



The Holy Eucharist

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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

Pieces for a musical clock

G. F. Handel

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 • #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Sung by all

Hymn to Joy

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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 Ezekiel.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 119:33-40

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

<i>Reader</i>	Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 119 found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.
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- ³³**Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.**
- ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- ³⁵**Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.**
- ³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**
- ³⁷**Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.**
- ³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**
- ³⁹**Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

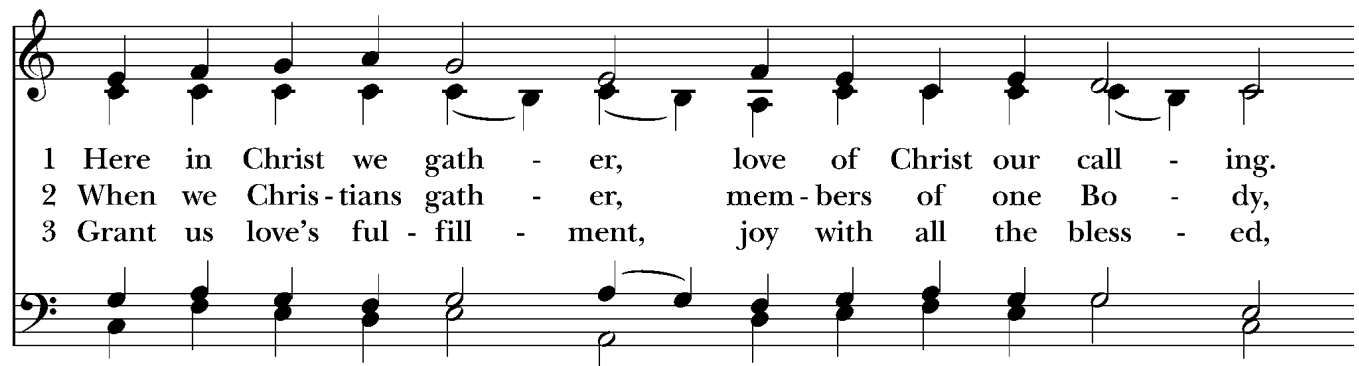
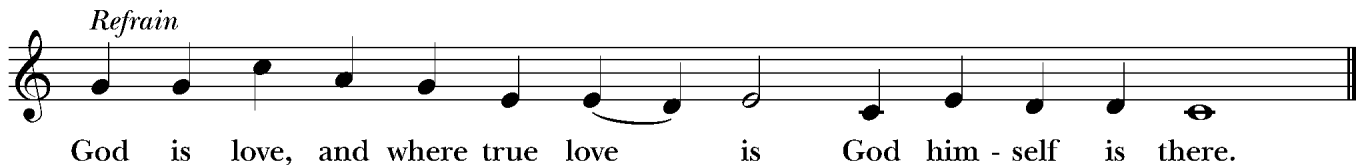
THE SEQUENCE HYMN • #577

God is love, and where true love is

Sung by all

Ubi caritas (Murray)

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.”



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain
 Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Please remain standing as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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.**

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of

you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

 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.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.

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 Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray with the community of Billings and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, with The Rev. Stephen Day 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.

Joan Chaussee
Geoffrey Harp
Nancy Callen
Kathy Adams

Marleigh Flanigan
Bob Simons
Robert and Christine Hadlow
Christina Errebo

Dan
Sullivan
Graham
Barb

Paula and family	Ann Rennie	Lynne
Michael Ayers and family	Diana Plyley	Paula
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Tom Campbell	Sam
Peter and Malcolm Smith	Donna Brummett	Wanda
Linda Peavey	Peggy Deeds	Greg
Nancy Guthrie	Moe	Peg
Madeleine Johnson	Janel	Quinn
Stanley Underwood		Joshua
For the Ruybalid family in the midst of a life transition		Brian
For the staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City		Sarah
		Bob

For our neighbors needing shelter beyond what the Poverello and Meadowlark can offer, and all neighbors who have lost their safe shelter in uncertainty, war, and disasters.

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

And on this Labor Day weekend, remind us, O God, that you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives. So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work.

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

Pastorale in G

Charles Wesley

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.

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 • #400 (omit * verses)

All creatures of our God and King

Sung by all

Lasst uns erfreuen



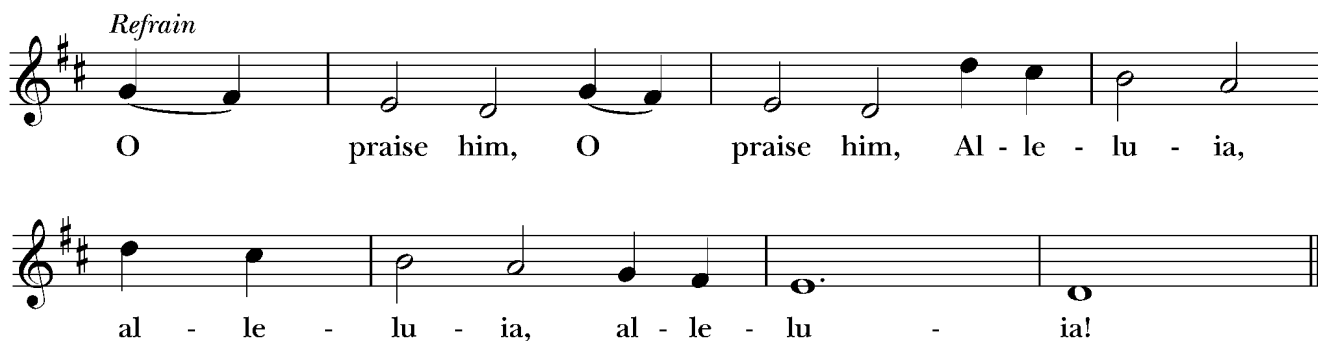
- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
- *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
- 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
- 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
- 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
- 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
- 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
- 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
- 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
- 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All creatures of our God and King

