



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 • 10:15 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The people's responses are in bold.

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

The Word of God

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

PRELUDE

Adagio in C minor

Miriam Reveley

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 • #473

Lift high the cross

Sung by all

Crucifer

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

WELCOME

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

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM

Lord, have mercy (Kyrie)

Sung by all

Kevin Hackett

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of

your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ver. *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: Genesis 12:1-4a

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

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 This morning and throughout Lent we will pray our Psalms in a different manner. I will begin and I invite you to pray responsively after the asterisk, reading the words in bold.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth forevermore.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

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

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand as able to sing the hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN • #668

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

Sung by all

Burford

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.

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
 2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;
 3 Thy faith - ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;
 4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.
 with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
 nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.
 and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

All remain standing as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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 John.

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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not

perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The 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

All say together.

**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.**

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.

The People stand, as able, or sit or kneel.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 1 found on page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, including our siblings in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer in the Anglican Church of Japan, and those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, both in St. Andrew’s and the community of Philipsburg, with Theresa Kelley as Rector, and for Gabe LePage, newly ordained as a priest who will serve All Saints and the communities of Columbia Falls and Whitefish, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city and county of Missoula, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Nora Horton	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Joan Chaussee	Bob Simons	Sullivan
Monica Roscoe and Family	Robert and Christine Hadlow	Graham
Nancy Callen	Laura and Cannon	Linda T.
Kathy Adams	Christina Errebo	Lynne
Paula and family	Ann Rennie	Paula
Michael Ayers and family	Diana Plyley	Sam

Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Lucy Deaton and family	Wanda
Doug Harris's family	Chris Tweeten	Greg
Peter and Malcolm Smith	Nancy Guthrie	Mary
Linda Peavey	Janel	Moe

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

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, remembering especially this morning Doug Harris, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Presider 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.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider 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.

Celebrant 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 Presider 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

God so loved the world

Brittany Boykin

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)

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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 127

Holy, holy, holy

Sung by all

Calvin Hampton

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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 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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

COMMUNION HYMN • #635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Sung by all

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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.**

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 • #401

The God of Abraham praise

Sung by all

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

DISMISSAL

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

Let us go forth into the world with the eyes and love of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The glory of these forty days

Johann Pachelbel



PRAYERS FOR TODAY are in thanksgiving, by the people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

Participants in the Service

<i>Presider, Preacher, and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Godly Play Storyteller and Doorkeeper</i>	<i>Meredith Mehne and Brian Yowell</i>
<i>Crucifer/Acolyte</i>	<i>Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Bruce Bowler, Torian Donohoe</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Lucia Solorzano Work</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Bill and Sarah Towle</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Beverley Sherman, Caitlin Sherman</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Dalton Anderson, Diane Rasmuson</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jim Taylor, Lance Collister</i>
<i>Videographer</i>	<i>PJ Willett</i>

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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.

WALKING WITH JESUS IN GODLY PLAY THIS MARCH

We enter into the wilderness with Jesus for Godly Play in March, growing our faith as we walk in his footsteps through the scriptures. Come walk alongside us in the Tower Room during a portion of our 10:15AM services. Deacon Dorcie is your Godly Play point person to share some registration information and learn more.

MUSIC THIS MORNING

March is Women's History Month, and throughout the month, we will be celebrating the music of women composers. This morning's prelude, postlude, and anthem are all composed by women.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

As part of the rector search process, a visiting candidate will be leading worship at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on Sunday, March 8. We invite the congregation to keep the candidate and the Search Committee in prayer.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT 2026 LENTEN MEDITATIONS: "HOLY HABITS" BY SISTER MONICA CLAIRE

Enrich your Lenten journey with "Holy Habits" meditations from Episcopal Relief & Development. Running Ash Wednesday through Easter, these reflections are authored by TikTok personality Sister Monica Clare, offering insight into monastic life and a practical path to building habits for a life rooted in faith. They are available in English and Spanish.

Visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/> to subscribe to daily emails, download a PDF, read the meditations and access a Group Study Guide to reflect on the meditations with others.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN ON MARCH 4

The Wholly Fun Committee invites you to "**You-Won't-Miss-the-Meat Potluck**" on **March 4th** at Holy Spirit, as a follow-up to the "Food for Thought" book-study. We invite you to bring your favorite grain (rice, quinoa, farro, wheat, corn, etc.), legume (lentils, beans, split-peas), pasta, vegetable, or fruit dish to share--appetizers, side dishes, main dishes, desserts--and the book-study members will provide some of these plus the beverages.

