



The Holy Eucharist

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022 • 4 p.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

Christmas Chorale Preludes

OPENING HYMNS

HYMN • #83 (verse 1)

O come, all ye faithful

Sung by all.

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN • #79 (verses 1 & 2)

O little town of Bethlehem

Sung by all.

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)
This selection is in the public domain.

WELCOME

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people are seated for the lesson and for the Christmas Story.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.
³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

The people stand to sing the hymn.

HYMN • #101 (verses 1 & 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

Sung by all.

Traditional Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Traditional carol
 These words are in the public domain.

The people sit, and the children are invited to come forward to the bottom of the steps.

The people stand to sing.

HYMN • #96 (verse 1)

Angels we have heard on high

Sung by all.

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
This selection is in the public domain.

The people remain standing.

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 People stand, sit or kneel as they are able.

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.

The star of Christmas shines upon the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. In joy and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For your new light to be poured upon all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

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

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

For your mercy to be revealed to 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 wisdom, 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, and for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop, for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
For all who walk in any darkness, especially for those who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

For all first responders.

For all whom we have come to know through our community ministries and the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative.

For openness to your call for our lives in the days of Christmas and the new year ahead.

And for any other needs and concerns on our hearts today.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

You have brought good news of great joy for all the people. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We rest in your blessed hope and glory. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this day for those in whose memory the altar flowers are given, for those lost to disease or violence, and for any other neighbors and loved ones who we remember to you now.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

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 (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People stand.

SURSUM CORDA

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Celebrant and people

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN • #100 (verses 1 & 2)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Sung by all.

Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
This selection is in the public domain.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to light the way of the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Variations on 'Adeste Fideles'

Katerina Dusikova



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Organist and Choir Director</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>The Story of Christmas</i>	<i>Karen Simons Gartner</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Christy Ann Brown</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Warren Gartner, Ed Taylor</i>
<i>Film Editor</i>	<i>James Gartner</i>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Looking for an inclusive, supportive faith community? Want to engage your faith in a place of beauty and uplifting liturgy, a place that encourages questions and respects differences? Consider this your personal invitation to join us for worship or check out one of our many activities at www.holyspiritmissoula.org. Sunday worship on December 25 will be at 9 a.m. and will be Morning Prayer. Regular Sunday worship times return on Sunday, January 1, with services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

The Christmas flowers are giving to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Eric Gerke, by Connie Gerke; in loving memory of her husband, Dale Rasmuson, by Diane Rasmuson; in loving memory of Janet Mallick, by Richard Mallick and Sue Lowery and family; in loving memory of her brother, Henry Errebo, by Nancy Errebo; in loving memory of Hudson, Nancy, Sam, Margaret and Ethel, by Terri Ann Grotzinger; in loving memory of Jean Wilcox, by her family; in loving memory of Margaret and Frank McClain and Mildred

and Larry Tromly and Bob Tromly, by Mary Tromly; in loving memory of Melodie Gellman and Dr. Jacob Needleman, by Tanya Lodahl; in loving memory of her brother David Eisenbise, by Pat Cole; in loving memory of Arch Hosier, by Barbara Hosier; in loving memory of their parents, George and Helen Clark, Kathleen Ballinger Fuller and grandmother, Elfie Gordon, by Ken and Sharee Ballinger; in loving memory of Lloyd and Louise Brownlow, by Dori Brownlow and Sue Brownlow; in loving memory of his parents, John and Lois Shelly and of his sister, Elizabeth Morris, by Steve and Karen Shelly; in loving memory of Andrea Wiley, Janellen Frohmader, Richard Frohmader, Dorothy Wiley and Henry Wood Wiley, by James Wiley; in thanksgiving, by Bette Orr; in loving memory of Glenn and Cora Hladek, Richard “Pops” and Jeanne B. “Lolli” Sheils, Janet MacEntarfar, Dan Twohig, Larry Hladek, and Terry Shiels, by Glenn Hladek and Jeanne Twohig; in loving memory of Arthur Renander, by Zara Renander; with love and prayers for my family, past and present, by Carol McQuade; in loving memory of my friend, JoAnn Gray, by Anne Cohen; in celebration of our children and grandchildren, by Frank and Beverley Sherman; in loving memory of John Talbot, with love from his family; in thanksgiving for 55 years of marriage, 5 children and their spouses, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, by Nancy Simons; in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, by Brant and Jacquie McGregor; in remembrance of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, by Clem and Lucia Solórzano Work; and in loving memory of their parents and brother Bob, by Tom and Nancy Storch.