



The Holy Eucharist – The Season of Creation

Saint Michael and All Angels

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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

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 Presider says

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

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 Presider 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 12: A SONG OF CREATION

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

All say in unison.

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

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.

Presider The Creator be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-17

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 Genesis.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.
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 a portion of Psalm 103, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: 103:19-22

¹⁹**The LORD has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.**

²⁰**Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.**

²¹**Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.**

²²**Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12 -7

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 remain seated.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹²Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God’s Creation.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:47-51

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.

People The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

People The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

**Zara Renander and Glenn Hladek
Members of the Worship Enrichment Committee**

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: HONORING GOD IN CREATION

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, sit, or kneel as they are able.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by the Season of Creation. Please pray them with me.

During the silence after each reading, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor and People

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Intercessor

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and curiosity for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and grow our thankfulness for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially:

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Bert and Nora Horton	Jennifer, Mark and Jacob	Sullivan
Joan Chaussee	Bob Simons	Graham
Betty Rice	Robert Hadlow	Peg
Dolores Criswell	Laura and Cannon	Janel
Lew and Robin Mueller	Linda T.	Paula
Nancy Callen	Christina Errebo	Tim
Kathy Adams	Babara Behan	Ray
Paula and family	Dan	Shannon
Michael Ayers and family	Jeanne	Greg
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Mari, Brian and baby	Mary
Doug Harris and family	Jone and Jesse	Moe
Danielle Dimmock	Peter and Malcolm Smith	Sam
Ben and Alexis Clark	Tom Ard	Wanda
Margaret Francis	Dylan Taylor	
Rev. Terri Grotzinger	Chuck Teague and family	
Holly Rollins and the Corrick family		

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

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially Patrick Corrick, Maggi Teague, Dick Rognas and Heidi Rognas Johnson and for those who we lift to you now.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

Great Spirit God,
we give you thanks for another day on this earth.
We give you thanks for this day
to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator.
We acknowledge with one mind
our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life.
Bind us together in the circle of compassion
to embrace all living creatures and one another. ***Amen.***

*Source: Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies
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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth
as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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

Presider The God of heaven has made a home on earth

People **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Presider 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.

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

<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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

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.

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 and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

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.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.**

**May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.**

**Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen**

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Dick Rognas and her daughter Heidi Rognas Johnson, by Anita Rognas.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Tom Lee</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Worship Enrichment Committee Members Zara Renander and Glenn Hladek</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Connie Gerke, Judy Parock</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Judy Parock</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Michael Irwin</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Beverly 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 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.

SEASON OF CREATION, SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect God's creation. During this Season of Creation at Holy Spirit be sure to listen for creation-focused prayers during worship, anticipate sermons that highlight creation and our interconnectedness with it. Discover more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING: WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

On Sunday, September 28, we invite you to bring your gratitude to life during our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO). Special envelopes will be available in the pews, and your Blue Boxes can be placed in the basket at the back of the church. You may also contribute through our giving platform Pushpay, either on our church website or on the church app. Just choose "United Thank Offering" from the dropdown menu of funds.

Every coin, every bill, every prayer of thanks helps support vital ministries across The Episcopal Church. Our collective offering will be shared at the Diocesan Convention in Kalispell, October 3–5—joining with gifts from congregations across Montana. Let your thankfulness ripple outward.

JOIN US FOR BOUNDLESS: A MEMOIR AND MINI-RETREAT

Join author Carolyn Dawn Flynn on September 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Share a meal and hear from her memoir, *Boundless: A Trip to Rejuvenation*, which details a time of personal and spiritual crossroads in her life. Use the opportunity to reflect on your faith journey and God's story within your own life.

Shaped by The Episcopal Church and The Living School at Richard Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation, Carolyn's journey finds resonance through God's story. She is a friend of Rev. Valerie Webster, a priest within our diocese. Together they are touring the diocese to share her book and inspire others who find themselves at a crossroad in life.

Books will be available for purchase at the event. The meal is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Contact office@holyspiritmissoula.org to sign up.

