

The Holy Eucharist – Eucharistic Prayer A

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025 • 10:15 a.m.

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

Madrigal Brenda Portman

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 • #7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Sung by all

Ratisbon

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



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

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 • S 278, CANTICLE 20

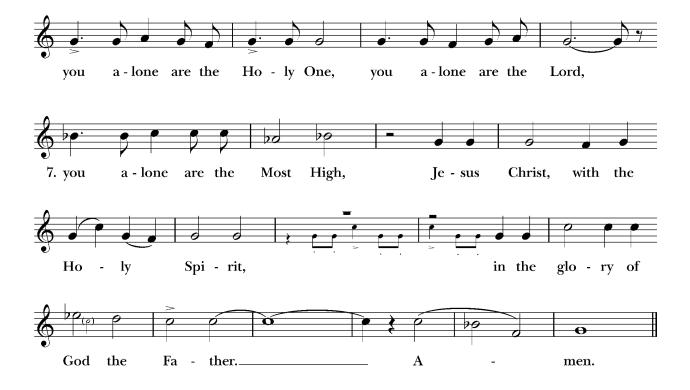
Glory to God in the highest

Sung by all.

William Mathias

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





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 Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: Haggai 1:15b--2:9

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 the prophet Haggai.

^{15b}In the second year of King Darius, ^{2:1}in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among

you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
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 145, found in the service leaflet. Please

pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}\! I$ will exalt you, O God my King, *

and bless your Name for ever and ever. ²Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

there is no end to his greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways * and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; * he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹The LORD preserves all those who love him, * but he destroys all the wicked.

²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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 Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

The People stand as able to sing the hymn.

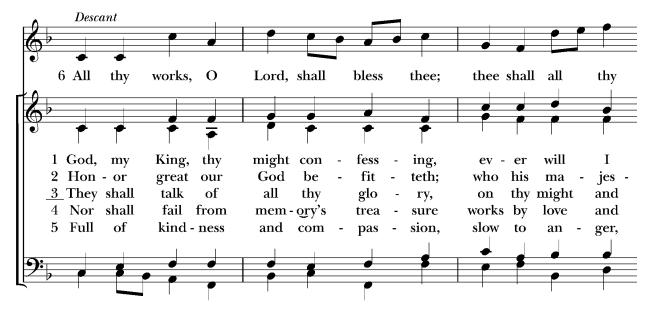
SEQUENCE HYMN • #414

God, my King, thy might confessing

Sung by all

Stuttgart

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."





6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore: King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign power.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

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 Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the

woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier

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, sit, or kneel as they are able.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 3, found on page 387 of the

Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of the West Indies. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the community of Dillon and St. James', with Theresa Kelley Bergmann as Rector. We 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.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those on our prayer list who we lift to you now.

Silence.

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton Marleigh Flanigan Dan Bert and Nora Horton Jennifer. Mark and Jacob Sullivan Joan Chaussee **Bob Simons** Graham Robert Hadlow Betty Rice Peg **Dolores Criswell** Laura and Cannon Janel Lew and Robin Mueller Linda T. Paula

Nancy Callen Christina Errebo Tim Kathy Adams Barbara Behan Rav Paula and family Shannon Dan Michael Avers and family Jeanne Greg Family and friends of the Ruybalid family Jone and Jesse Mary Doug Harris and family Peter and Malcolm Smith Moe Danielle Dimmock Tom Ard Sam **Margaret Francis** Dylan Taylor Wanda

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

All whose homelands are now war zones Those facing uncertainty in their employment

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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 especially this morning for those lost to disease, destruction, or violence, and for the others we remember to you now.

Silence.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The Presider 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 our Lord. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand as able. The Presider says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord 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 OR code below to give to the General Fund:



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus arr. Benjamin Harlan

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) This selection is in the public domain.

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 remain standing as able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

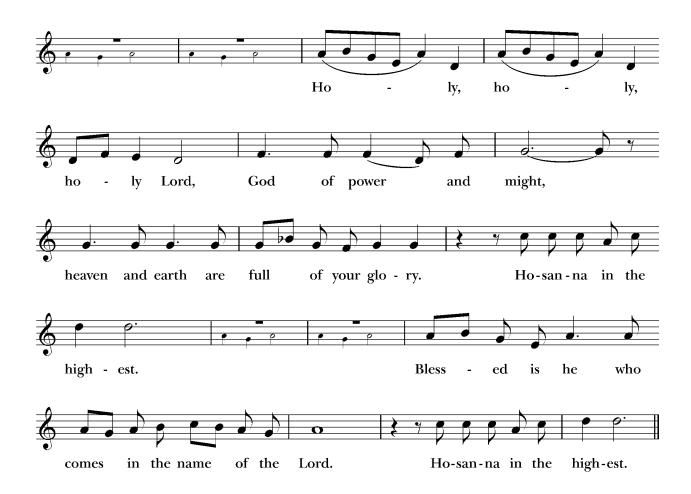
SANCTUS • S 128

Holy, holy, holy Sung by all William Mathias

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

THE SANCTUS MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People 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 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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Jesus came, adored by angels

