

The Liturgy of the Word

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 14, 2021 • 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.

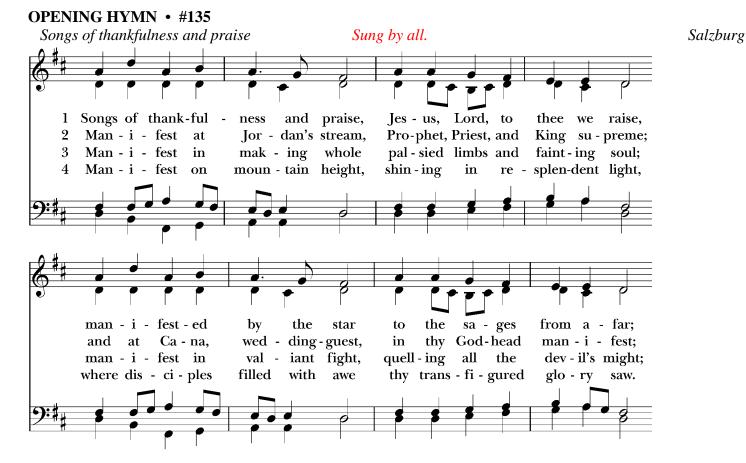
THE ENTRANCE RITE

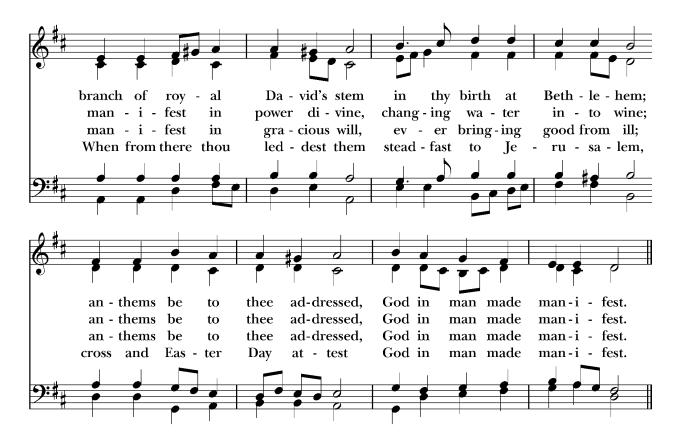
When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Procession Matthias

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.

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, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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 Second Book of Kings, chapter 2, verses 1 through 12.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

THE PSALM

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

Reader Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 50. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame,

and round about him a raging storm.

4He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

5"Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me

and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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 Second Letter to the Church in Corinth, chapter 4, verses 3 through 6.

³If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

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.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 9, verses 2

through 9

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger

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

THE 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.

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.

It is God's light that shines out of the darkness.

In hopeful peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (brief silence)

For your love revealed for all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For your spirit moving in this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For our renewed commitment for the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For strength to accompany 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 vision, peace, and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry. our Presiding Bishop; for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; for our priests and deacons 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.

Today we pray especially for:

Aone Wedel John Cohen Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton

Dick WedelJoelJeffrey Alan and FoxyChris RobertsThomasThe Leanne Marten familyDon RussellBetty TouchetteThe Hannah Abbot family

Maggi Teague Paula Huston The Carey family

Carson Wood Michael John King

Barbara Clark Jasmine

Mary Ellen Angela Ruhnke Graham Hamidou Sankara

Candy Lindsay Rayna Mike Natisha

And we also pray:

For strength of voice for all who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

For healing and hope in these pandemic days.

For our President, and for all local, state, and national leaders.

For our sisters and brothers in Myanmar.

For greater awareness and renewed spirits in our Lenten journeys.

And for any other needs and concerns on our hearts today. (brief silence)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Perfect in their beauty, we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (brief silence)

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this morning for Rashel Jeffrey and Ann Houston, for the many lives lost to COVID and violence, and for any other neighbors and loved ones who we remember to you now. (brief silence)

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

It is God's light that shines out of the darkness.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 77977 or by visiting http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/.

MUSIC AT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

O light of Light, Love given birth

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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

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,

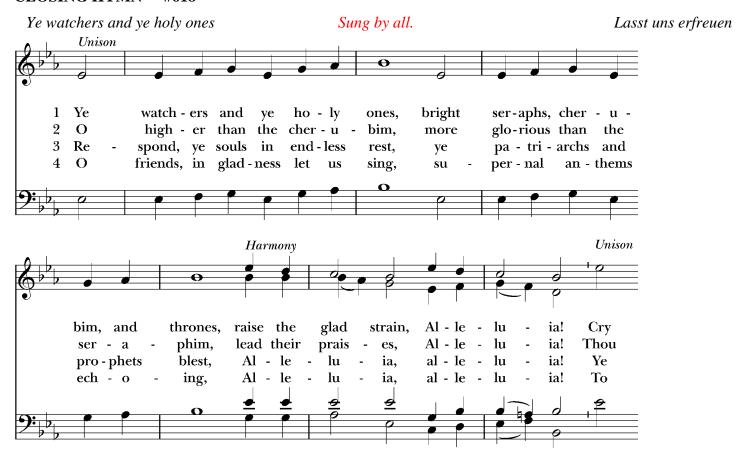
and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE 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 • #618





DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness Bach

Participants in the Service

Presider and Preacher
Deacon
Deacon
The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis
Organist and Choir Director
Readers
Intercessor
Film Editor
The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger
The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis
Dr. Nancy Cooper
Andrea Wiley, Jim Wiley
Lucia Work
James Gartner

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

We invite you to join us on Sunday for a virtual Congregation Coffee Hour. The Zoom link is for the first 100 congregation members who log on (due to meeting size restrictions). Make sure you have your coffee and tea mugs ready to make a toast to Jesus and to one another! Join us at 11:15 am online. Simply click the link, and you will be directed to the Zoom meeting. To receive the link, please email the church office at office@holyspiritmissoula.org.

