
- and the other people and concerns on our hearts which we lift to you now

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray this morning for those we remember to you now, silently or aloud.

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

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 • #380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 1982

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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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

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

Celebrant

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel as able.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,

said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with [blessed _____, and] all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only “Amen” in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation’s response.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 said*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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 OF COMMUNION

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.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying


God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN • #438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord *Sung by all*

Woodlands

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

DISMISSAL

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

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O God, our help in ages past

Christa Rakich



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving, by the people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

Participants in the Service

<i>Presider, Preacher, and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Bradley Wirth</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Crucifer</i>	<i>Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>Godly Play Work Day Team</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvariskis and Mark Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Holly Swartz, Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Lucy Deaton</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Ed and Laura Taylor</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Beverley Sherman, Barb Hosier</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Beverley Sherman</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jim Wiley, Charlie Swannack</i>
<i>Videographer</i>	<i>PJ Willett</i>

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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 blue Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

SOCIAL MEDIA/MARKETING OPT-OUT

Holy Spirit posts photos of activities and events on Facebook and Instagram, as well as on our website. We know many people are just fine with this and enjoy seeing their photos at everything from picnics to baptisms. However, if you would like to opt out of this practice for yourself or your family, please let the office know. We will do our best to honor this request.

WE WELCOME THE REV. BRADLEY WIRTH TO OUR SERVICE

We welcome back to Holy Spirit our friend The Rev. Bradley Wirth. He is graciously covering services while both Rev. Terri and Rev. Gretchen are away from Holy Spirit. Please make him welcome here!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP/GODLY PLAY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. PLEASE JOIN US!

Our Godly Play journey this summer will be full of stories of the first people and places we come to know in the Bible. You are welcome to explore with us, any and every Sunday, all summer long! Today is a Work Day for Godly Play which is a kids-choice time of crafts and conversation, building on the idea that play is a key part of the work that kids do. Please join us!

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Church Office will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. We return to our regular office hours on Tuesday, September 2. Our regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are closed during the noon hour.

JOIN OUR WEED-PULLING PARTY SEPT. 2 AT 9:15 A.M.

Bring your trowel, work gloves, and a towel or pad for your knees and join in to help us remove the weeds that are growing up around our new lawn. As always, many hands make light work. Let's take advantage of the cool morning hours to gather up the weeds. There will be coffee and donuts and a real sense of accomplishment for everyone who can come to help.

The goal is to get ready for some fall reseeding of these weedy areas. Questions: Call Molly Bowler at 406-529-6847. Thank you!

NEXT UP IN OUR RECTOR SEARCH: LISTENING SESSIONS

To complement the Parish Survey, the Search Committee will hold listening sessions on Sunday, September 21st during coffee hour and on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7 pm so that parishioners can hear the results of the written survey, offer comments about the results or ask questions. Please plan to join us.

Questions or comments about Holy Spirit's rector search? Contact any Search Committee member or write to us at: rectorsearch@holyspiritmissoula.org.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Starting September 7, we will make the following adjustments to our Sunday worship schedule:

1. Our 8 a.m. said, contemplative service with Holy Eucharist, will return to in-person worship. This service will not be livestreamed.
2. Our second service will take place at 10:15 a.m. and will feature music, our Holy Spirit Choir, and Holy Eucharist. This service will be livestreamed on our church YouTube channel. A Coffee/Fellowship Hour normally follows the 10:15 a.m. service in the parish hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH FAMILY PROMISE IN SEPTEMBER

Four times a year, Holy Spirit parishioners feed unhoused families at the Meadowlark Shelter, while they search for housing. Our 3rd week is coming up from September 7th through September 13th. We could still use help serving the meal on Thursday and Friday, or providing salad, fruit, or dessert throughout the week. To sign up, if you are already a Family Promise volunteer, go directly to the sign-up sheet at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AA5AB2DA2FA7-45123927-family#1>

If you are not a volunteer, contact me to join our group of volunteers at 406-203-7177. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

-- Carla Mettling, Family Promise Coordinator

JOIN US FOR KICKOFF SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 7!

We are thrilled to invite you to our Kickoff Sunday event on September 7! This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church Family to come together and start the new program year and the Season of Creation with faith, hope, and grace.

Kickoff Sunday Highlights:

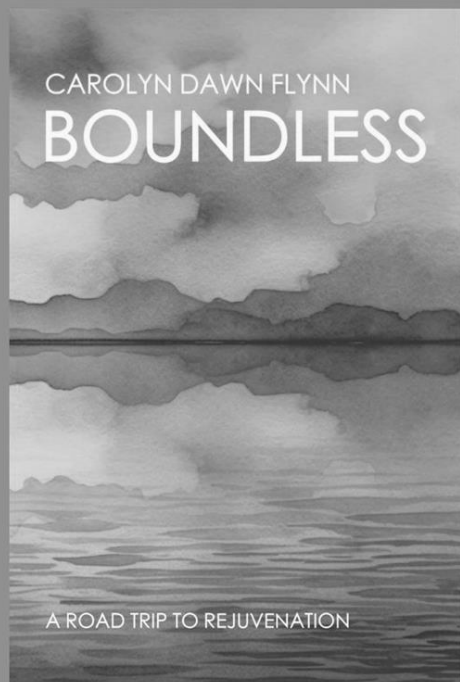
- **Two Inspiring Services:** Join us at 8 a.m. for peaceful, contemplative worship and at 10:15 a.m. for uplifting worship, featuring the return of our beloved Holy Spirit Choir.
- **Special Coffee Hour:** After the 8 a.m. service, enjoy a special Coffee Hour with your fellow congregants. It's a great chance to connect with our 8 a.m. community!
- **Kickoff Sunday Picnic:** Following the 10:15 a.m. service, head over to Bonner Park for our Kickoff Sunday Picnic. Bring your favorite entree, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. You can store your picnic items in the church refrigerator or keep them warm in the oven during worship.
- **Wholly Fun Crew:** The Wholly Fun Crew will have tables set up at the park, as well as all necessary plates, utensils, paper items, and coolers of drinks ready for us to enjoy a delightful picnic together.

Your participation will make this day even more special. Mark your calendars and join us for a day filled with faith, fellowship and fun!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY CONCERNS MOVIE NIGHT!

Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy

Join us on September 17 for the screening of *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy*. This documentary provides valuable insights into the reasons behind evangelical Christian's unwavering support for figures like Donald Trump. Discover the role of abortion in shaping their movement and the implications of their vision for a Christian Nation. Bring your friends and be a part of the post-show discussion. Don't miss this eye-opening event at Holy Spirit's Parish Hall starting at 6:30 PM.



A Memoir & Mini-Retreat

Deepening our Experience of
God's Story, through reflecting
on One Woman's Story

Missoula, Stevensville & Polson You are
invited to meet author Carolyn Flynn!

Dinner
Opening Meditation
Presentation
Conversation



WHEN September 30, 5:30-7:30 PM

WHERE Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

RSVP Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier
Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org

HOLY SPIRIT VESTRY

The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier, Co-Rector
The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger (retired), Co-Rector
Molly Bowler, Senior Warden
Charlie Swannack, Junior Warden
Blake Lineweaver, Clerk of Vestry
James Wiley, Treasurer

Vestry Members, listed with the year their terms expire:

2025	2026	2027
Alice Caplins	Molly Bowler	Julie Benson
Patti Beckley	Lance Collister	Keith Kuhn
Blake Lineweaver	Glenn Hladek	Beverley Sherman
James Wiley	Charlie Swannack	Jim Taylor

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