



The Liturgy of the Word

The First Sunday in Lent

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HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The people's responses are in bold.

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

The Word of God

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

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

The glory of these forty days

Buxtehude

OPENING HYMN • #143

The glory of these forty days

Sung by all.

Erhalt uns, Herr



1	The	glo - ry	of these	for - ty	days	we
2	A - lone	and	fast - ing	Mo - ses	saw	the
3	So	Dan - iel	trained his	mys - tic	sight,	de -
4	Then	grant us,	Lord, like	them	to be	full
* 5	O	Fa - ther,	Son, and	Spi - rit	blest,	to



1	ce - le - brate	with	songs of	praise;	for	Christ,	through	whom	all	
2	lov - ing	God	who	gave	the	law;	and	to	E - li - jah,	
3	liv - ered	from	the	li - ons'	might;	and	John,	the	Bride - groom's	
4	oft	in	fast	and	prayer	with	thee;	our	spi - rits	strength - en
5	thee	be	ev - ery	prayer	ad - dressed,	who	art	in	three - fold	



1	things	were	made,	him - self	has	fast - ed	and	has	prayed.		
2	fast - ing,	came	the	steeds	and	char - i - ots	of	flame.			
3	friend,	be - came	the	her - ald	of	Mes - si - ah's	name.				
4	with	thy	grace,	and	give	us	joy	to	see	thy	face.
5	Name	a - dored,	from	age	to	age,	the	on - ly	Lord.		

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant reads the following sentences.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

OPENING ANTHEM: THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

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 Genesis, chapter 9, verses 8 through 17.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

THE PSALM

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used over 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 25. Please pray it with me.

Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
³Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
⁸He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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 the First Letter of Peter, chapter 3, verses 18 through 22.

¹⁸Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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 1,
 verses 9 through 15.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

THE SERMON

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 Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier

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 1, found on page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Missoula, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For:

Aone Wedel	John Cohen	Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton
Dick Wedel	Joel	Jeffrey Alan and Foxy
Chris Roberts	Thomas	The Leanne Marten family
Don Russell	Betty Touchette	The 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	
Jon Meredith	Natisha	
Mike		

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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/>.

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,

**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.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

CLOSING HYMN • #147

Now let us all with one accord

Sung by all.

Bourbon



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The glory of these forty days

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<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
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<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Bruce Bowler</i>
<i>Film Editor</i>	<i>James Gartner</i>

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

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LENTEN SERIES 2021

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent – *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent* has begun. This seven-session course is offered via zoom on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If you are still interested in joining please contact Rev. Gretchen gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org. Small groups for new participants are being formed. Join us!

This series combines a preview of Scripture, helping us prepare for Easter, with an introduction to the seven practices from Presiding Michael Curry's initiative, The Way of Love. These ancient practices assist us as we strive to live a Jesus centered life. The sessions include small group time as well as large group instruction and liturgy. Check out the church's website to learn more about this Lenten series (www.holyspiritmissoula.org on the Lent page) and our focus on these seven practices: turn, pray, learn, bless, rest, worship, go.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be on Thursday, February 25, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. **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!

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY – MARCH 7

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) continues to be in close contact with our partners in 44 countries, including the United States, to provide financial and technical support to communities affected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). As the pandemic continues to spread, we are particularly aware of the increased vulnerability of children. Episcopal Relief & Development works with communities to ensure that children have access to food, clean water, and quality health care.

To support this work of Episcopal Relief & Development, we will take a special collection on **ERD Sunday, March 7**. You may donate using the coupon that will be in the service leaflet that Sunday or on our giving platform Pushpay. Simply choose “Episcopal Relief & Development” from the list of funds to make your donation. Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together for lasting change.

THE LITTLE TRAVELING LIBRARY

The Little Traveling Library is an outdoor traveling free library to assist senior citizens during the time of COVID-19 who want access to new books in outdoor spaces in Missoula. The library will be set up on two Wednesdays every month. The second Wednesday of every month will be at Pineview Park and the fourth Wednesday of every month will be at Playfair park. Both libraries will be from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. They can always use volunteers to help set up at 11 a.m. and tear down at 3:30 p.m. [Contact BJ Reed](#) for more information or to volunteer.

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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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