



The Liturgy of the Word

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020 • 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

Andante and Allegro

Alain

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

OPENING HYMN • #690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Sung by all.

Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee.

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Exodus 16:2-15

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 Exodus, chapter 16, verses 2 through 15.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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 105. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
²Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
³Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
⁴Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
⁵Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
⁶O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
³⁷He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
³⁸Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
³⁹He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
⁴⁰They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
⁴¹He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
⁴²For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
⁴³So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
⁴⁴He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
⁴⁵That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

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 Philippi, chapter 1, verses 21 through 30.

²¹To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the

privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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 Matthew, chapter 20, verses 1 through 16.

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

[Jesus said,] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.

Deacon 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. Please pray them with me.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 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.

We pray especially for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, Marty Stebbins, our Bishop, our priests and deacons at Holy Spirit, the newly ordained deacon, Heidi Jones-Magee, and all clergy throughout the Diocese.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Raise up all to stand firm in one spirit. Guide the people of 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.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

As fall begins, we see you in new colors and feel you in the chill of the mornings. You surround us with enough. Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, both friends and strangers, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Some of your children are crying out in the wilderness. 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.

May your love through us become enough to those in prison and to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, the addicted, the fearful, and the sick.

Today, we pray especially for:

Linda Roberts	Barb	Kinsley Don	Aone Wedel
Bill Derrick	Sue	Karina	Dick Wedel
Don Russell	Carson Wood	Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton	
Kenneth Perry	Linda	Christian	Nancy Greenwood
Tiffany	Karen Ashem	Jordan Alan	Benjamin and Steve Zeiler
Tim Grogan	Amy Brox	Kathy Jacobson and the Jacobson family	
The Yanonne family	Graham	Paula Huston	

We pray for all who are anxious about earthly things, that peace may rain down on this pandemic and strife.

We pray for your strength for our educators, students, and their families.

We pray for all firefighters and first responders, and those who are in the path and aftermath of the wildfires and storms.

We also pray, in silence or aloud, for others who are on our hearts today. (*brief silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We are placed among things that are passing away. Help us to hold fast to all that shall endure. 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. Today, in silence or aloud, we remember those who have been lost to violence, and loved ones who have gone before us. (*brief silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.***

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.***

THE PEACE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	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 AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allegretto

