



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day
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HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The people's responses are in bold.

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

The Word of God

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

PRELUDE

Nocturne on 'Creator of the Stars of Night'

Katherine Wright

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 • #109

The first Nowell the angel did say

Sung by all

The First Nowell

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent ly up - on their knee,



1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence



1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Alternative Refrain
Descant (others unison)

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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 God's 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

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

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 following is sung, all standing as able

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF 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, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons, and when there is Godly Play, the children leave for Godly Play. The children will return for Holy Eucharist.

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

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 Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,

‘Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,”
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 a portion of Psalm 84 found in the service leaflet. Please
pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-8

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

²The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my King and my God.

³Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.

⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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 letter to the Church in Ephesus.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ^{19a}and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

The People stand as able to sing the hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN • #82

Of the Father's love begotten

Sung by all

Divinum mysterium

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♩ ♩

All remain standing as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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 Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the

prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

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. Terri Ann Grotzinger

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

The People stand 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 today are guided by Form 6, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

The star of Christmas shines upon the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
In joy and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For your new light to be poured upon all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For compassionate and peace-seeking leaders for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the sustainable, just, and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For your mercy to be revealed to all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the wisdom, peace, and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; and for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Today we pray especially for:

Bill B.	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Bert and Nora Horton	Jennifer, Mark and Jacob	Sullivan
Joan Chaussee	Bob Simons	Graham
Dolores Criswell	Robert and Christine Hadlow	Peg
Lew and Robin Mueller	Laura and Cannon	Janel
Nancy Callen	Linda T.	Paula

Kathy Adams	Christina Errebo	Tim
Paula and family	Barbara Behan	Carol
Michael Ayers and family	Dan	Wanda
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Jeanne	Greg
Doug Harris and family	Jone and Jesse	Mary
Tom Ard	Peter and Malcolm Smith	Moe
Diana Plyley	Ann Rennie	Sam

The staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City
 Our immigrant and refugee neighbors
 All who need shelter beyond what the Poverello and Meadowlark can offer

For an end to harm of the innocent, and peace and a just path forward in war zones.

For your presence to be felt by all who walk in darkness, and especially for those who are sick, in any kind of prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

For our neighbors we have come to know through our community ministries and the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative.

For openness to your call for our lives in the days of Christmas and the new year ahead.

And for any other people, needs, and concerns on our hearts today.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

You bring good news of great joy for all people. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We rest in your blessed hope and promise. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this day for Betty Rice, for Della and Bud Swartz and Virginia and Eugene Gleason, for those lost to disease, destruction, or violence, and for any other neighbors and loved ones who we remember to you now.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Silence

CONFESSiON OF SiN

The Deacon or Presider says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The People stand as able.

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

When this prayer is needed, the Celebrant and People say

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what You would have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from false choices, and that in Your light we may see light, and in Your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

The wise men and the star

Oliver Tarney

Text to this morning's anthem:

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting, Startled by starlight that kindles the sky. Eager for answers, destiny drives them, Watching with wonder, they follow the star.

Passing by palaces, greedy and golden, Threading the byways of winter and cold, Come to a doorway, low-built and lamplit, Eagerly enter, under the star.

Source of all starlight, simply they see him, Laid in a manger and haloed with hay. Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows. Steady the star shines, follow the star.

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 stand 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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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.

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are in red and correspond to the notes and rests in the music. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people kneel or stand as able.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

The Celebrant then continues

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN • #124

What star is this, with beams so bright Sung by all

Puer nobis

THE COMMUNION HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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 • #93

Angels, from the realms of glory

Sung by all

Regent Square

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

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star: shall ap - pear:
 in his tem - ple

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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

From heaven above to earth I come

Johann Pachelbel



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Della and Bud Swartz and Virginia and Eugene Gleason, by Gary and Holly Swartz.

