



## The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 • 8 a.m.

**HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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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 Liturgy of the Palms

## OPENING ANTHEM

*When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.*

*The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*Celebrant*       The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*       Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*           **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **SECOND ANTHEM**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The People may come forward to receive their palms.*

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

## **THE SERMON**

**The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis**

# The Word of God

## THE COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*Presider*            The Lord be with you.

*People*              **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider*            Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People are seated for the lessons.*

### THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*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 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.**

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*

**my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*

**they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.**

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*

**I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

**and in your loving-kindness save me."**

## THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*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 Philippi.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

#### **SOLEMN READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 27:11-54**

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place that is called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), all stand.*

*Reader*           The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking

him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

#### PLEASE STAND

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*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 Melanesia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church and the community of Stevensville, with Richard Tardiff as Interim Rector.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Marty, our bishop, our Co-Rectors Gretchen and Terri, and our newly called Rector, Nate, 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*

Joan Chaussee	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Monica Roscoe and Family	Bob Simons	Sullivan
Nancy Callen	Robert and Christine Hadlow	Graham
Kathy Adams	Laura and Cannon	Linda T.
Paula and family	Christina Errebo	Lynne
Michael Ayers and family	Ann Rennie	Paula
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Diana Plyley	Sam
Peter and Malcolm Smith	Chris Tweeten	Wanda
Linda Peavey	Janel	Greg
Nancy Guthrie	Moe	Mary
Gary Swartz		

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, and all neighbors who have lost their safe shelter to war zones

*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 Tim Iudicello, Arch Hosier, Karin Wallace, Anne Faultner, Ernest and Anne Williams, and Nora Horton, 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.**

*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

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

*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 for our sins was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw all men unto himself; and by whose suffering and death he became the Author of eternal salvation unto all who put their trust in him.

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.

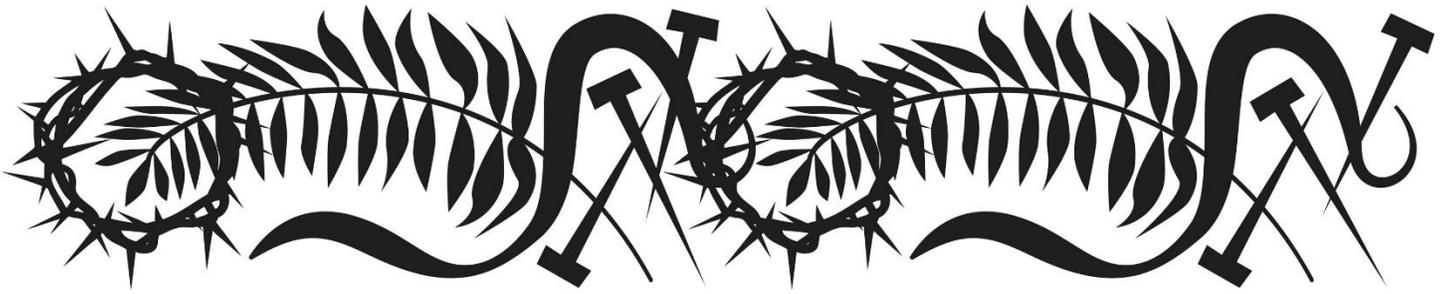
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS FOR TODAY** are in loving memory of Tim Iudicello, by Lindsay Iudicello and family; in thanksgiving for our family and blessings, by Sharon Bingham; in loving memory of Arch Hosier, by Barbara Hosier; in loving memory of their daughter, Karin Wallace, by Alice and Dick Dailey; and in loving memory of Anne Faultner and Ernest and Anne Williams, by Sarah Bennett.



### *Participants in the Service*

<i>Presider and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Preacher and Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Judy Parock</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Greg Scarff</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lori Cordis and Beverly Maas</i>



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### **Maundy Thursday | April 2, 2026 | 7 pm**

*Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist*

7 pm in-person service and live-streamed [here](#).

In the Solemn Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' Last Supper and his charge to love one another through the washing of feet. We end the service by stripping the altar and begin the vigil with the Reserved Sacrament.

### **Good Friday | April 3, 2026 | 12 noon**

*Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday*

12 noon in-person service and live-streamed [here](#).

On this most solemn of days, we offer a service of scripture, music and ancient prayer to mark the suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. Once again, we will hear the Passion Gospel, this time from John, and the congregation will have the opportunity to venerate the cross.

### **Easter Vigil | April 4, 2026 | 7:30 pm**

*The Great Vigil of Easter and First Eucharist of Easter*

7:30 pm in-person service only.

Join us as we witness the Paschal Mystery—the passage from darkness to light, from death to life—through powerful music, the retelling of the history of salvation, the Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant, and Holy Baptism. The service culminates in a glorious celebration of the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service begins in the church courtyard. A festive reception will follow in the parish hall.

### **Easter Sunday | April 5, 2026 | 9 am and 11 am**

*The Sunday of the Resurrection*

9 am in-person service.

11 am in-person service and live-streamed [here](#).

Join us for this most glorious celebration. Scripture, prayers, rich musical offerings, and the celebration of Holy Communion boldly proclaim the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. The 9 am and 11 am services are identical, both with Choir. A time of fellowship follows both services in the parish hall.