Hal Hopson



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

Presider and Preacher	<i>The Rev. Nathaniel Darville, Rector</i>
Deacon	<i>The Rev. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
Director of Music	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
Crucifer	<i>Caitlin Sherman</i>
Lectors/Lay Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Valerie Hess, Mark Anderson, Bruce Bowler</i>
Intercessor	<i>Keith Kuhn</i>
Ushers	<i>Holly and Gary Swartz</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Alice Caplins, Beverley Sherman, Katie Steen</i>
Coffee Hour Hosts	<i>Lori Cordis, Keith Kuhn</i>
Counters	<i>Molly Bowler, Charlie Swannack</i>
Videographer	<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.

GODLY PLAY IN SEPTEMBER

September will encourage us to watch for God at work through Bible stories and our own stories. Please join us for our Godly Play times together! For more information about Godly Play and to explore volunteering opportunities, please contact Deacon Dorcie through the church office.

MUSIC NOTE

Each week, the composers of the prelude, postlude and offertory are listed to the right of the name of the music. We began listing both first and last names so that it was clear when the music was by a woman, or a man. Some folks have been confused by this, so we wanted to clarify – any guest musicians are listed under "Participants in the service" at the end of the service bulletin and not in the body of the service.

GETTING TO KNOW FATHER NATE

Sunday, September 6 at 4 p.m. — Guild Room

Thank you for your wonderful response — all available spots for our first “Getting to Know Father Nate” gathering on August 30 were filled, and we’re grateful for the continued enthusiasm. With the arrangements now smoothed out, our next session will be held **this Sunday, September 6 at 4 p.m.**, with one additional date now available:

- **Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets for the October session are available at the back of the church, or you may call the church office at **406-542-2167** to reserve a spot.

As we begin this new season with the Rev. Nate Darville, the Vestry is offering **this series of relaxed, small-group conversations** (12–15 people) to help us get to know him and to share the heart of our parish. These gatherings are meant to be warm, welcoming spaces where conversation can be easy and personal.

We look forward to sharing these meaningful moments together as we welcome Father Nate and continue to grow as a community.

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.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO DONATE AT OUR 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>. Or call Audrey for an appointment at 612-968-2108.

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.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) will take place on Sunday, September 20, at both services. Special envelopes will be in the pews that day for your donations, and you can bring your Blue Boxes to church and place them in the basket at the back of the church. Our offering will join with those of others around the diocese at our Diocesan Convention on September 25-27 in Bozeman, Montana.

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:

- **September 11 – 1-2:30 p.m.**

JOIN US FOR A SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER AT BONNER PARK ON SEPTEMBER 20

Meet at the Bonner Park pavilion (1600 Ronald Avenue) • Sunday September 20 • 12:30 pm

This year's Holy Spirit church picnic promises chicken (fried or lemon pepper roasted), great camaraderie, delightful accordion music, and delicious potluck dishes for everyone. Be there by 12:30 p.m. with a salad and/or side dish if your last name starts with A–M or a dessert if your last name starts with N–Z.

In addition to the chicken, plates, eating utensils, cold water, and an assortment of canned beverages (no plastic bottles) will be provided. Bring a chair if you like, serving utensils for your potluck dish, any lawn games folks might enjoy, and your summer stories to share.

Because of the picnic, we will not have a coffee hour following the 10:15 a.m. service that Sunday.

CREATION CARE MINISTRY GATHERING — TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

Join us in the Guild Room on Tuesday evening, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. as we look ahead to the coming year in Creation Care. We'll briefly review last year's projects and then brainstorm new sustainability efforts, field trips, education programs, partnerships, book studies, and more.

Your ideas will help us prioritize our work for the school year. We would love to have your input.
Warren & Sara

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY CONCERNS MOVIE NIGHT!

Wednesday, September 30 • 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Parish Hall

Why do we vaccinate?

Join us for a timely conversation exploring the social contract and its connection to vaccination. We'll view *Shot in the Arm*, a recent documentary by Academy Award–nominee Scott Hamilton Kennedy that examines vaccine hesitancy, public trust, and how communities respond to health crises.

The film looks at the Covid-19 pandemic, which claimed more than 15 million lives worldwide, and the rapid development of vaccines that saved just as many. It also considers how shared responsibility and clear communication can strengthen public health.

All are welcome. Beverages and snacks will be available, and you're invited to stay for conversation afterward.

MISSOULA FOOD BANK MINISTRY – SEPTEMBER FOCUS

Back-to-School Lunch-Box Items

As students return to school, we're collecting **individually packaged, lunch-box friendly items** to support families in our community.

Suggested donations include: Peanut butter & jelly • Granola/protein bars • Trail mix • Nuts & seeds • Small Jell-O or pudding cups • Fruit cups or applesauce • Chips or pretzel bags • Popcorn • Crackers or rice cakes • Jerky/meat sticks • Tuna or chicken pouches • Peanut- or sunflower-butter packets • Other individually packaged snacks.

Low-sugar/sugar-free, gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and higher-protein options are especially appreciated.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT VESTRY

The Rev. Nathaniel Darville, 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:

2026	2027	2028
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