



The Holy Eucharist

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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.

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

My Song is love unknown

Brenda Portman

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

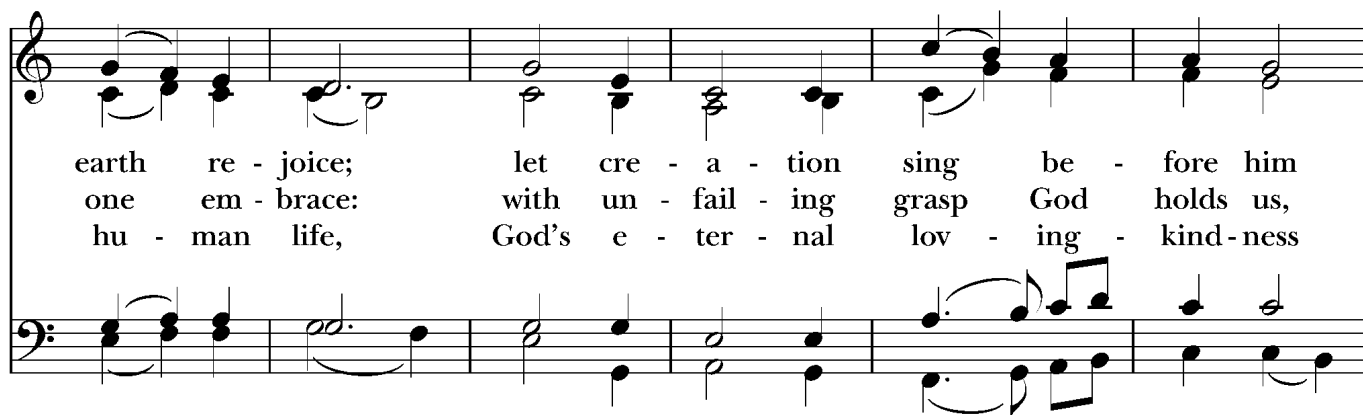
PROCESSIONAL HYMN • #379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Sung by all

Abbot's Leigh

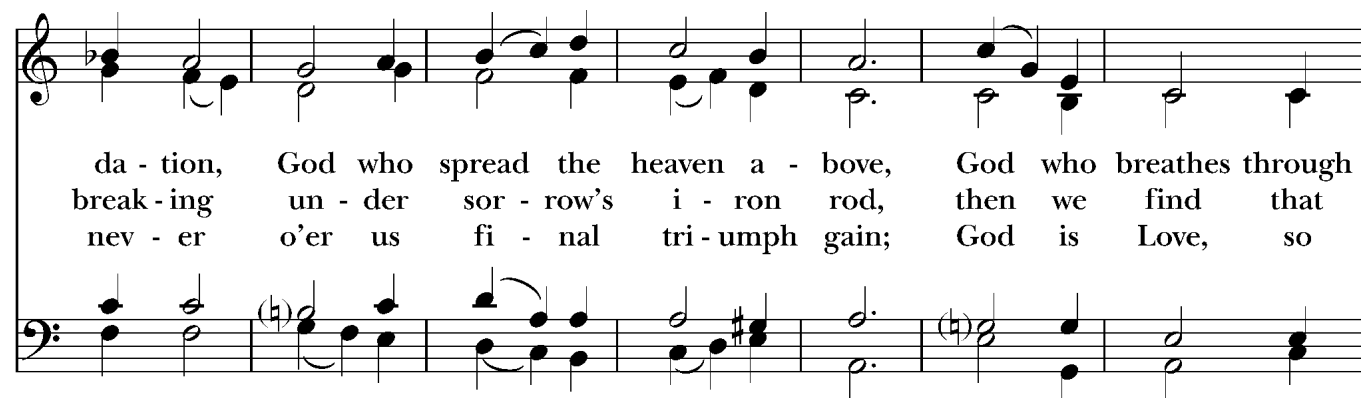
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