Gerald Near

COMMUNION HYMN • #341

For the bread which you have broken Sung by all Omni die



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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

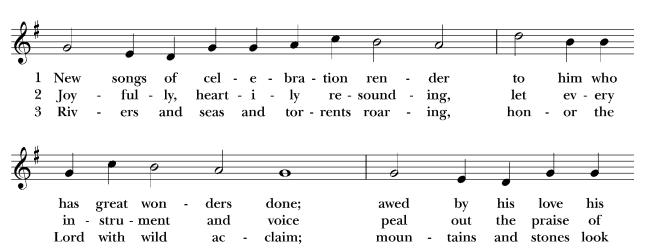
THE BLESSING

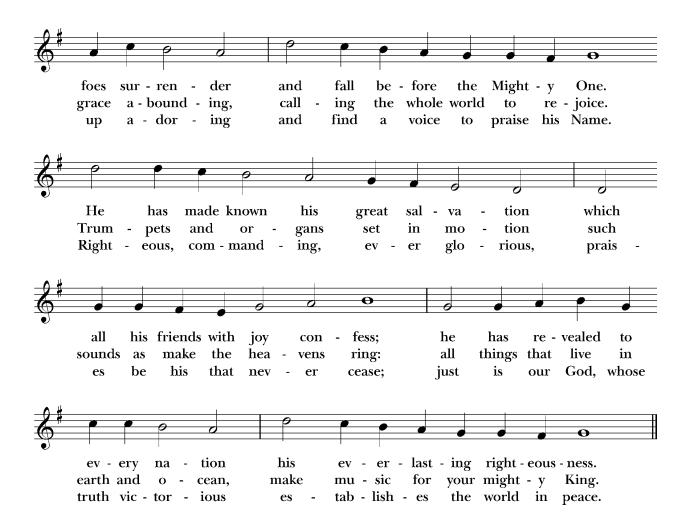
The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN • #413

New songs of celebration render Sung by all Rendez à Dieu





DISMISSAL

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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

New Songs of Celebration Render

Zsolt Gardonyi

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

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Participants in the Service

Presider, Preacher and Celebrant | The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier

Director of Music | Dr. Nancy Cooper

Godly Play Storyteller and Doorkeeper | Katie Nederhoed, Mark Dvarishkis

Crucifer | Jesse Jaeger

Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers | Jeff Serviss, Holly Swartz

Intercessor | Carla Mettling

Ushers | Molly Bowler, Wendy Kuhn

Altar Guild Beverley Sherman, Caitlin Sherman

Coffee Hour Hosts | Anne Griffis, Bob and Lani Brewer

Counters | Keith Kuhn, Jim Taylor

Videographer | PJ Willett

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.

NEW TO HOLY SPIRIT? SAVE THE DATE

Come say hello after the 10:15 service on Sunday, Nov. 16. We'll have some special baked goods (shhhhh...) and suggestions for easy ways to plug in to life at Holy Spirit. Join us in the Guild Room!

"I WONDER": AN INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

"I wonder..." Each of our Godly Play stories from the scriptures ends with a handful of "I wonder..." questions, as we try to open up what the scriptures may be saying to us today. Come, wonderers, one and all, to Godly Play during the 10:15AM Sunday service! To learn more and to complete an information form, reach out to Deacon Dorcie after worship or through the church office.

CATCHING UP WITH STEWARDSHIP SEASON

There's still time to let us know about your annual gift to support the Holy Spirit community in 2026. Nearly everything at Holy Spirit – our worship, music, staff, pastoral care, programs, utilities, upkeep and more – is brought to you by you. Join in with your important annual gift. Thank you!

Look for an annual gift card in the pews or call the office at 406-542-2167. Or you can bring or mail your annual gift card to the church office later this week. You can also tell us about your annual gift online at http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/annual-gift/. Please know we're grateful for all the gifts that do so much to support our Holy Spirit community.

As of Stewardship Sunday, 81 households have gifted Holy Spirit \$240,836 or 57% of our total goal of \$420,000. Won't you join them with your support?

STANDING WITH THE VULNERABLE: ALMS SUNDAY PRESENTATION BY THE LIFEGUARD GROUP

On **Alms Sunday, November 9**, we welcome Lowell Hochhalter of the LifeGuard Group for a special presentation during worship. This Missoula-based organization is at the forefront of the fight against human trafficking, working to protect and restore lives right here in our community.

Rooted in faith and driven by compassion, the LifeGuard Group lives out its mission through five core values:

- Faith-led action
- Rescue and restoration
- Community empowerment
- Survivor-centered care
- Urgency and integrity

They stand in the gap for those most at risk—offering shelter, support, and a voice for the voiceless. Join us on November 9 to learn how we, as a faith community, can be part of this vital work and how we can support this important community resource.

