

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

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MAY 5 | 8 AM



*"Receive the Holy Spirit."*  
*John 20:22*

HOLY SPIRIT | EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 • 8 a.m.

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*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 ENTRANCE RITE

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

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### 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 Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE • CANTICLE 20: GLORY TO GOD

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

*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 Word of God

### 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.*

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People are seated for the lessons.*

### THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

*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 Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

*The People remain seated.*

## **PSALM: Psalm 98**

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

*Reader* Our response to the first reading is Psalm 98, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

- <sup>1</sup>**Sing to the LORD a new song, \***  
**for he has done marvelous things.**
- <sup>2</sup>**With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
**has he won for himself the victory.**
- <sup>3</sup>**The LORD has made known his victory; \***  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- <sup>4</sup>**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \***  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- <sup>5</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \***  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- <sup>6</sup>**Sing to the LORD with the harp, \***  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**
- <sup>7</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn \***  
**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- <sup>8</sup>**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \***  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- <sup>9</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands, \***  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**
- <sup>10</sup>**In righteousness shall he judge the world \***  
**and the peoples with equity.**

## **THE SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

*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 the First Letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

*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.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier**

*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.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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

*Intercessor*    The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 3 found on page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

We offer our prayers and our lives as a new song to you, O Lord.

With a song of gathering, Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

With a song of discernment, grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

With a song of unity, we pray in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the community of Stevensville and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, with Interim Rector Richard Tardiff. We also pray for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; for the five Presiding Bishop candidates; for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; and for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese, as we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

With a song of wisdom, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

With a song of love, give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

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

Today we pray especially for:

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton  
Bert and Nora Horton  
Joan Chaussee  
Betty Rice  
Laura Lambert and her family  
Norrie Dusty Bull and family  
Ken and Nancy Hailey  
Jodie Ulrigg and family  
Nancy Callen  
Jari Davis  
Beth Franz

Marleigh Flanigan  
Jeff McElwain  
Keegan Yates  
Tanya Lodahl  
Mary Lou Cordis  
Laura and Cannon  
Paula and family  
Malcolm Smith  
Aaron Evans  
Lindsay Iudicello and family  
Peggy Tomlinson  
Scott Turner

Joel  
Jeanne  
Cheyenne  
Beth  
Graham  
Jim  
Shannon  
Peg  
Peter  
Sam  
Charlie  
Moe  
Genie

With a song of discernment, we pray for the voters and outcomes of this week's local election.

With a song of Light, we pray for our neighbors who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

And with a song of the heart, we pray for other people or oppressions we lift to you now.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

With a song of everlasting life, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this day for Sarah Ellen Gruhl and Nancy Pyle Simons, for all those lost to disease, destruction, or violence, and for any others who we remember before you now, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

With a song of glory, we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

With a song of faith, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

## THE PEACE

*The People stand*

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated..*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## THE OFFERTORY

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:*



*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion*

## DOXOLOGY

*All say in unison as the Offering is received and blessed*

**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

## SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*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.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and people*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

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

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available, and you may drink from the common cup or dip your wafer in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

### **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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth with the song of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Sarah Ellen Gruhl, by Anne Cohen; and in loving memory of Karen's mother, Nancy Pyle Simons, by Karen Simons Gartner and Warren Gartner.



### *Participants in the service*

<i>Preacher and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Jim Wiley</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Beverly Maas</i>

## **GROW WITH US**

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's 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.

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

## **FOR THE 8 O'CLOCKERS—WE WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU!**

For those who attend the 8 am service please plan to stay after worship today. We'll have some breakfast treats together and talk about your experience in worship. We want to learn about what's most important and valuable to you about this service. What keeps you coming back? So please plan to join us and share your feedback if you have been an attender at our 8 am service. We want to hear from you.

—Rev. Gretchen

## **COMPLINE THIS EVENING AT 8 PM**

*The bud*

*stands for all things,*

*even for those things that don't flower,*

*for everything flowers, from within, of self-blessing*

*(from "The St. Francis and the Sow" by Galway Kinnell)*

As spring pushes back darkness reminding us of the hope of the risen Christ, so the closing light of day adds the blues and greens of Holy Spirit's windows to the candlelight of compline. **Please join us for compline on May 5th at 8 PM.** The service includes Vaughan Williams' "The Call" as well as the John Rutter setting of St. Patrick's Breastplate. This month's service contains meditations on poems considering Spring.

### **IT'S SPRING MARKET WEEK!!**

We hope you've begun your donation quest! Items will be accepted on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 5, 6 & 7 at Holy Spirit – not before, please.

Are you new to Holy Spirit? Have you never helped out during Market Week – curious, but not sure it's the right fit? We want you all to feel welcome to help out in even one of the many ways this fun Market comes together. Please stop by the Information/Sign Up table in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 5 or contact Marva Gallegos: (406) 546-1611 or [marvagallegos@gmail.com](mailto:marvagallegos@gmail.com) with your questions.

We need folks to help in sorting, displaying, pricing, selling, hosting, providing lunch, just being you – for only the amount of time you have to give. We promise you a fine time in exchange for yours! (Plus – there's that early shopping privilege for volunteers.)