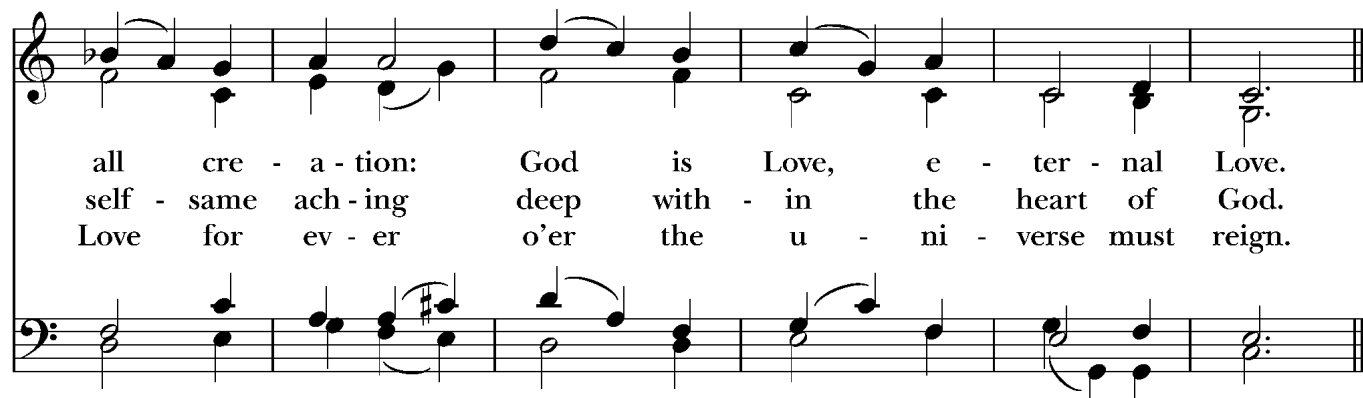
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

WELCOME

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The People standing as able, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE 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 Presider 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

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

The following is said, all standing as able

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE 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.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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 LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

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.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 138

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

Reader Our response to the first reading is Psalm 138 found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

¹**I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³**for you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.**

⁴**When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

⁵**All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁶**They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

⁷**Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.**

⁸**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹**The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

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 Rome.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

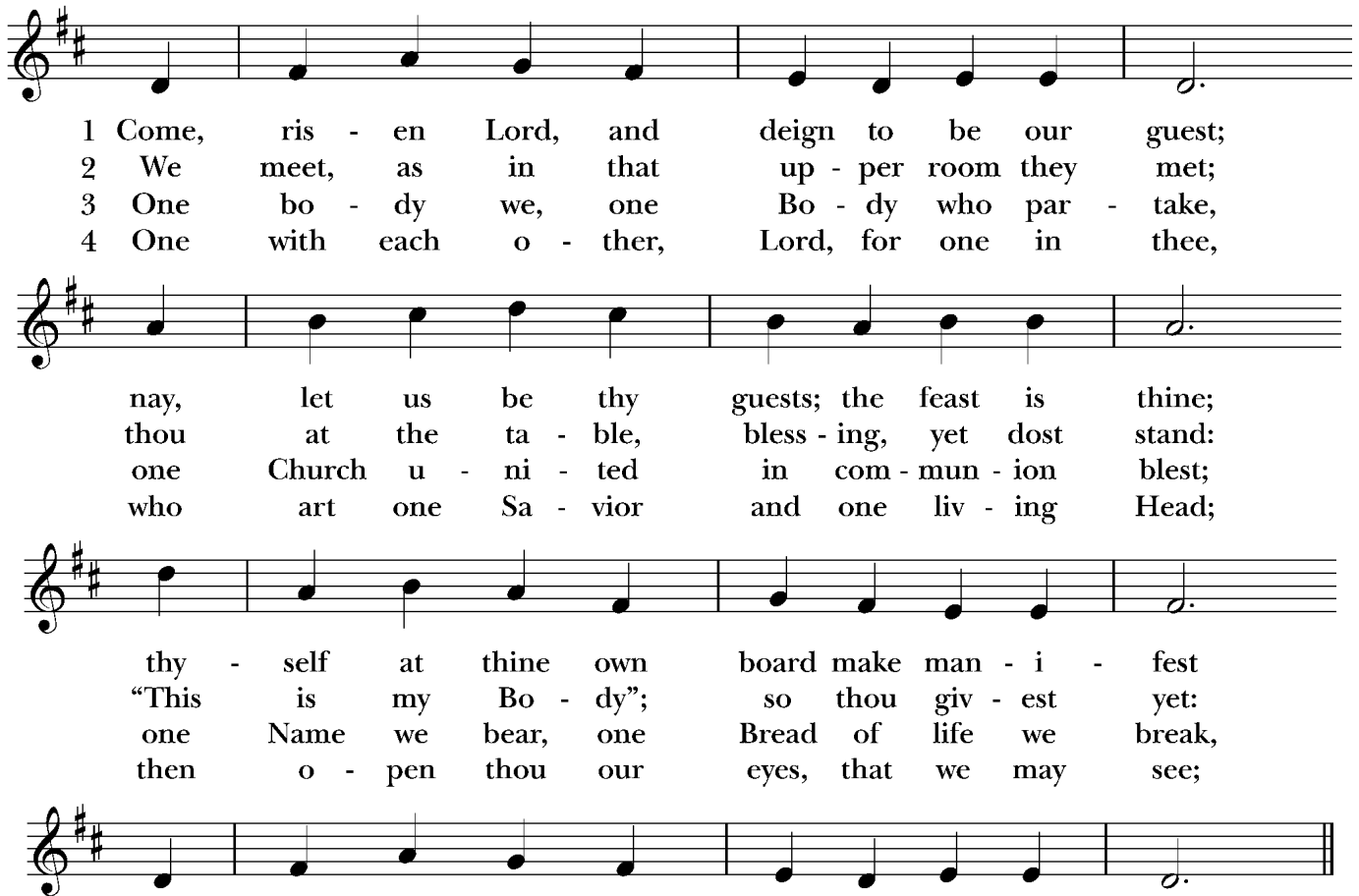
The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN • #306

