



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 • 10:15 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The people's responses are in bold.

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

The Word of God

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

PRELUDE

That Easter Day with joy was bright

Christa Rakich

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song. The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

OPENING HYMN • #174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Sung by all.

Salzburg

THE OPENING HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

WELCOME

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

The people standing as able, 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 • S 278

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Sung by all.

William Mathias

The following is sung, all standing as able

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons, and when there is Children's Worship, the children leave for Children's Worship. The children will return for Holy Eucharist.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People remain seated.

THE PSALM

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

Reader Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 116, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

**¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**²The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**³Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

**¹⁰How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

**¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

**¹²I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

**¹³Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.**

**¹⁴O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁷In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

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.

The people remain seated.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

The People stand as able to sing the hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN • #208

Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done *Sung by all.*

Victory

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

All remain standing as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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 Luke.

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

¹³Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

In Easter hope and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the sustainable, just, and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the right action, peace, and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for all who are on our hearts, for our sick, and for those who cannot be with us. Please pray silently for this group, and we invite you to take your leaflet home so you can continue to 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	Donna Brummett	

Mark Dvarishkis and family

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

The People may add their own petitions

We also pray to share your hope with those who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We raise our alleluias, and we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lord of all, we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Mary Lou Cordis and Florence Collins, for those lost to violence, disease, or destruction, and for any others you may wish to remember, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Presider 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 our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

The People stand as able.

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

The breaking of the bread

Austin Lovelace

DOXOLOGY • #380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 1982

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

This selection is in the public domain.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing as able.

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 • S 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sung by all.

William Mathias

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel as able.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. 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*

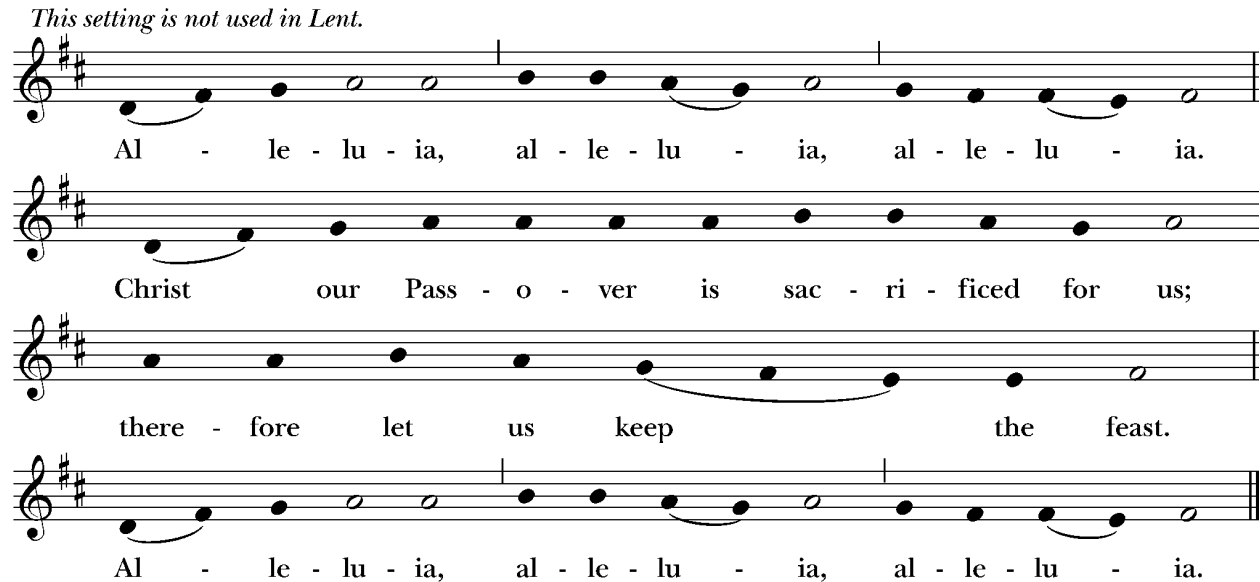
FRACTION ANTHEM • S 154

Christ our Passover

Sung by all.

David Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

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

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

As we gather at your table

Wonder, Love and Praise

COMMUNION HYMN • #306

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest *Sung by all.*

Sursum Corda



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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.*

CLOSING HYMN • #296

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more, **Sung by all.***

Engelberg

THERE ARE NO DOWNLOADS AVAILABLE FOR THIS HYMN. PLEASE FIND IT IN THE
BLUE HYMNAL 1982 IN THE PEW RACKS.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden

J. S. Bach



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mom Mary Lou Cordis and grandmother Florence Collins, by Lori Cordis, Bonnie Holzworth, Bev Maas, and Barb Lowe.

Participants in the service

<i>Presider, Preacher and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Children's Worship Storyteller and Doorkeeper</i>	<i>Kara Hanson, Beverley Sherman</i>
<i>Crucifer/Acolyte</i>	<i>Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Jeff Serviss, Jim Wiley, Holly Swartz</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Lucia Solorzano Work</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Clem Work, Wendy Kuhn</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Sharon Bingham, A'Lisa Scott</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Gary and Katie Steen</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Molly Bowler, Jim Taylor</i>
<i>Videographer</i>	<i>PJ Willett</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.

DISCOVERING EASTER SYMBOLS IN GODLY PLAY

Our Godly Play stories in April will explore some of the symbols around Easter and how God changes people's

hearts. Come join us on this Eastertide journey during the 10:15AM Sunday services! To learn more and to complete an information form, reach out to Deacon Dorcie after worship or through the church office.