In the meantime, please scour your environs, involve your family, friends, and neighbors - what goodies could they contribute to this spring's inventory? Bring us your best (clean, unbroken, and usable) items from the following list:

Vintage and Boutique Clothing – women's and men's  
Accessories and Jewelry (See notice below for more information about jewelry)  
Home Décor  
Glassware & Kitchen  
Linens  
Books (no manuals, encyclopedias, or tapes)  
Sport and Camping Equipment  
Luggage  
Pet Accessories  
Gardening & Outdoor / Healthy Plants  
Small Furniture

### **JEWELRY NEEDED FOR THE SPRING MARKET!**

Baubles and bling, earrings, bracelets and rings, and all sparkly things!!! Jewelry is a great seller at the Market. Torian Donohoe, Market Jewelry Corner salesperson, adds "We'd be most grateful for jewelry of any type that may be stuck away or that you're no longer wearing. We'll happily repair broken pieces. Please contact Torian Donohoe at [castlerock2008@outlook.com](mailto:castlerock2008@outlook.com) to have your donation picked up, or you can deliver it to the Parish Hall between May 5-7."

### **MAY 12 ALMS SUNDAY FEATURES MISSOULA AGING SERVICES**

Our May 12<sup>th</sup> Alms Sunday focus is on Missoula Aging Services (MAS). Missoula Aging Services is dedicated to promoting the independence, dignity, and health of older adults and those who care for them. They offer a range of services including Meals on Wheels, caregiver support, and Medicare counseling and information. Missoula Aging Services Development Director Allison Strekal will speak briefly at both services that day about how people can get involved by volunteering to deliver meals, providing transportation, offering companionship, and more. A special offering will be taken during worship on May 12, or you can give via Pushpay online at [holyspiritmissoula.org](http://holyspiritmissoula.org). Thank you for helping Missoula Aging Services continue their vital work in our community.

### **NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS IN MAY**

Join us for an upcoming book study focused on caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer disease and other forms of dementia. The study will take place on Wednesday evenings starting May 15<sup>th</sup> and running through June 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gary and Holly Swartz from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will be discussing "The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for People Who Have Alzheimer Disease and Other Dementias." Space is limited, so please contact the office at 406-542-2167 to reserve your spot. The book is available through most book sellers. Let's learn and grow together! -- Rev. Terri

### **MEMORIAL SET FOR MARY JENNINGS ON MAY 18**

We will have a Celebration of Life for Mary Jennings on Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m., and all are invited. A full memorial and her burial were held in Bigfork last year, and now it's time for those who knew her in the Missoula area to have a chance to remember and celebrate her life. We hope you will join us!

### **WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST!**

Be sure to wear something red for Pentecost on Sunday, May 19, as we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

### **AN INVITATION TO NEWCOMERS**

If you're new to Holy Spirit services this spring, we're so glad to have you! We'd like to say hello. Join us for what we're calling a Quick Connect in the Courtyard on Sunday, May 19, right after the 10:15 service on Pentecost Sunday.

If the weather's nice, we'll meet up for ice cream and introductions. Come and chat for a minute over a Klondike Bar or something just as good. We look forward to seeing you!

### **KIDS – BRING YOUR FAVORITE ADULTS TO FAMILY WORSHIP ON MAY 19**

We will ride on the winds of the Spirit when we gather for our next Family Worship! Kids, bring your favorite adults and join in our Pentecost service and communion on May 19 from 4:30-5:30PM. We look forward to welcoming you!

And please save the dates for our summertime Family Worship services:

- June 23, 4:30-5:30PM
- August 25, 4:30-5:15PM, followed by a shared meal and fun until 6:30PM

### **CENTERING PRAYER SET FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21 AT 4 P.M.**

All are welcome to a circle of silent prayer on May 21 from 4-5 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. This ancient meditation style called Centering Prayer is simple and easy to learn if it is new to you. The leader will be gently leading the group into and out of a 20-minute silent time. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 4-5 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS MAY 21**

Grief can be a roller-coaster ride of conflicting emotions and a lonely, confusing time. It's a time when we can feel very vulnerable. Have you or someone you know experienced grief recently and would like to meet with others who are also dealing with a grief experience? Holy Spirit is holding a Grief Support Group open to the community, led by Zara Renander on Tuesday May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the church office conference room.

Please register with the office if you'd like to participate. You can contact the office at (406) 542-2167 or via email at [office@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:office@holyspiritmissoula.org).

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS EVENING ON MAY 23 FOCUSES ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM**

Have you heard about “Christian Nationalism”? Are you curious about what it means for our church? Join your Social Concerns team for an evening presentation and discussion about this “Christian Nationalism” that we hear about in the news these days. With perspectives from our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, and the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Elizabeth Eaton, explore the origins of this movement, the position of our Episcopal Church on this thinking and appropriate responses to “Christian Nationalism.” **In the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 23.**

## **MEET UP FOR “UNDER 40s” JUNE 1**

There’s a growing number of people in the church lately who are in their 20s and 30s, and maybe their early 40s. It’s noticeable, and it’s great. We want you to know we appreciate your presence. And value the energy and perspectives you bring with you.

We’d like to take a first step in getting to know you. **Come to a late afternoon meet up we’re planning for Saturday, June 1,** at one of the family-friendly gathering spots around town. More details soon –

## **HERE ARE THE HOLY SPIRIT HOURS FOR OUR CO-RECTORS**

In their half-time roles, Gretchen and Terri have “Holy Spirit hours” that spread across the week. Terri is here Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday morning and alternating Sundays. Gretchen is here Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternating Sundays. We’ll have both of them with us on fifth Sundays of the month, when possible.

For emergencies, either Terri or Gretchen is on call. Not only is Judy Parock available most days in our office, but our phone system allows callers to select an emergency response in non-work hours which notifies the on-call priest. (Certainly, email will continue as the usual means of contact.)

## **HOLY SPIRIT VESTRY**

The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger, Co-Rector  
The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier, Co-Rector  
Molly Bowler, Senior Warden  
Charlie Swannack, Junior Warden  
Audrey Murray, Clerk of Vestry  
James Wiley, Treasurer

Vestry Members, listed with the year their terms expire:

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
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Mark Dvarishkis	Kate Laney	Lance Collister
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