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

Sursum Corda

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.”



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.

Please remain standing as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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 Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this

rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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. Nate Darville

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 on behalf of others: for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith — especially those who are in need or who suffer — and for the departed. In prayer we remember that we belong to 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 4, found on page 388 of the *Book of Common Prayer* and in the service leaflet. I invite you to pray them with me.

Send your teaching out, O Lord, and your justice for a light to the peoples.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we hold in prayer The Church of the Province of West Africa.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray with the community of Bigfork and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, with The Rev. Donnel O'Flynn as Rector.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of Montana, this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may steward and use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for those named in our leaflet today, and for any others on your heart. Please take your leaflet home so you may continue to hold these neighbors in prayer throughout the week.

Silence

Joan Chaussee
Myra Shults and family

Marleigh Flanigan
Bob Simons

Dan
Sullivan

Nancy Callen	Robert and Christine Hadlow	Graham
Kathy Adams	Laura and Cannon	Barb
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	Leslie Lucas	Wanda
Linda Peavey	Janel	Greg
Nancy Guthrie	Moe	Peg
Madeleine Johnson	Donna Brummett	Quinn
Stanley Underwood	Peggy Deeds	Joshua
Geoffrey Harp	Hannah Jourdonnais	Ellen
Jeannie Warner's family and friends	Tom Campbell	Sarah
For the Ruybalid family in the midst of a life transition		Bob
For the staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City		
For our neighbors needing shelter beyond what the Poverello and Meadlowlark can offer, and all neighbors who have lost their safe shelter in uncertainty, war, and disasters.		

Help us to bring your light to those who are sick, imprisoned, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or community.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially this morning for those lost to disease, destruction, or violence, and for any others you may wish to remember, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand as able. The Presider says to the people

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

The Ministers and People may 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, 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 to give to the General Fund electronically.



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Come down, O Love divine

Wilbur Held

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

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.

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."

The People remain standing as able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sung by all.

Wonder, Love and Praise

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

THE SANCTUS MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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. 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 Presider 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,

Presider and People

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

The Presider 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.

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

People and Presider

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

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 Presider 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.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider 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.

