



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Enriching Our Worship 3

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
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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

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

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing as able, the Presider says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM

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

The following is said, all standing

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

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.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God.”

⁵And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

THE PSALM

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

Remain seated.

Reader Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 40, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-12

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
 he stooped to me and heard my cry.
²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
³He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe,
 and put their trust in the LORD.
⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can count.
⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’ ”

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹²You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

²⁹[John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’

³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I

myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

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

All stand.

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;**

The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis

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.**

All remain standing, as able, or sit or kneel.

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.

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

In patience and perseverance, Lord, we wait on you, as you bend low to us and hear our cries.

Silence

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the community of Kalispell and the congregation of Christ Church with Sadie Koppelberger as rector. We also pray for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; and for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; and for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese.

Silence

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Today we pray silently for those on our prayer list, and we invite you to take your leaflet home so you can continue to pray for them during the week.

Silence

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
Monica Roscoe and Family		

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

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

For your presence to be made real for those who are sick, in any kind of prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

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

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially today for Dick Rognas, Heidi Rognas Johnson, William and Kathleen Woods, Muriel and Gerald Thomasson, and Sarah and Mike Steele, and for any others you may wish to remember.

Silence

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.***

CONFSSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

The People stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the 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

DOXOLOGY

The People stand as able. 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.

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

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 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

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

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

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

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

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

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with [blessed _____, and] all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

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

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant then continues

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us,

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 sung or said*

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

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.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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

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.

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

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Dick Rognas, and her daughter, Heidi Rognas Johnson, by Anita Rognas; and in loving memory of William and Kathleen Woods, Muriel and Gerald Thomasson, and Sarah and Mike Steele, by Jody and Greg Thomasson.

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Participants in the Service

Presider and Celebrant	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
Preacher and Deacon	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister	<i>Jody Thomasson</i>
Usher	<i>Mark Dvarishkis</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jody Thomasson</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.

LEARN ABOUT MISSOULA'S HOUSING ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE JANUARY 18

Missoula's faith communities have been working through Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (M.I.C.) for the past decade to take on many challenges. The Meadowlark-Family Housing Center is one major accomplishment.

In January 2025, many of our faith communities came together again to decide the next significant impact they wanted to have. The number one focus chosen was creating affordable transitional and permanent housing for families who are trying to regain stability.

Now our congregations are pooling assets and imagination to see just how big of an impact we can have. We want to create a reality in Missoula where:

1) If families do lose housing, they have shelter right away; and 2) All families regain stability and social connection.

We need enough affordable transitional and affordable housing for families. What are the possibilities we see?

- 1) Master Leasing 4-plexes and 8-plexes from property owners willing to make a marginal profit yet take below market rent while M.I.C. ensures properties are cared for and full.
- 2) Congregations build Just Neighbors Teams that walk with and support families as they stabilize in their new housing.
- 3) Building permanent affordable housing on congregational land with low or no interest financing.

Come to learn more during our worship services and fellowship time on January 18.

FINAL SUNDAY FOR OUR ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE — JANUARY 18

There's still time to help us kick off 2026 with generosity! Our annual collection of socks, scarves, hats, and gloves for our houseless brothers and sisters at the Poverello Center wraps up **this Sunday, January 18**.

You'll find the familiar red-and-white striped box in the parish hall, and a second bin on the church office porch for extended-hours drop-offs.

Hand-knit, store-bought, and gently used items are all welcome. Please donate wool or synthetic socks only—**no cotton**, as it traps moisture and leaves feet cold in our winter weather. The Pov goes through countless pairs each day, and your gifts truly matter.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

— Lucia Work, Social Concerns Committee

2026 BUDGET SUMMARY IN BULLETIN

The **2026 BUDGET SUMMARY** is included in the service leaflet, and the 2026 Budget with full detail will be provided at the Annual Meeting and in the Annual Report. This 2026 Budget was approved by the Vestry at their meeting on January 14.

