



Daily Morning Prayer, Rite II

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 • 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Thanksgiving Chorale Preludes

Dale Wood, Craig Phillips

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

OPENING HYMN • #290

Come, ye thankful people come

Sung by all

St. George's, Windsor

THE WORDS AND MUSIC OF THIS HYMN ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD.

PLEASE USE THE BLUE HYMNAL 1982 FOUND IN THE PEW RACKS.

WELCOME

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

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalms 43:3

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling or sitting as able

**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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

<i>Officiant</i>	Lord, open our lips.
<i>People</i>	And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

<i>Officiant</i>	The earth is the Lord's, for he made it.
<i>People</i>	Come let us adore him.

JUBILATE *Psalms 100*

Officiant and People

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE APPOINTED PSALM: Psalm 123

<i>Reader</i>	Please join me in reading Psalm 123, found in the service leaflet.
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PSALM: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
³So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Judges.

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

CANTICLE

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*
Luke 1:46-55

Officiant and People together

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: ***

the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The people sit.

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

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

The People stand to sing the hymn.

HYMN • #433

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing *Sung by all*

Kremser

THE HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

THE THIRD READING: Matthew 25:14-30

The people sit.

A Reading from Matthew.

¹⁴[Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with

them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

Silence may follow.

THE SERMON

Keith Kuhn, Lay Worship Preacher

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

All remain standing. The Officiant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Officiant Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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:



MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Let all things now living

Katherine K. Davis

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 Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

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.

SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

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

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

Lord, make us servants of your peace.

For your presence in each of our lives and in the lives of all around us. As we live our lives moment by moment, may we feel the force of the Holy Spirit and be instructed by Christ's love in the world. May we give freely and courageously of our talents to the many needs of this world.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this Holy Spirit parish family as well as the larger communities that we live as part of, and alongside. May we grow in our understanding of the diversity of world and in our acceptance of others.

For those in this community, the nation and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For a deeper understanding of our responsibilities to tending the natural world, in forms both small and large. For a heightened sense of devotion to those around us, and a stronger grasp of the difference we can make in the lives of others.

For the just, sustainable, and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who suffer. For the dawning light of courage, hope and mission for those who live in darkness.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For a sense of stillness in our hectic lives. For the ability to center our hearts. For an ever-growing awareness of purpose and fearlessness to live that purpose.

For the wisdom, peace, and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For assistance in turning our internal understanding of your grace into efforts that benefit those around us. For all who lead or teach or counsel.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James' Episcopal church in Bozeman and its senior warden Brad Foster.

We pray for Michael Curry 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.

We pray for all who are on our hearts, for our sick, and for those who cannot be with us.

Today we pray especially for:

Olivia Chamberlain and family		
Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton		
Bert and Nora Horton	Steve Martin	Joel
Howard and Marcia Ulrigg	Laura Barthrop	Peg
Jodie Ulrigg	Cannon Clark	Beverly
Karina Walters	Claudine Cellier	Graham
Joan Chaussee	Tennison Mathews	Cheyenne
Scott Turner	James Frank McDonough	Moe
Baby Brandon	Angela Ruhnke	Jeanne
Laura Lambert and her family	Travis Tikka and family	Shannon
The family of Shay Downey	Melissa Smid	Jan
Norrie Dusty Bull and family	Jeff McElwain	Jerry
Candice Briere	Betty Rice	Sam
Connie Campbell-Pearson	Keegan Yates	Ray
Tom Lee		

We pray for the people of Gaza and Ukraine and the Sudan, and all nations torn by the anguish of war. We pray for those who have died or been wounded, and for their families.

We pray for your love to be made real for our neighbors who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

And in silence or aloud, for other people or oppressions we lift to you now.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

You are our light and our salvation. 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.

In your changeless Name of Love, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this morning for Andrew Kuhn and for other loved ones who have gone before us.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • #397

Now thank we all our God

Sung by all

Nun danket alle Gott

THE CLOSING HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;
 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Now thank we all our God

Siegfried Karg-Elert



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

Participants in the Service

<i>Lay Worship Leader/Worship Coordinator</i>	<i>Jim Wiley</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Keith Kuhn, Lay Preacher</i>
<i>Organist/Choir Director</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Don Gisselbeck, Scott Jourdonnais</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Jocelyn Siler</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Molly Bowler, Wendy Kuhn</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Tracey Gage, Lucy Deaton</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Gary and Holly Swartz, Laura Barthrop</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Holly Swartz, John Crowley</i>
<i>Film Editor</i>	<i>James Gartner</i>

GROW WITH US

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's in-person and online service, 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.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

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 white Visitor's Card in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

TODAY'S ALMS SUNDAY FEATURES CASA OF MISSOULA

Our November 19th Alms Sunday focus is on CASA of Missoula. The mission of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is to provide independent, trained advocates for the best interests of children within the judicial system who are at substantial risk or have experienced abuse or neglect. They are there with consistent, long-term advocacy until every child resides in a safe, permanent home. Come learn with us about some ways your gifts can strengthen their volunteer corps and daily work. A special offering will be invited during worship services; gifts can also be made through Holy Spirit's website and via the Pushpay app.