Participants in the Service

Presider, Preacher and Celebrant	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
Director of Music	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
Crucifer/Acolyte	<i>Jesse Jaeger</i>
Godly Play Storyteller and Doorkeeper	<i>Katie Nederhoed and Beverley Sherman</i>
Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Margaret Watson, Holly Swartz</i>
Intercessor	<i>Lucy Deaton</i>
Ushers	<i>Betsy Holmquist and Barbara Hosier</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Beverley Sherman, Caitlin Sherman</i>
Coffee Hour Hosts	<i>Jim and Sara Streeter</i>
Counters	<i>Keith Kuhn, Glenn Hladek</i>
Videographer	<i>PJ Willett</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.

EPIPHANY ADVENTURES IN GODLY PLAY

A star, water, and story after story will guide our Godly Play family's journey in Epiphany. Children are invited to join us during a bit of our 10:15AM Sunday service and wonder, wonder with us! Contact Deacon Dorce for Godly Play needs and volunteer opportunities.

WE'RE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST

An important part of our worship at Holy Spirit is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On January 4, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday Prayers of the People.** The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us and the names of our shut-in parishioners. If a name has been removed from the list that you would still like prayers for, please notify the church office, (406) 542-2167 or office@holyspiritmissoula.org.

SOCK, HAT, SCARF & GLOVE DRIVE

For the 10th year, Holy Spirit is collecting socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for our houseless neighbors served by the Poverello Center and HOT Team.

 **January 4–18, 2026**

 Drop donations in the red-and-white striped box in the parish hall or in the bin outside the church office.

Please give handknit, store-bought, or gently used items. **Socks must be wool or synthetic—NO cotton.** The need is especially great this winter. Thank you for helping keep our neighbors warm!

For extra bins at home or work, contact lucia.solowork@gmail.com.

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.:

January 5, 14, and 29

February 11 and 18

March 11 and 25

Please come as you are available! Registration is not required.

“BABETTE’S FEAST AND THE THEOLOGY OF FOOD”: A MOVIE AND DISCUSSION WITH VALERIE HESS

Join us **Sunday afternoon, January 11th beginning at 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** We will talk about the theological (and political) implications of food and food production and then watch the movie, “*Babette’s Feast.*” **NOTE: this movie has subtitles so bring the correct glasses!** This 1987 movie is based on a story by Isak Dineson and won an Oscar for best foreign film. After the movie, which is less than 2 hours, we will have a short discussion about the themes in the movie. As we as a parish continue our focus on issues of food and food insecurity, join us for a discussion on a side of the issue not often mentioned. Questions? Contact Valerie Hess hess.valerie@gmail.com (720-224-7598).

THE GIFT THAT IS THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Join me Tuesday, January 13 and 20, 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. as we delve into the practicalities of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP): the treasure trove it is to us and the many ways it can be used beyond Sunday worship time. Whether you are a cradle Episcopalian or new to the word Episcopal, come engage the BCP with me! ~Rev. Terri

BOOK STUDY: *FOOD FOR THOUGHT*

Starting **January 24**, Sara Streeter and Carla Mettling will lead a 5-week book study "Food for Thought" where participants will read Mark Bittman's *Animal, Vegetable, Junk* and Sophie Egan's *How to be a Conscious Eater*. Bittman follows the ways people got their food throughout history, from being hunter-gatherers, to farmers, to cash crop workers, to junk-food consumers, and how such practices shaped their societies and lives. Egan, on the other hand, focuses on making us informed food shoppers who foster the planet, farmers, animals, and ourselves by the choices we make in food shopping.

The group will meet in the Guild Room on Saturday morning from 10 to 11:30, from January 24 to February 21. Those interested should get these books and start reading. The study will conclude with a special Conscious Eating Potluck for the whole parish, on Wednesday evening, March 4.

Please let us know that you are interested in joining the book study by emailing Sara Streeter at streetersaras@gmail.com.

