



The Holy Eucharist – Eucharistic Prayer A

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 • 8 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

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 • 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.

All say in unison.

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.

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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: Isaiah 65:17-25

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 Isaiah.

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

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 Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

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 Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Valerie Hess, Lay Preacher

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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the community of Emigrant and St. John's, with Kristen Orr 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. Please pray silently for this group and take your leaflet home so you can pray for them individually during the week.

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	Barbara Behan	Ray
Paula and family	Dan	Shannon
Michael Ayers and family	Jeanne	Greg
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Jone and Jesse	Mary
Doug Harris and family	Peter and Malcolm Smith	Moe
Dylan Taylor	Tom Ard	Sam
		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 Andrew Kuhn, and 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.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 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

The People remain standing as able.

<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 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

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

Holy and gracious God: 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.

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, 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 in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son Andrew Kuhn, by Keith and Wendy Kuhn.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Valerie Hess, Lay Preacher</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Connie Gerke, Judy Parock</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Michael Irwin</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Elaine Brown, Lori Cordis, Bev Maas</i>

GROW WITH US

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

WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

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

NEW TO HOLY SPIRIT? JOIN US IN THE GUILD ROOM TODAY

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!

TODAY IS BRING A BIRD TO CHURCH SUNDAY!

Thank you for helping us share the spirit of Thanksgiving with families in need. If you brought a frozen turkey, the Missoula Food Bank's refrigerated truck is parked outside, ready to receive your donation. Let's fill tables with comfort and joy—one bird at a time! The Missoula Food Bank truck will be here until 12 noon.

HOLIDAY MARKET 2025

Blowing fall leaves and a little sun, smiling shoppers, holiday piano music, and sales—what a weekend! The Parish Hall was transformed into a holiday store in four amazing days with bountiful donations and the hardest-working volunteers imaginable. This year's Holiday Market was a joyful triumph.

From tempting raffle baskets to antique tables glowing in the autumn sunlight, from Dalton Anderson's festive carols to the aroma of coffee and hot cocoa—it was two days of holiday magic. And the grand total? **Over \$15,156 raised!**

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, baked, sorted, sold, shopped, and smiled. You made this a Market to Remember. And a very special thank you to **Sue Lowery**, whose steady leadership and good cheer guided it all.

REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR ANNUAL GIFT

The familiar Offering Sentences from our Eucharist say it all about stewardship. Here's just one:

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of
our life and labor to the Lord.*

When we make an annual gift, we connect with God's call to us and help Holy Spirit be a vital place of hope, renewal and spiritual growth. Your gift is important to supporting our church community.

To make an annual gift, 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>. Thank you to all who have made annual gifts for 2026!

As of Sunday, November 9, 114 households have gifted Holy Spirit \$323,191.00 or 77% of our total goal of \$420,000.00. Won't you join them with your support?

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!

CAN THE CATS AND NOVEMBER FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Can the Cats Food Drive – November 8-22: Each year, the University of Montana community and the community surrounding Montana State University compete to see who can raise the most food and funds for their local food bank. You can participate by donating canned goods along with other semi-shelf stable heavy items such as potatoes. Help us nourish our friends and neighbors experiencing food insecurity in our community this year and help us Can the MSU Bobcats off the field!

Looking for other ways to donate to the Missoula Food Bank after the Can the Cats Food Drive? Not to worry, our **Food Donation Basket** is always available and ready to receive your shelf-stable donations. Please ensure no donated items require refrigeration before opening. 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.

DONATIONS FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise has expanded beyond housing and feeding homeless families at the Meadowlark and helping them find housing. It now supports and helps stabilize them during the first year in housing. Part of this support takes the form of kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom supplies for people who have had to do without these, living in their cars, in shelters, or with friends. We at Holy Spirit can help provide such supplies, either by purchasing them or streamlining what we have at home to donate unneeded items. **A list of supplies** will be in the back of the sanctuary for anyone interested to pick up. Your donations can be dropped off at the church office or given to me. I will be happy to pick them up. Thanks for your generosity and care.

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JOIN OUR POCKET ALTAR WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 6 • 1–4 pm • Parish Hall

Join Rev. Gretchen and Connie Gerke for a peaceful afternoon of creativity and reflection. Craft your own pocket altar—a small, meaningful touchstone to carry through the holiday season and beyond. All supplies provided; feel free to bring photos or mementoes to personalize your altar.

Sign up by Monday, December 1

Email Connie: Connie@holyspiritmissoula.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 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 Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org or to the church office at office@holyspiritmissoula.org.