LET'S TALK TURKEY

If you're still waiting to commit to an annual gift to support Holy Spirit, now's the perfect time. Need a pledge card? You can find pledge cards in the pews or contact the office at 406-541-2167 for more information. You can also tell us about your annual gift online at <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/pledge/>.

With Thanksgiving just ahead, we're especially thankful to everyone who has made an annual gift commitment for 2024.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The church office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 22. The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and on Friday, November 24.

SIGNUPS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER CONTINUE

Signups for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner will continue today after both services. Please look for one of the following to sign up for the dinner: Jody Thomasson, Holly Swartz and Alice Dailey. We need your name, phone number, email address and what you plan to bring. Each dish should serve 8-12 people. Your sign up is your reservation. We are looking for turkeys, ham, potatoes, sweet potatoes/yams, salads, veggies, dessert, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. Water and juice will be provided. Wine is your option. We plan to eat at 3 PM. We will receive food at the back kitchen door beginning at 2 PM. The front doors will also open at 2. We need volunteers to help set up, a "strong" crew to help bring in the food and a cleanup/dishwashing crew. If you have any questions please contact Holly Swartz, 406-542-1978 or Alice Dailey, 406-549-8095.

CENTERING PRAYER MEETS ON NOVEMBER 21 AT 4 P.M.

All are welcome to a circle of silent prayer on November 21 at 4 p.m. in the Guild Room. Centering Prayer is a meditation process that invites us to an inner sacred space to quiet our minds, open our hearts, and take rest in the Love of God. You will be gently led in and out of a 20-minute time of silence with prayer or readings. We gather in the Guild Room at Holy Spirit the third Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. We'll meet on Tuesday, November 21, this month. If you have any questions, please call Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

HOLIDAY MARKET 2023

Perfect weather. The best of donations. The hardest working volunteers ever. Great, generous shoppers. And hundreds of Teddy Bears finding new homes. Oh, wait, and the total sales – more than \$12,000! Again, Holy Spirit's Parish Hall and Guild Room ahhhed our visitors with their overflowing tables of treasures. Tempting raffle and auction items. Sparkling sunshine on the tables of antiques. Dalton Anderson's Christmas carols setting the holiday mood. Two days of busy sales and continuous laughter. Children (and many adults) clutching their newfound best bear buddy. Coffee and doughnuts and the best lunches brought to our volunteers. A perfect Holiday Market in every way. Thank you to all who participated in all the ways it took to make this a Market to Remember! And our special thank yous to Sue Lowery and Diane Rasmuson who oversaw it all.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Are you interested in having **FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR** or during the Sundays in Advent? To arrange for flowers, please call the church office at (406) 542-2167 **by noon on Monday, December 4**. Although there are no flowers on the altar during the season of Advent, your special prayers and memorials are still read and will be listed again in the service leaflet at the Christmas Eve services. Again, this year, we are not asking for contributions for the Christmas flowers since you all have been so generous over the year with your flower donations.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL VISITATION ON DECEMBER 3

The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins, the 10th Bishop of Montana, will make her annual visitation to Holy Spirit Parish on Sunday, December 3. As chief pastor and teacher of the diocese, Bishop Marty will preside and preach at both services that Sunday. This will also be the Sunday that Rev. Terri returns from her sabbatical. Please plan to join us for what will be a joyous celebration that Sunday!

As is the custom in our diocese, an offering for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund will be taken at the service that day. Your checks should be paid to the order of "The Episcopal Diocese of Montana," designating on the memo line 'Discretionary Fund.' Or you can use our giving platform Pushpay to make your donation. Simply choose Bishop's Discretionary Fund from the list of funds available. It is from the Discretionary Fund that pastoral needs are met. Please be generous.

NO LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE THIS YEAR

We wanted to update you on a change for this year's Advent season. Unfortunately, due to the late start of Advent, we won't be able to have our cherished service of Lessons and Carols on December 24. Typically, Lessons and Carols takes place on the evening of Advent IV which this year is December 24, and there was no way to make that happen. We know it's disappointing, but we've marked December 22, 2024, in our calendars

for its grand return! We can't wait to celebrate with you then and make it an unforgettable evening. Thank you for your understanding.

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