FOOD BANK MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed for An EmPower Pack Event on January 14

An EmPower Pack event will be held at the Missoula Food Bank on Wednesday, January 14th at 4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit participated in a similar event last August, and it was fun! It's a great activity for families and groups of friends. We need **30 volunteers** to prepare these bags of food for kids who experience chronic hunger over the weekends. So far, only **3 volunteers have signed up** – we need YOU to make this happen! This is a wonderful activity for families, youth, and groups of friends to share in service and fellowship. **Please sign up today in the parish hall and bring a friend!** Together, we can make a big difference for kids in our community.

Envelope Assembly for the Missoula Food Bank

 Parish Hall

 **Tuesday, January 13 at 5:00 PM**

 **Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 PM**

As the new year begins, let's carry the spirit of giving forward. Join us for a simple, hands-on way to support the Missoula Food Bank's vital mission. By folding, stuffing, and sealing fundraising envelopes, we help stretch their resources—and ensure more neighbors are fed with dignity.

This joyful volunteer opportunity is easy, social, and deeply impactful. Whether you come for one evening or both, your time helps turn paper into possibility. Bring a friend, share a laugh, and be part of something meaningful. To sign up, text or call Rosemary at 406-570-7074, or add your name to the sheet in the Parish Hall.

Let's start the year with hearts full and hands busy—because every envelope is a step toward a fuller table for someone in need.

January Food Bank Donations

We thank you for your continued generosity with food bank donations. To begin the New Year, we are focusing on **shelf-stable essentials for babies**. Please consider bringing diapers of all sizes, wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, powder, formula, baby food, infant cereal, biscuits, toddler snacks, and juice boxes.

RESOLVE NOW TO ATTEND THE JANUARY 15 WHITE ELEPHANT POTLUCK

Bring your favorite board or building game. A cribbage, checkers, or backgammon board. A deck or two of cards. Your lucky set of dice! A fun game that can be completed in a reasonably short time. The prizes? Well, we're asking you to bring those, too, to our White Elephant Potluck. Something that passes as "new" and in working condition that just does not fit into your lifestyle. A Christmas gift you wonder why you received. A book you'll never read, or certainly not again. A toy you're too young or old for. A tool or hobby kit you still haven't figured out. A fun clothing or jewelry item that's just not you. Something you already have plenty of. Something someone else will love.

Oh, yes, and a generous dish of your favorite making to share at dinner! We'll begin eating at 5:30 and then play games until you and your guests are ready to head home – with your new White Elephant, a full tummy, and great memories of your evening with our Holy Spirit family. Mark your calendars for a fun potluck event on January 15.

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 25

Holy Spirit's **ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, January 25, in the parish hall following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to join us! A light meal will be served at a cost of \$5. Reservations for the meal will be taken after services starting January 11, or you may call the church office at (406) 542-2167 before January 21.

DELEGATES NEEDED FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

If you would like nomination as a **DELEGATE TO NEXT FALL'S DIOCESAN CONVENTION** to be held September 25-27 at St. James' Episcopal Church in Bozeman, please telephone the church office at (406) 542-2167 before January 21. Delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 25. Holy Spirit is entitled to 6 delegates.

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. Contact me if you have donations, and I will be happy to pick them up. Thanks for your generosity and care.

Carla Mettling, HSP Family Promise Coordinator
406-203-7177 or carlamettling@gmail.com

HOLY SPIRIT'S WINTER BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR FEBRUARY 12

Holy Spirit Parish will host its annual winter blood drive on **Thursday, February 12, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. You can sign up for an appointment to donate blood using the Red Cross scheduling system at www.redcrossblood.org.

If you're not able to donate, you can still help by volunteering at the drive. Contact **Audrey Murray at 612-968-2108 or audreymurray196@gmail.com** to sign up. Together, we can make a life-saving difference.

BE AWARE OF SCAMS

There are people who are attempting to prey on churches using electronic communications. They do this by researching individual churches and then send out texts and/or e-mails that appear to come from the clergy or lay leaders. **If you receive a text or e-mail asking for funds or gift cards or asking you for a favor, do not reply back.** Rev. Terri or Rev. Gretchen will not ask for funds via text or email, so please do not respond to those communications. Please let the church office know if you receive a communication of this kind.

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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