GROW WITH US

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's online service, is made possible because of people like you. We rely on your donations to make our mission and ministry possible. In these challenging times, your support is needed more than ever. If this service has been meaningful for you, we encourage you to give as you're able to help Holy Spirit continue to serve our community and the greater world. Visit http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/ or give on our church app or text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **77977** to give on your smartphone. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

You should have received your **YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT** in your email. If you haven't done so, please check your statement carefully for any errors and report those to the church office at 542-2167. Please retain your year-end financial statement for tax season.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 17, as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. The Ash Wednesday liturgy will premiere at 12 noon on the church YouTube channel and will be available to view any time thereafter. Rev. Terri and Rev. Dorcie will offer the imposition of ashes in the church parking lot in a safe manner from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday for those who wish to participate.

LENTEN SERIES 2021

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent – Episcopalians everywhere will share in this special Lenten journey. Each week, we will turn, learn, and pray our way through the desert, toward resurrection life with Jesus. This seven-session course will be offered via Zoom on Thursday evenings during Lent, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., beginning on February 18 and ending on April 15. Each week Rev. Gretchen, Rev. Dorcie and others will present one of the seven practices, based on monastic wisdom: turn, pray, learn, bless, rest, worship, go. What makes these particular sessions different is that they will be coupled with themes of Scripture from the Easter Vigil service. Participants will be preparing to experience Easter as the weeks progress. The program is designed for six sessions prior to Easter and then one final session after Easter. Interested? Please sign up with Gretchen Strohmaier by February 14. Contact Gretchen at gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org or 542-2167 to sign up.

LIVING THE WAY OF LOVE

Perhaps the seven sessions of Life Transformed aren't practical for you. Consider purchasing this devotional book as a way to dive deeper into the Way of Love on your own. *Living the Way of Love* offers forty brief reflections about the seven Jesus-centered practices identified by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in "The Way of Love" initiative. Sullivan tells stories from her own and others' experiences as a starting point for discussion

about how to seek and find a deeper connection to God. Each reflection ends with questions designed to spur further discussion and assist readers in making the practices their own. This 40-day devotional book, *Living the Way of Love*, by Mary Bea Sullivan is available at the church office for \$13. Please write your check to Holy Spirit Church and contact the church about pick up.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS 2021

As Lent approaches this year, we lament. We lament all those whose lives were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts break for all of the people who are no longer with us. We also lament other losses that include jobs and livelihoods, the opportunity to travel to visit loved ones and the ability to worship together in our church buildings. So much was lost, with little or no time to lament that which was lost. Because of the magnitude of these collective losses, we decided to focus on lament as the theme for the 2021 Lenten Meditations.

You are invited to meditate on these reflections daily and to engage the "Four Steps of Lament," by resting, reflecting, repenting and ultimately being restored to God and to one another. Above, you can view the English and Spanish version of the booklet in both color and black and white. If you would like to subscribe to receive these meditations daily in your inbox, please <u>subscribe here</u>. Note, the Lenten Meditation booklet is completely virtual this year as churches continue to gather virtually.

HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be on Thursday, February 25, 2021. If you are a regular blood donor, you cannot give blood between December 31, 2020 and February 24 if you want to be eligible to give blood at the church on February 25. If you have received a COVID-19 vaccine, you must know the name of the manufacturer to be eligible to donate blood. New donors are urgently needed. There aren't enough Montanans donating blood to help all of the patients in need. Please consider inviting a family member or friend to make an appointment with you. As an added bonus, the Red Cross is now testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies and sharing the results with donors, providing insight into past exposure to the virus. Look for more information in the February newsletter. You can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or reach out to Patti Beckley (406-396-1837), bpbeckley@gmail.com) or Audrey Murray (612-968-2108, audreymurray196@gmail.com).

Would you enjoy getting out of the house to see some familiar faces in February? We are looking for volunteers to help donors check in and refresh themselves after their donation. If you are interested, please call Patti or Audrey. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th!

CENTERING PRAYER

The next Centering Prayer gathering is on Friday, March 12, at 12 noon. Our prayer time will last 30-45 minutes. We will be using "Google Meet" which is very similar to "Zoom". Go to your internet browser and enter "https://meet.google.com/irr-zwaa-rrq" to begin the process of joining the group at the scheduled time. This Holy time is open to all. If you are unfamiliar with the Centering Prayer process, we assure you it is quite easy, and we will guide you through it as we sit. For any questions, please call Jennifer Dousset (406-880-1680) or Willie Hoffer (541-815-9609). Peace to you all!

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BE AWARE OF SCAMS DURING THIS PANDEMIC

In the midst of this pandemic, there are people who are attempting to prey on churches. They do this by researching individual churches and then send out texts and/or e-mails that appear to come from the clergy or

lay leaders. **If you receive a text or e-mail asking for funds or gift cards or asking you for a favor, do not reply back**. Rev. Terri or Rev. Gretchen will not ask for funds via text or email, so please do not respond to those communications. Please let the church office know if you receive a communication of this kind (406-542-2167).

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