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. **A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall and at the back of the church.**

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. **You may also sign up in the parish hall today.**

MEET THE NOMINEES FOR VESTRY

The members of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be electing four members to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on January 25. These four members will each serve a three-year-term. Those who have accepted nomination to the Vestry are Patti Beckley, Anne Geiger, Mary Beth Jourdonnais, and Leslie McShane. In order for you to better know the people who have been nominated to the Vestry, the Nominating Committee of the Vestry would like to offer the following profiles on the website at https://s3.amazonaws.com/account-media/16947/uploaded/v/0e20759047_1767747658_vestry-2026-bios-4-of-4final.pdf.

BE PART OF THE WELCOME: SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour after church is an important ministry for building community and fostering fellowship. It allows parishioners to connect, offer mutual support, welcome newcomers, and deepen relationships in a relaxed setting, which reinforces church unity and belonging.

This Sunday we will offer **coffee only**, as no one was able to sign up to host treats. We are grateful simply to gather, and we hope you'll consider hosting on a future Sunday.

Sign-up sheets for parishioners to host Coffee Hour can be found in the Parish Hall on the serving table (on Sunday) or on the counter (weekdays). If you have never hosted Coffee Hour or would like someone to partner with you, Sue and Diane are always available to help and "show you the ropes."

Hosts are encouraged to provide simple items that can be served on a napkin—cheese and crackers, fruit or veggies, cookies or bars. Donut holes are always popular. If you would like to contribute to Coffee Hour but are physically unable to shop, please speak with Sue, who can purchase the necessary items and arrange for Coffee Hour to be hosted on your behalf.

Sign-up sheets are waiting for your signatures. Thank you for considering taking part in this small but meaningful ministry.

Sue Lowery: slower14@gmail.com

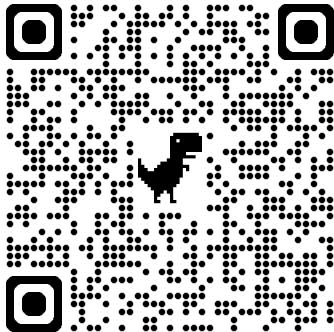
Diane Rasmussen: dianerasmussen@gmail.com

THE GIFT THAT IS THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Join me Tuesday, January 20 and 27, 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

MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH: VOLUNTEER FOR THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!

Shrove Tuesday is just around the corner, and we are looking for men at Holy Spirit to sign up to help out. It is the tradition of Holy Spirit Church for the men of the church to serve up a delicious pancake dinner for Shrove Tuesday. This year Shrove Tuesday is February 17th, with volunteer shifts starting at 3:30 PM to set up, starting to serve pancakes at 5:00 PM, and clean up done by about 7:30 PM. To sign up scan the QR code below or look for a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jesse Jaeger at 406-207-3372 or jesse.jaeger@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 29

February 11 and 18

March 11 and 25

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

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

Envelope Assembly for the Missoula Food Bank

Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 PM — Parish Hall

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help assemble fundraising envelopes for the Missoula Food Bank. We have a wonderful team ready to go, and we look forward to a joyful and meaningful evening of service together. If you didn't get a chance to sign up but would still like to join in, you're welcome to stop by. Questions may be directed to **Rosemary Lyda** at 406-570-7074.

Every envelope helps support our neighbors 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.

And a special thank-you for your December giving:

91 pounds of food were delivered to the Missoula Food Bank last month. Your steady support makes a real difference for our neighbors.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE DONATIONS—SWITCHING GEARS

A big thank you to the Holy Spirit parishioners who donated their gently used kitchen utensils, towels, and bedding to Family Promise for the families finding new housing and moving out of the Meadowlark. You have been so generous that the limited Family Promise storage areas are now full. So for now, we are asked to donate only the (mostly) perishable items that comprise their "Welcome Baskets," such as paper towels, garbage bags, soap, or cooking oil.

If you'd like to put together one of the 4 baskets—Kitchen Supply, Toiletry/Bathroom, Cleaning, or Food Staples—please click on this link to find a list of the various items in each basket or find the list on the HSP webpage: https://s3.amazonaws.com/account-media/16947/uploaded/f/0e20590650_1763085925_family-promise-donations-listjust-neighbors-closet.pdf. Paper copies will also be in the back of the sanctuary. If you want to donate some of the items but not a full basket, that is fine too. Then contact me and I will pick up what you have or arrange to get it from you: carlamettling@gmail.com, 406-203-7177.