BE PART OF A FAREWELL ‘PURSE’ FOR TERRI AND GRETCHEN

Traditions are an extraordinary part of Episcopal life. One enduring tradition is to create a “purse” to be given to long-time clergy when they bring their work with a parish to a close, as Rev. Terri and Rev. Gretchen will do at the end of May.

Over the long history of priests and parishes, a farewell purse has been an expression of gratitude and affection. And today it is just the same. Contributions are voluntary and anonymous. We invite you, as your resources allow, to consider a contribution to this special “thank you” fund.

To contribute to this farewell purse, send a check marked “purse” to the office or place it in the plate on a Sunday. You can also use Pushpay, if you prefer. Thank you for considering this request.

This gift will be presented at our farewell reception for our two Co-Rectors on Sunday, May 31, after the 10:15 service (we’ll be on summer schedule with one service starting that day). Mark your calendars!

– The Holy Spirit Vestry

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 April 19th 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.

AN OUTING WITH THE WHOLLY FUN COMMITTEE

Looking for a fun, free family-friendly event? The Wholly Fun Committee suggests a visit to:

PHLOX FEST – Rocky Mountain Gardens Annual Spring Opening

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
1075 South Ave. W., Missoula

If you’d like to meet up with others from HSP, we’ll start at 11:00 at the west entrance near the Butterfly House. If you need a ride, sign up on the list in the Parish Hall, or call the church office at (406)542-2167. The theme of this year’s Phlox Fest is "Gardens of the Garden City", celebrating Missoula's horticultural past, present, and future. The Gardens’ staff and partners will provide information about local public gardens, and how to make your own garden thrive.

Festivities will include music, food trucks, plant vendors and tabling by representatives of Missoula's many gardens.

There are picnic tables on site, so consider packing a lunch or visiting a food truck to enjoy with us. Please plan to join us!

SPRING MARKET 2026 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

How's your spring sorting coming along? We hope you're already working on the donations you're planning to deliver to Holy Spirit on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 3, 4, and 5. We also hope that many of you are planning to donate a bit of your time to help during Market Week, May 4-9. Newcomers – this is a fun and perfect way to see how the magic of Holy Spirit works in our community. And, old-timers, we so need you, too! The skill sets needed to make our Market work include *everyone* who attends Holy Spirit.

Here's what's needed for donations - your best, clean, unbroken, and resalable: Women's and Men's Vintage and Boutique Clothing; Accessories and Jewelry; Home Décor; Glassware & Kitchen; Linens; Books (no manuals, encyclopedias, or tapes); Sport and Camping Equipment; Luggage; Pet Accessories; Gardening & Outdoor; Tools; Healthy Plants; and Small Furniture. **Here's what's needed for volunteers** - YOU!

SPRING MARKET SIGN UP SUNDAY

Be sure to stop by the Spring Market Information Table in the Parish Hall after church today. See all the options to help out during Market Week and sign up where you can. From providing lunch goodies, to sorting donations, to helping out customers during sale days, to tidying up afterwards – we have a place for you! And, we can help with any questions you have about this event. Spring Market is one of our most social volunteering events – the perfect way to enjoy your Holy Spirit pew mates as together we prepare and offer our donations to the entire Missoula community.

ALMS SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026 – SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL TPS ALLIANCE

This month's Alms Sunday offering supports the National TPS Alliance, an organization led by immigrants with Temporary Protected Status (TPS). By September, more than 1.5 million longtime residents may lose their legal ability to live and work in the U.S. through changes to the TPS program. Most TPS holders have been here for over 20 years, raising families and building lives that are anything but temporary.

On April 26, we will hear directly from TPS holders about their experiences and their efforts to protect their families and communities. We are invited to stand with them by supporting the work of the National TPS Alliance.

A special offering will be taken during worship, or you may give through Pushpay or online at holyspiritmissoula.org.

– Jesse Jaeger, Social Concerns Committee

APRIL FOOD BANK DONATION: FLAVORS THAT NOURISH

This month, we're focusing on ingredients that help families create hearty, flavorful meals. Please consider donating any of the following **shelf-stable, high-protein, and versatile** items:

Pantry Staples: Rice, Dried or canned beans, Lentils, Tortillas, Taco or enchilada kits, Canned tomatoes, corn, green chiles, jalapeños, olives, Salsas and hot sauce, Tomatillos, Lime juice, Bouillon cubes (any variety), Spices

Proteins: Canned chicken, Canned tuna, Canned salmon, Peanut butter or other nut butters, Shelf-stable tofu

Nuts & Seeds: Pumpkin seeds (pepitas), Sunflower seeds. Mixed nuts

A Note of Care: Low-sodium canned items are especially appreciated when available.

Thank you for helping us support the Missoula Food Bank with generosity and heart. Every item you share makes a real difference.

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.

WORKING FOR CREATION

May 6 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • In the Church

Come hear **Terri Grotzinger** on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. as she reflects on her career with the U.S. Forest Service. Terri will share stories from the field and explore how her work has shaped her understanding of Creation care, resilience, and the beauty of our shared landscapes.

Please note: **We will meet in the church** for this session, as the Parish Hall will be in use for Spring Market setup.

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.:

May 12

June 8, 15 & 29

Please come as you are available! Registration is not required

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