FOOD BANK TOUR RESCHEDULED – STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

The Food Bank Tour that was scheduled for Monday 9/22 is being rescheduled due to employee illness. New date and time are TBD. If you didn't get a chance to tour the Food Bank earlier this month, here's your chance! Contact Audrey Murray for details as they become available (612-968-2108 / audreymurray196@gmail.com).

PARISH HALL FOOD BANK BASKET: MONTHLY FOCUS & GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our Parish Hall Food Bank Basket! As we go through the year, we'll focus on certain types of items each month to ensure we're donating the types of items that are needed the most. **This month, please continue to bring non-perishable groceries such as canned goods, and pantry staples such as rice, beans, baking essentials, and simple cooking mixes (preferably ones that only need water).** Remember to check expiration dates so we don't make more work for the Food Bank volunteers. Your donations make a big difference! Contact Kathy Berman with any questions (kathymberman@gmail.com or text at (406) 493-5460).

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC CONTINUES IN OCTOBER

Join Us for Evenings at Holy Spirit: Music, Munchies and Mingling!

Our celebration of the donation of our wonderful Steinway piano continues in the Parish Hall for the first three Wednesdays in October. The Wholly Fun Committee, and organizer Nancy Cooper, invite you to a 30-minute musicale featuring multiple pianists and instrumentalists, all playing music related to nighttime and/or autumn — everything from ragtime to the classics to popular music of the 1930s. The performances are preceded by a half hour of light munchies and conversation; you are encouraged to BYOB. The Parish Hall will be candlelit,

and (if weather permits) the windows will be open. Tables for four will be set up for a more informal listening experience. Atmospheric, and short!

Mingling at 7, music at 7:30, homeward by 8. Come join us for "A Little Night Music," October 1st, 8th and 15th. Free!

JOIN OUR WOMEN'S GROUP: LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Looking for a welcoming space to grow in your faith alongside other women? Join our **Practicalities of Faith** group, where meaningful conversation and genuine community await you. All women are invited—bring a friend and experience support and inspiration together.

The group, led by Julie Benson, will meet on the following dates in the Guild Room from 1-2:30 p.m.:

October 1 and 15

November 12 and 19

December 3 and 17

Please come to any or all sessions as you are available! Registration is not required.

LAST CHANCE: HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE — OCTOBER 2

One Hour. One Pint. One Life Saved.

This Thursday, October 2, from **12–6 PM**, our Parish Hall becomes a place of miracles.

📍 **Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 130 S. 6th St. E., Missoula**

Still thinking about signing up? Don't wait. Someone out there is counting on you—and you could be the answer.

📧 **Sign up now:** redcrossblood.org (search by zip or parish address)

📞 **Questions or want to help?** Audrey Murray: 612-968-2108 / audreymurray196@gmail.com

LET'S GET CRAFTY!

Join the Holy Spirit Crafters on Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 pm upstairs in the Parish Hall continuing through October 28th. Come any Tuesday and stay as long as your schedule allows. Step by step instructions on making holiday decorations and ornaments are provided. No experience is necessary. This is a great way to meet other parishioners. For more information about the Craft Group, contact Sue Lowery at 406-546-8401 or slower14@gmail.com.

NEW TO HOLY SPIRIT—OR JUST LOOKING TO CONNECT? JOIN US THIS OCTOBER

If you are new to Holy Spirit Parish, or to The Episcopal Church, I invite you to join me for what I call Inquirers Gatherings on the four Tuesday evenings of October (7, 14, 21, 28) from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall.

Some of you may be "old hats" as Episcopalians; some of you completely new to The Episcopal Church. Either way, joining in these gatherings allows the opportunity for questions, learning a bit about our branch of the Jesus Movement, and to meet with others like you on this part of your faith journeys.

Please sign up for these gatherings by calling or emailing the Parish Office (406-542-2167; or office@holyspiritmissoula.org). There is always something new to learn about The Episcopal Church and something we share in common with one another. Come join in!

– Rev. Terri

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
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