Bédard

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.*

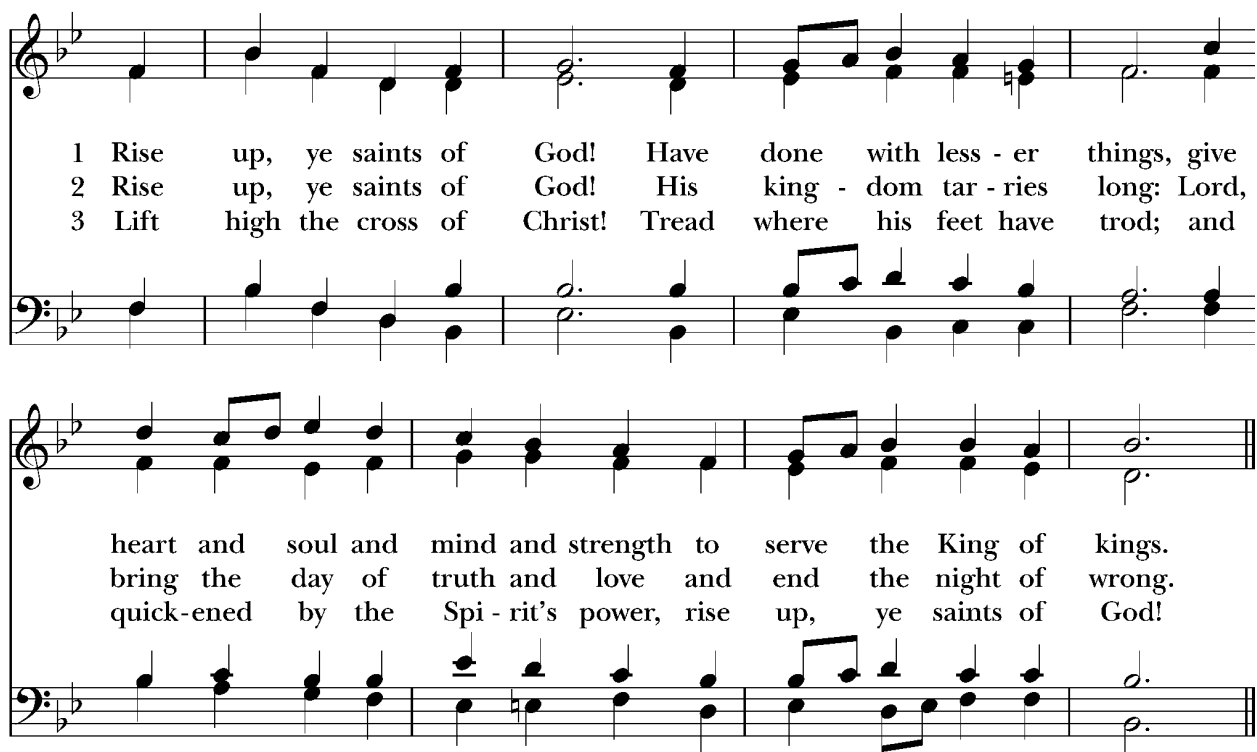
CLOSING HYMN • #551

Rise up, ye saints of God

Sung by all.

Festal Song

THE CLOSING HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro vivace

Alain



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Guest Musician</i>	<i>Julie Vasquez, flute</i>
<i>Readers</i>	<i>Torian Donohoe, Scott Jourdonnais</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Lucy Deaton</i>
<i>Film Editor</i>	<i>James Gartner</i>

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude and postlude are taken from a recital given by Nancy Cooper and Julie Vasquez at Holy Spirit in 2004.

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 11:30 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.

WEDNESDAY NOON GATHERINGS

Our gatherings under the big Spruce tree in the church courtyard have been a great success! As a result, **we are going to expand this effort to every Wednesday at 12 noon for as long as weather permits.** Gathering under the big Spruce provides plenty of shade and the ease of having many small groups that can change halfway through the time. It's a great way to catch up, meet new friends, and share some prayer too. Bring a chair if you can, and lunch if you like. Come join us!

NEW DONORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!

The Fall Blood Drive at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church is just a week away! If you are healthy and feeling well, please make an appointment now to donate on Thursday, September 24th by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling Audrey Murray at 612-968-2108. New donors are urgently needed. There aren't enough people donating blood in Montana to help all of the patients in need. Do you have a family member or friend who has never donated before? Please encourage them to make an appointment with you. Blood donations can help patients in a wide range of circumstances, such as serious injuries, surgeries, child birth, anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatment, and many others. And, as an added bonus, the Red Cross is now testing donations for COVID-19 antibodies and sharing the results with donors, providing insight into past exposure to this coronavirus.

GOD GOES WITH US: CHURCH SCHOOL 2020

What can you expect this fall? As we wait and learn how this virus will respond to schools opening, we will continue to offer online options for children and families. As long as the building remains closed, we will offer a mix of inter-generational worship experiences along with some children's messages, designed just for kids. We anticipate offering inter-generational worship the first Sunday of the month and then offering children's messages on the other Sundays. Please reach out and let us know what is most helpful to you and your family at this time.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT INQUIRERS CLASSES!

Are you wanting to know more about the Episcopal branch of Christianity? Perhaps you have been joining us online for Sunday worship, or you moved into town recently, and you want to know how to become a member. You may already be a member and just want to learn more or ask some questions. Consider this your invitation to participate in what we call Inquirers Classes. I will be offering these classes online via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, September 15, 22, 29, and October 6, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

What's required? I need you to sign up by sending me your name, email address, and mailing address to revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org so that I can get you a small booklet I use to provide us background from which to work. You will be sent a Zoom invitation to link in via computer, tablet, or phone. We at Holy Spirit think the Episcopal Church has much to offer as a community in which to explore and live out your faith. I look forward to hearing from you! – Rev. Terri

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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