After dinner, there will be a food trivia quiz on food facts in Scripture, food idioms in English, and food mentioned in song and movie titles. Naturally, you can expect great prizes for the winners and fun for all ages.

Stay tuned to announcements about this not-to-be-missed party, which will **kick off at 5:30 in the Parish Hall**. If you need a terrific recipe, a collection is posted on the church webpage here:

<http://holyspiritmissoula.org/news-updates/vegetarian-recipes-for-conscious-eating-potluck/>.

LOST SOMETHING?

Our coatrack shelf in the church has become quite the gathering spot. Along with **three pairs of glasses** (one prescription), there are **hats, gloves, and assorted paraphernalia** all hoping to head home. Take a peek — your missing item might be enjoying an unexpected vacation there.

LENT AND SPRING MARKET 2026

Lent – the 40-day period we are now experiencing and one that can add a great deal to Holy Spirit's Spring Market, May 8-9. Find a sturdy box. Begin filling it with 40 items for the market! Lent is the perfect time to sort out your no-longer-needed, the very items that will lead to a successful Market. No rummage please. We need your best (clean, unbroken, and usable) Vintage and Boutique Clothing, Accessories, Jewelry, Home Décor, Glassware, Kitchen Items, Linens, Books, Sport and Camping Equipment, Luggage, Pet Accessories, and Small Furniture. Feel the energy that builds as you sort through your closets, drawers, and storage areas. More information in the weeks ahead – but, right now - find that empty box and begin this special Lenten practice. You and Holy Spirit will be richer for each item you donate. We will not be collecting your items until May 3, so you have plenty of time – and maybe, even, the need for more than just one box!

HELP US CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS

Please contact the church office at (406) 542-2167 if you would like to give toward the Easter flowers and remember a loved one or celebrate a special event in your life. Your prayers and memorials will be listed in the Easter service leaflets. Memorials may be sent to the church office at office@holyspiritmissoula.org. The deadline for submission of names for inclusion in the Easter service leaflets is **Wednesday, March 18 at 9 a.m.** Any amount is welcome.

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.:

March 11 and 25

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

WORKING FOR CREATION – A NEW CREATION SERIES FROM CREATION CARE

Join us **Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall** for the first of the Working for Creation series presented by Creation Care. The series will highlight the Creation-related work or hobbies of Holy Spirit parishioners. **Nate Jourdonnais** will kick off the series with a presentation on his long-term research on Weddell seals in Antarctica's Erebus Bay: sharing experiences from two field seasons in one of Earth's most remote and extraordinary ecosystems.

If you have questions or suggestions for future presentations, contact Warren Gartner at kwgartner@sbcglobal.net or 317-872-2432.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS NIGHT — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 AT 7 P.M.

At our March Community Concerns Night, we continue our exploration of food systems and food insecurity by centering the voices of neighbors who have experienced these challenges firsthand. We will welcome participants from the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center's **LEVL program** (Lived Experiences, Voices, and Leaders).

LEVL participants will share what they wish the wider community understood about food insecurity and the families who face it. Staff from the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center will also be present to answer questions about broader policy issues and ways we can take meaningful action. Please plan to join us!

FOOD BANK MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

March Food Bank Donations

In March, we're focusing on **breakfast favorites** to help start our neighbors' mornings with comfort and nourishment. Please consider donating: Coffee and tea, Oatmeal, Boxed cereal, Syrup, Pancake mix, Jams and jellies, Honey, Pop-Tarts, Muffin mix, Juice, Granola bars, Nuts, raisins, and other dried fruit. Thank you for continuing to support the Missoula Food Bank with such steady generosity. Every item you share helps brighten someone's day.

SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF CAMP MARSHALL

Camp Marshall is committed to ensuring that cost is never a barrier to anyone. Much of that is possible through donations to scholarships or the general fund. As we prepare for another great summer, we must also take into account rising food costs, paying our excellent staff, and of course, the maintenance of the beautiful grounds, buildings, and equipment. If you are a member of the diocese of Montana, an alumnus, or just a friend of the camp, we ask that you consider how you might provide for the future of Camp Marshall.

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

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