THE BLESSING

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN • #525

The Church's one foundation

Sung by all

Aurelia

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Presider, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth into the world with the love of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Walther



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving, by the people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Nathaniel Darville, Rector</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Crucifer</i>	<i>Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Valerie Hess, Glenn Hladek</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Mary Beth Jourdonnais</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Alice Dailey, Patrick King</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Lucy Deaton, Tracey Gage</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Anne Geiger</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Julie Benson, Jim Taylor</i>
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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.

GODLY PLAY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS

What's new in you? God is always doing something new in our lives, and in Godly Play in August, we'll be exploring some of God's newness in us and the people of the Bible. Godly Play time will be offered on **August 30**. We'll see you then!

ALMS SUNDAY TODAY – WATERSHED NAVIGATION CENTER

We are excited to welcome Charles "Chaz" Rourke to our next Alms Sunday service on August 23. Rourke serves as manager of Missoula's Watershed Navigation Center. The center, which opened in September 2025, offers housing support, medical care and job resources for unhoused individuals and families and for those transitioning out of the criminal justice system. Partnership Health Center oversees this critically important work in our community.

It was just over 23 years ago, in June of 2003, that Holy Spirit began what would become a fruitful 15-year relationship with Partnership Health Center, the local medical and dental clinic serving low-income clients. At its peak, three dozen parishioners were involved in some facet of the clinic's work. Nobody envisioned what lay ahead when we first learned about the clinic's needs.

Chaz Rourke has been with PHC for 13 years. While at PHC, he earned his bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration. Before joining PHC, he served as a combat medic in the U.S. Army.

Chaz will be joined on the 23rd by Rebecca (Becca) Goe, chief innovations officer at PHC. In that post, she oversees grants, strategic initiatives, new programs and community partnerships that help expand access to care and improve community health in Missoula County. She holds master's degrees in Sociology and Public Health.

Come join us on Sunday, August 23, to learn about PHC's newest initiative to help some of Missoula's neediest residents. Longtime HSP parishioners may remember when then Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori preached at Holy Spirit on Sept. 27, 2009, and recognized our outreach work at PHC. In her sermon she praised and challenged us, "Can you reach out, even through your fear?" We look forward to what surprises may lie ahead.

As always, you can contribute to the work of the Watershed Navigation Center by placing a donation in the basket at the back of the church. You can also donate online by using Pushpay and giving on either our app or on the church website. Just choose “Watershed Navigation Center” from the dropdown menu of funds.

Lucia Solorzano Work

Social Concerns Committee

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:

- **August 25 -- 1-2:30 p.m.**
- **August 31 – 1-2:30 p.m.**
- **September 11 – 1-2:30 p.m.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS EVENT: HEALTH CARE FOR THE AGING

Wednesday, August 26 • 6 p.m. • Parish Hall

‘The times they are a changin’ – Our medical system is challenging! GPs no longer make house calls. The time allowed by insurance for the average GP visit is 15 minutes, 30 minutes for more complex issues. That’s not much time to absorb new information and ask questions!

The Holy Spirit Visiting Committee has found that elderly members of our congregation, those experiencing chronic conditions and their families often do not understand the healthcare options available for aging parents or family members as they begin to require more care. In our culture of individualism and self-sufficiency, we are reluctant to admit vulnerability or our need for additional support. We often don’t know what’s available to us, what questions to ask or how to seek help.

The Holy Spirit Visiting Committee invites you to a Health Care for the Elderly community-wide informational event on August 26 at 6:00 PM to learn about what supportive care is available and paid for by Medicare / Medicaid and health insurance. It’s an opportunity to learn and to ask questions. Feel free to bring friends or neighbors.

GETTING TO KNOW FATHER NATE

Sunday, August 30 at 4 p.m. — Parish Hall

As we begin this new season with the Rev. Nate Darville, the Vestry is hosting a series of small-group gatherings designed to help us get to know him in a relaxed and friendly setting. These sessions will be limited to about 12–15 people so that conversation can be easy and personal.

Our first gathering will take place on **Sunday, August 30 at 4 p.m.** A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the church so we can keep the groups small and welcoming.