Can't watch the services live? The videos are archived and available to view on the church [YouTube channel](#).

### **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.

## **AED LOCATION HAS CHANGED**

Please note that the church's **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** has been moved. It is now located in the hallway **near the accessible bathroom**, hanging on a wall hook. This new location makes the AED more accessible in the event of a medical emergency in the Parish Hall. Previously, the AED was kept in the church, and if the church was locked, valuable time could be lost.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe by being aware of this change.

## **JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL HOLY WEEK EDITION OF COMPLINE TONIGHT**

Please join us this evening at 8 p.m. for choral compline in the penitential darkness of Holy Week. The Compline Choir will begin the service with Orlando Gibbons' 16<sup>th</sup> 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 as we prepare for the coming of Easter.

## **KEEPING WATCH ON MAUNDY THURSDAY NIGHT**

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" — *Matthew 26:40*

You are invited to keep watch in prayer on Maundy Thursday night, April 2, remembering Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane. The vigil begins immediately after the Maundy Thursday service and continues until 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday. One-hour time slots are available, and we hope to have two people for each hour. The sign-up board will be in the Parish Hall. For safety, the church will be locked once the vigil begins. When it is your hour, simply knock and the current watcher will let you in. Please include your phone number when you sign up. This is a quiet, holy opportunity to pray in the dimly lit church and keep watch with Christ. Questions: Holly Swartz, 406-542-1978.

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.:

**April 7, 15**

**May 12**

**June 8, 15 & 29**

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

## PHENOLOGY BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL

The Creation Care Ministry is introducing a **Phenology Board** in the Parish Hall to help us notice the seasonal rhythms of the natural world. Each month, you're invited to record what you observe—first flowers, returning birds, ripening tomatoes, or any small sign of the season.

This simple practice helps us deepen our awareness of creation and our connection with the Creator. Stop by the board and add your observations as the seasons unfold.

## 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, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days**.

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

## FOOD BANK MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### *Food Bank Donations*

In March, we're focusing on **breakfast favorites** to help start our neighbors' mornings with comfort and nourishment. Please consider donating:

- **Breakfast beverages such as:** coffee, tea, juice, and protein powders.
- **Quick breakfast items such as:** oatmeal, box cereal, pancake mix, granola bars, protein bars (low-sugar or low-carb), and Pop Tarts.
- **Great breakfast building blocks such as:** muffin mix, powdered eggs, dried milk, syrup, honey, jams and jellies, nut butters (peanut, almond, cashew, or powdered peanut butter), shelf-stable tofu, canned salmon, canned tuna, and canned chicken.
- **Awesome additions such as:** nuts (almonds, walnuts, pecans, macadamia nuts, Brazil nuts), sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, raisins, dried fruit, unsweetened coconut flakes, chia seeds, flaxseed meal, or hemp seeds.

Thank you for continuing to support the Missoula Food Bank with such steady generosity. Every item you share helps brighten someone's day.

### *Envelope Stuffing for the Missoula Food Bank*

**Tuesday, April 14 • Parish Hall • 4-6 p.m.**

We are excited to host another Foodbank Envelope Stuffing event. Join us for a simple, hands-on way to support the Missoula Food Bank's vital mission. By folding, stuffing, and sealing fundraising envelopes, we help stretch their resources—and ensure more neighbors are fed with dignity. This joyful volunteer opportunity is easy, social, and deeply impactful. Your time helps turn paper into possibility.

Drop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. Bring a friend, share a laugh, and be part of something meaningful. To sign up, text or call **Rosemary Lyda** at 406-570-7074, or add your name to the sheet in the Parish Hall.

## FOOD WASTE AND HOW TO AVOID IT

**April 15 • 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

As part of Holy Spirit's year-long focus on food, the Creation Care Ministry is hosting a panel discussion on food waste—why it happens, what it costs us, and how our community is responding. This event builds on our earlier programs exploring regenerative agriculture, container gardening, food and spirituality, conscious eating, and our ongoing partnership with the Missoula Food Bank.

If the food wasted in the U.S. were redirected, no one would go hungry. Our panel will look at the scope of the problem, its causes, and the creative ways local organizations are working to reduce waste.

### Evening Schedule

- **6:30** – Welcome, introductions, and overview
- **6:50** – *Leigh Ratterman*: Missoula’s food-waste and Zero Waste initiatives
- **7:10** – *Caitlyn Taix*: Missoula Food Bank’s food-rescue and Food Circle programs
- **7:30** – *Grocery partner* from the Food Circle program
- **7:50** – Questions and discussion

### HOLY SPIRIT VESTRY

The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier, Co-Rector  
The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger (retired), Co-Rector  
Molly Bowler, Senior Warden  
Charlie Swannack, Junior Warden  
Leslie McShane, Clerk of Vestry  
James Wiley, Treasurer

Vestry Members, listed with the year their terms expire:

<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
Molly Bowler	Julie Benson	Patti Beckley
Lance Collister	Keith Kuhn	Anne Geiger
Glenn Hladek	Beverley Sherman	Mary Beth Jourdonnais
Charlie Swannack	Jim Taylor	Leslie McShane

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