Thanks for your support of this important ministry—helping to stabilize newly-housed Missoula families.

Carla Mettling

HSP Family Promise Coordinator

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2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget and Finance Report

2025 Financials

Our financial report for 2025 underlines very clearly the degree to which Holy Spirit is prepared for, and looking forward to, a major transition. Thanks to “truly overwhelming” support from our parishioners, to Rev. Terri’s generosity to serve without compensation, to the slow but steady growth of our congregation and to good control of our spending, we are ending 2025 with a surplus of over \$115,000! Annual Gifts or Pledges especially improved in 2025, increasing 14% over the prior year.

	2025 Actual	2024 Actual	Change 24-25
OPERATING INCOME	\$585,461	\$506,048	\$79,413
INCOME FROM SAVINGS	12,368	135,591	(123,223)
TOTAL INCOME	\$597,829	\$641,639	(\$43,810)
 SALARIES, COMPENSATION	 \$229,888	 \$277,423	 (\$47,535)
GENERAL OPERATIONS	46,823	45,534	1,289
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	62,811	63,162	(351)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	29,354	135,591	(106,237)
OUTREACH	16,360	14,416	1,944
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	97,089	94,476	2,613
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$482,385	\$630,603	(\$149,718)
 NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	 \$115,444	 \$11,036	 \$104,408

Key items impacting our 2025 results compared to Budget included:

- On the Income side, in addition to the increase in Annual Gifts –
 - Several unanticipated but very much appreciated gifts, totaling \$49,200
 - A 13% increase in support through our Spring and Holiday Markets
- And, on the expense side –
 - Nearly on budget salaries/compensation (only items over budget were added support positions for Pastoral Care and Godly Play, and for the Audit of our 2024 results)
 - Much better control of our operating expenses including a much-appreciated reduction in copier costs
 - Over-budget (\$10,354) spending on capital improvements, including redoing our lawn and shrubbery, a final payment of the deductible on our roof damage and installation of security cameras and the sound system in the Chancel

In summary, this year's surplus will allow us to recover some of the investment used last year for our major courtyard project and give us the savings needed to manage the financial aspects of our just-started Rector Search.

2026 Budget

Although several of the same factors affecting 2025 will continue to be present, we will be facing some new challenges in 2026:

- Based on Annual Gifts already confirmed, we know that our Annual Giving will improve again in 2026. In addition, we have a 10% increase in the number of Annual Gifts, which is very welcome news!
- We have budgeted 6 months for current Co-Rector compensation and 6 months at the expected salary and benefits for a full-time Rector, so compensation will increase (and will increase even more in 2027 with 12 months of a full-time Rector)
- We are planning to use \$26,000 of our savings to support our Rector Search, covering expected visits and moving expenses
- Based on what we spent in 2025, we are budgeting for relatively minor increases in several office-related, parish life and rector support expenses, plus possible financial support of our Diocesan Convention delegates
- We also expect increases in insurance and maintenance of our facilities, and somewhat lower capital improvement expenses
- We are pleased to be in a position to continue to support our Outreach efforts both in Missoula and beyond

	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Change 26-25
OPERATING INCOME	\$549,160	\$585,461	(\$36,301)
INCOME FROM SAVINGS	26,000	12,368	13,632
TOTAL INCOME	\$575,160	\$597,829	(\$22,669)
 SALARIES, COMPENSATION	 \$283,758	 \$229,888	 \$53,870
GENERAL OPERATIONS	51,310	46,823	4,487
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	64,177	62,811	1,366
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	12,860	29,354	(16,494)
OUTREACH	16,360	16,420	1,440
RECRUITMENT EXPENSES	26,000	-	26,000
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	91,945	97,089	(5,144)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$546,410	\$480,885	\$65,525
 NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	 \$28,750	 \$115,444	 (\$88,194)