We hope you’ll join us — it’s a wonderful chance to meet Father Nate, share a bit of your own story, and help him get to know the heart of our parish.

DELIGHTS & TREASURES FOR HOLIDAY MAGIC

Get ready for big fun and bright spirits — the **2026 HOLIDAY MARKET RAFFLE** is on its way, and we’re gathering an irresistible assortment of goodies to make it sparkle. We’re hoping for gourmet chocolates, specialty oils and vinegars, children’s games, toys, books, gift certificates, and wine to keep the cheer flowing.

And for the **2026 HOLIDAY MARKET SILENT AUCTION**, we welcome your most unique and wonderful offerings — fine art, quilts, antique jewelry, a weekend getaway, a special dinner, or that one-of-a-kind item you know someone will absolutely love. (Puppies and kittens, though adorable, must stay home.)

Please bring donations by **October 1** and place them in the Holiday Market decorative box in the parish hall. Questions or brilliant ideas? Call or text **Karen Orzech at 406-880-1998**.

Thank you for sharing your generosity and joy with our community.

SAVE THE DATE: FALL BLOOD DRIVE — THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

As summer winds down and we move toward the rhythms of autumn, Holy Spirit will once again partner with the Red Cross to host our **Fall Blood Drive on Thursday, September 10, from 1–6 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. We are looking for **donors of all blood types**, and your generosity can make a real difference for patients across Montana.

Blood donations often dip as we head into fall, even though the need remains constant. Hospitals rely on a steady supply for surgeries, emergency care, cancer treatments, and chronic conditions. Each appointment helps ensure that our wider community has what it needs during the busy months ahead.

If you'd like to plan ahead, appointments are open now through the Red Cross scheduling system:

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

Please consider signing up — and feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you. Your donation is a simple act of care that can have a profound impact.

We're grateful for your support.

JOIN US FOR KICKOFF SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 13!

The Wholly Fun Committee is thrilled to invite you to our Kickoff Sunday event on September 13! This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church Family to come together and start the new program year with faith, hope, grace, and fun!

Kickoff Sunday Highlights:

- **Two Inspiring Services:** Join us at 8 a.m. for peaceful, contemplative worship and at 10:15 a.m. for uplifting worship, featuring the return of our beloved Holy Spirit Choir.
- **Special Coffee Hour:** After the 8 a.m. service, enjoy a special Coffee Hour with your fellow congregants. It's a great chance to connect with our 8 a.m. community!
- **Ministry Fair:** Following the 10:15 a.m. service, join us outside in the church courtyard for a full-on ministry fair! You can look forward to a number of treats, as well as the chance to celebrate and share all that we do at Holy Spirit Parish.

We're planning for blue September skies, but we'll redirect our festivities if needed. Come and see old friends, welcome new ones, plan things to do, and meet our just-arrived rector, Father Nate Darville.

SEND US YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS!

Holy Spirit is moving our website to a new platform soon. We'd love to use a favorite photo of people at Holy Spirit events, on Creation Care trips, making crafts, walking the Pride Parade, welcoming a baptism and more! If you have a favorite candid photo or two on your phone, would you share it? Just upload it to this Google Drive Folder below. Thank you!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Wfx9q9sQy3_FVxU9WrupmQvEwmOX6R6N?usp=drive_link

EMMAUS GRIZ GAME PARKING OPPORTUNITY!

Griz football season is just around the corner! And Emmaus Campus Ministry still has a few spots accepting donations to reserve "Season Long Parking Spaces" on our properties - just across the street from the University, off of Arthur Ave! Spots are \$175 for the season, and that reserves you a spot for all 7 Home Games! If you would like a spot or have questions, please contact Terecita Disney at office@emmausmontana.org.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through September 6 our in-person worship service will be at 10:15 a.m. This service will also be livestreamed. Please note that we will have one service only throughout the summer. The summer presents a wonderful opportunity to worship all together and get to know other members of our church family.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Through September 4, the church office will be closed on Fridays. Our Summer Office Hours will be 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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