



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 • 8 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

ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as able.

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Presider says

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM

The following is said, all standing as able

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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 First Book of Samuel.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

THE PSALM

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

Remain seated.

Reader 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 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

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 Ephesus.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

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 be to thee, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger

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

The People stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,

we pray for Calvary Episcopal Church and the community of Red Lodge, with Aimee Altizer as Rector and Hank Tuell as Deacon.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Marty, our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Greg, our governor, Andrea, our mayor, and our city council and county commissioners, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray silently today for those on our prayer list, and we invite you to take your service leaflet home so you can pray for them during the week:

Silence

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

Patty Harp

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.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Andrea Wiley, Dale Rasmuson, Les and Phyllis Vining, and Hap and Helen Halligan, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

The People stand as able. The Presider says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

When this prayer is needed, the 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

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 stand as able.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand as able.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

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

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When this prayer is needed, the Celebrant and People say

In the name of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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.**

PRAYERS FOR TODAY are in loving memory of Andrea Wiley, by James Wiley; in celebration of her sister Robin Mueller's 73rd birthday and God's grace and healing over Stage 4 stomach cancer, by Rose Rademan; in loving memory of Dale Rasmuson, by Diane Rasmuson; and in loving memory of our parents, Les and Phyllis Vining and Hap and Helen Halligan, by Mike and Leslie Halligan.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider, Preacher and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Leslie McShane</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Lori Cordis</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lori Cordis and Beverly Maas</i>

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.

RECTOR CANDIDATE VISIT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22

The Search Committee has invited a second Rector candidate to visit Holy Spirit on Sunday, March 22, as part of our discernment process. This candidate has been vetted through two Zoom interviews and will meet in person with the Vestry, staff, and the Search Committee during their visit. They will also preside at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services that morning.

To give the 8:00 a.m. congregation an opportunity to greet the candidate, there will be a Coffee Hour in the Guild Room following the early service. A Coffee Hour will also take place as usual after services for the 10:15 congregation.

We ask for your understanding as we honor the candidate's request for confidentiality at this stage. Please make every effort to attend worship on March 22. Your presence and warm Holy Spirit welcome are deeply appreciated, and we encourage you to continue sharing your thoughts with members of the Search Committee as we move forward together.

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.

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.

HELP US TO WELCOME THE PARENTING PLACE FOR OUR MARCH 22 ALMS SUNDAY

Since 1981, The Parenting Place has been strengthening our community by working alongside families who are navigating the challenges and wonders of parenting, and service providers and business leaders who want to incorporate trauma-responsive practices into their lives and work. In 2025, Parenting Place worked with 197 parents/caregivers of 423 children in parenting classes and 1:1 Parent Aide visits. Trauma-informed trainings were also offered to 194 individuals from businesses and nonprofits. And 133 foster and program children received gifts through the Holiday Giving Tree at Donation Warehouse. As we look ahead to April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, let's learn from the Parenting Place about ways to engage with their strengthening and prevention efforts. Visit parentingplace.net for an overview of programs and initiatives, and for April prevention advocacy opportunities as they are posted. A special offering will be taken during worship on March 22, or you can give via Pushpay or online at holyspiritmissoula.org. Thank you for participating!

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

Our March Community Concerns Night invites us to deepen our understanding of food systems and food insecurity by listening to those who know these challenges from the inside. We will be joined by participants in the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center's LEVL program (Lived Experiences, Voices, and Leaders), a group dedicated to lifting up the perspectives of neighbors whose stories often go unheard.

LEVL participants will speak about what they want our wider community to understand about food insecurity and the realities faced by families in Missoula. Staff from the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center will

also be present to offer insight into policy issues and to discuss meaningful ways we can respond as a community. Please join us!

FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER AT THE LEVL COMMUNITY CONCERNS NIGHT — MARCH 25

At our Community Concerns Night on Wednesday, March 25, you'll have the opportunity to support neighbors facing food insecurity by making a financial gift to the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center. This time of year, donations typically dip, and every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

The Social Concerns Committee has generously offered to **match donations up to \$1,500**, doubling the impact of your gift.

Ways to Give:

- **At the event:** Cash, card, or checks made out to *Missoula Food Bank*.
- **Online via Pushpay:** Select the "Missoula Food Bank" option from **March 11–29**.

Let's see if together we can meet — or even exceed — the committee's matching challenge!

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 25

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

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL HOLY WEEK EDITION OF COMPLINE ON PALM SUNDAY

Please join us for a Holy Week edition of choral compline on Palm Sunday evening, March 29th at 8 PM. The Compline Choir will begin the service with Orlando Gibbons' 16th century setting of "Drop, drop, slow tears". Also included will be a beautiful contemporary anthem entitled "O Such Love, My Soul, Still Ponder". Interspersed through the service will be brief meditations on darkness and courage.

TELL US A STORY ...

We are beginning a new project to collect and share the stories of our parishioners: stories of what this church means to you, memories of meaningful moments, experiences of connection and friendship, and reflections on faith and community. We believe storytelling is a powerful way to celebrate and share the life of our church.

On March 29th and April 12th during Coffee Hour, we invite you to come to the Guild Room and share your story. We will record these conversations, and some stories will also be written into short narratives. With your permission, these stories will be shared on our website, social media, and in church publications as a way of expressing what it means to be part of Holy Spirit.

You don't need to prepare anything formal - just come as you are and speak from the heart. Whether your story is long or short, recent or from many years ago, it is an important part of who we are together.

SIGN UP FOR A CONVERSATION WITH HELLGATE STUDENTS

Monday, March 30 at 11:20 a.m.

We're partnering with the student government class at Hellgate High School for a fun "speed-dating-style" conversation. Fourteen parishioners and nonprofit friends will meet with the class's 14 students for brief, one-on-one conversations. The students are developing the questions—one suggestion was, "*What do you wish we knew about your generation?*"—but we'll see what they bring.

If you'd like to participate, please email mollybowler@gmail.com. Space is limited.

This project is coordinated by Tess Johnson, A'Lisa Scott, and Ann Wiltse, and we hope it's the beginning of many opportunities to get to know our neighbors at Hellgate.

SPRING MARKET UPDATE

How is your “**40 Donations for the Spring Market**” collection going? As you continue gathering items, please remember that we are looking for **clean, unbroken, and usable** donations such as: Vintage and Boutique Clothing, Accessories, Jewelry, Home Décor, Cookware, Dishes, Flatware and other Kitchen Items, Linens, Fabric, Yarn, Books, Sports and Camping Equipment, Luggage, Pet Accessories, and Small Furniture.

We will gratefully receive your treasures on **Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, May 3, 4, and 5**. The sale takes place the following **Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9**.

More details will be coming soon. **Keep collecting—every item helps make the Market a success!**

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.

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