Please place your contributions for the LifeGuard Group in the basket in the back of the church, or you can make your donation through our giving platform Pushpay, either on the church app or the church website, http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/. Just choose "LifeGuard Group" from the dropdown menu of funds.

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY MARKET!

The Holiday Market Committee extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Holiday Market a joyful success. From your generous donations of items, talents, meals, and muscle, to the many hours you spent volunteering, we were once again reminded of how truly blessed we are by this church family.

We wish you all could have seen the delighted faces of the hundreds of shoppers who came through our doors on Friday and Saturday—and heard their warm thanks for Holy Spirit's continued tradition of bringing this festive event to Missoula.

The fun isn't over yet! The Raffle and Silent Auction wrap up today. There's still time to buy that winning raffle ticket or place a final bid on one of our fabulous auction items. Winners will be announced at 12 noon.

A special thank-you to Holiday Market Chair Sue Lowery and the incredible Holiday Market Committee. Your hard work, creativity, and good cheer made it all happen. Thank you, one and all!

SIGNUPS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER CONTINUE THIS SUNDAY

Join us in the Parish Hall on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27**, for our **4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**—a joyful gathering of friends, family, and gratitude. All are welcome! **Dinner begins at 3 PM**, with the Parish Hall opening at **2:30 PM** for conversation and food drop-off. The **kitchen's back door** will be open for easy delivery.

To help us plan, **reservations are required**. When you sign up, please let us know:

- How many are attending
- What dish you'll bring

The sign-up sheet includes categories to guide your choice:

- Main dishes: turkey, ham
- **Sides**: stuffing, cranberry sauce or relish, vegetables, potatoes (roasted, sweet, or mashed)
- Extras: salad, bread rolls, butter
- Desserts
- **Drinks**: soft drinks, wine

Coffee and water will be provided. Please bring enough to serve **6–8 people**—this amount worked beautifully last year!

Sign up with Holly Swartz or Betsy Holmquist after services. Questions? Call Holly at **406-542-1978**. Let's give thanks and break bread together!

BRING A BIRD TO CHURCH SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 16

Let's share the spirit of Thanksgiving with families in need! On **Sunday, November 16**, we're joining forces with the **Can the Cats Food Drive** and hosting a **Special Turkey Drive** right here at Holy Spirit.

Bring a frozen turkey to church that morning. A refrigerated truck from the Missoula Food Bank will be parked outside, ready to receive your generous donations. Together, we can fill tables with gratitude, comfort, and joy. Let's see how many birds we can gather, and how many hearts we can warm.

Questions about this Food Bank activity? Contact Kathy Berman at (406) 493-5460.

CAN THE CATS, SHARE THE LOVE

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to our **Food Bank Donation Basket!** We donated a total of 31 lbs. for October. Let's rally for November!

Get ready for **Can The Cats - November 8th-22nd!** Please donate canned goods along with other semi-shelf stable heavy items such as potatoes. Please reach out to Kathy Berman at (406) 493-5460 with any questions.

CASSEROLES NEEDED FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Friends of the Children – Western Montana is asking for our help again. With SNAP benefits delayed and reduced, many families are facing food insecurity, and the need is urgent.

Can you prepare a breakfast or dinner casserole to share? No ingredient restrictions—meat, cheese, and eggs are welcome. Fresh or frozen casseroles can be dropped off at:

735 Michigan Ave, East Missoula Mon–Thurs, 9 AM–5 PM | Fri, 9 AM–12 PM

Let's help fill their fridge and freezer with love. **Questions?** Contact Hannah Vasquez at 406-552-2968 or hvasquez@friendsmontana.org.

A NEW POST IS UP ON OUR BLOG

Living with Immigrants and loving it!

Curious about the real story of immigration in Montana? This heartfelt reflection offers eye-opening facts, personal encounters, and a call to see our neighbors through the lens of compassion and faith. Come take the journey -- your perspective might just shift.

You can read the blog on our website http://holyspiritmissoula.org/soundings/living-with-immigrants-and-loving-it/.

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.:

November 12 and 19

December 3 and 17

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

RESCHEDULING THE AGO RECITAL—STAY TUNED FOR SPRING

The American Guild of Organists recital originally scheduled for November 16 at 3 p.m. at Holy Spirit has been postponed. We look forward to rescheduling this special event for the spring.

VESTRY NOMINEES NEEDED

Once again, it's time to produce **NOMINEES FOR VESTRY.** If the time is right for you to lend your expertise to help guide our parish, please let Rev. Gretchen know. Here are the requirements to serve as a Vestry member:

- 1. Be confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church.
- 2. Have a demonstrated history of participation in the life of the church.
- 3. Be a regular communicant.
- 4. Contribute to the financial support of the church.
- 5. Have been an Episcopalian for at least two years.
- 6. Be willing to attend monthly Vestry meetings and special meetings as required.
- 7. Be prepared to serve on Vestry ministries.
- 8. Be prepared to count Sunday offerings periodically.

You can submit your nomination to Rev. Gretchen at <u>Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org</u> or to the church office at <u>office@holyspiritmissoula.org</u>.

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