

The Liturgy of the Word The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 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.

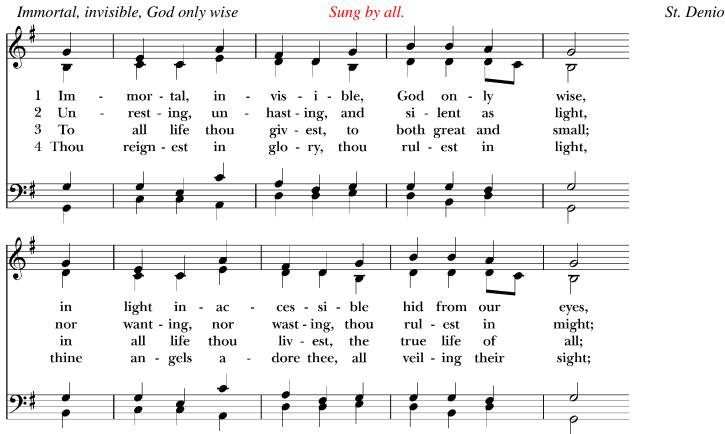
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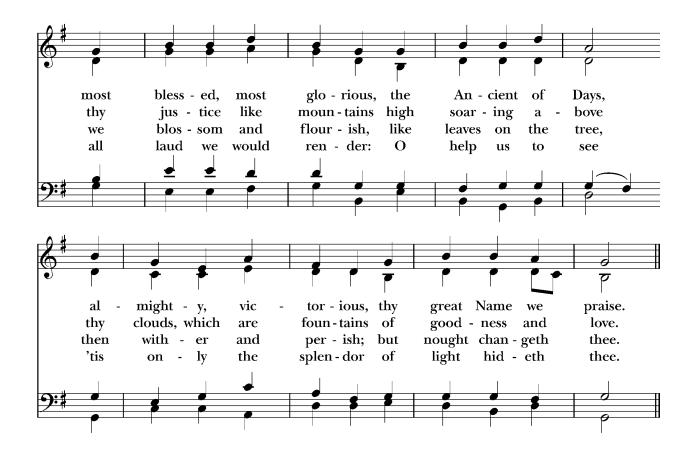
PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is our God

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

OPENING HYMN • #423





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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 book of Deuteronomy, chapter 34, verses 1 through 12.

¹Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees-as far as Zoar. 4The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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 90. Please pray it with me.

¹⁶Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.
¹⁷May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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 First Letter to the Church in Thessalonika, chapter 2, verses 1 through 8.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

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 22, verses 34 through 46.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet""?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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 6, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all servant leaders in this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For our collective commitment to heal the earth, and for the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For neighbors we have not yet loved as you would, and for 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 courage to love you with all our hearts and souls and minds, and for the 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 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:

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The Carey Family	Barb	Kinsley Don	Aone Wedel
Jeannie Warner	Sue	Karina	Dick Wedel
Don Russell	Carson Wood	Frank, Anthony, and	Benjamin Horton
Kenneth Perry	Linda	Christian	Olivia Lindsay Chamberlain
Karen Ashem	Jordan Alan	Benjamin and Steve	Zeiler
Tim Grogan	Amy Brox	Kathy Jacobson and	the Jacobson family
The Yanonne family	Graham	Paula Huston	Donna
Mason Tikka	Linda and Chris Ro	oberts	

For all people diagnosed with COVID-19, for those recovering, and for all caregivers.

For those living in fear for their lives, their homes, or their livelihoods.

For all children in need of food, a safe base, warm clothing, or a few trusted adults to love them.

For all educators, students, and their families.

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

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

May your loving-kindness fill us anew each morning. 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.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this morning for William Derrick, and for 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.*

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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 <u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/</u>.

MUSIC AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father in heaven

THE LORD'S PRAYER

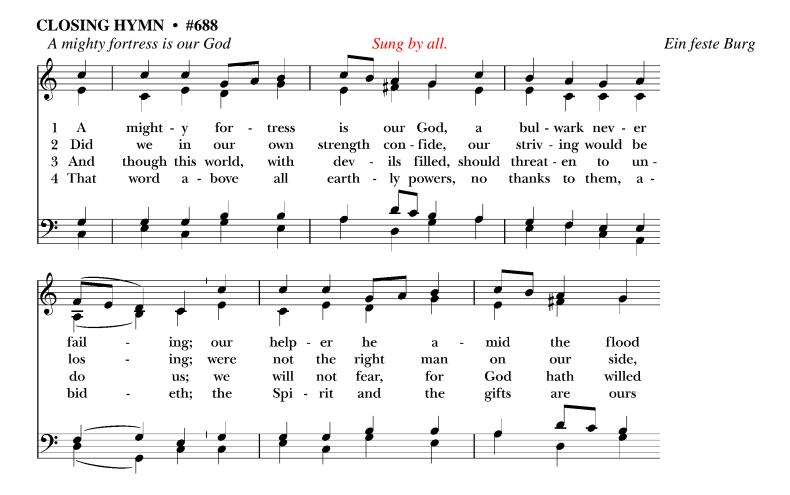
We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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.*





DISMISSAL

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is our God

Pachelbel

Participants in the Service

Presider and PreacherThe Rev. Terri Ann GrotzingerDeaconThe Ven. Dorcie DvarishkisOrganistDr. Nancy CooperReadersJeff Serviss, Bart BrunsIntercessorDon GisselbeckStewardship SpeakerBob BrewerFilm EditorJames Gartner

THE MUSIC THIS MORNING

The last Sunday in October is traditionally celebrated as Reformation Sunday, and the prelude, closing hymn and postlude are settings of "A Mighty Fortress," by Martin Luther. The organ chorale prelude after the announcements is a Bach setting of a chorale (hymn) arranged by Luther.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AT AN EARLIER TIME!

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

<u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/</u> or give on our church app or text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **77977** to give on your smartphone. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Do you have someone you would like to remember on All Saints' Day? If so, please send us a photo of your loved one by email to <u>office@holyspiritmissoula.org</u> by 12 noon on Wednesday, October 28th. The photos will be incorporated into our November 1 Sunday Virtual Worship. We hope to have a visual array of saints we've known and loved woven throughout our worship time that day!

STEWARDSHIP 2021

Our Stewardship appeal for 2021 is now underway, and we ask you to please give your pledge prayerful consideration. Our Ingathering Sunday will be November 1. Please turn in your pledge card by that Sunday. Pledge cards were mailed out last week with the Stewardship mailing. You may also make your pledge online at http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/pledge/.

WEDNESDAY NOON GATHERINGS

Our gatherings under the big Spruce tree in the church courtyard have been a great success! As a result, <u>we are</u> 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!

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON GOOD

Join members of the Missoula community as together we pray for the common good. There are so many concerns before us to lift up, from the ongoing pandemic, to systemic racism, division, hurricanes, fires, and upcoming elections. We will begin to open the church building for prayer and reflection on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 6 pm and Thursdays from noon to 1 pm. Come spend some quiet time in the pews. Seek God's wisdom and solace in the beauty of this place, and hold our community, country, and world in prayer as together we seek the common good.

When you come to church, please wear a mask, and know that the host will help seat you appropriately distanced from others. We ask that you use the provided wipes to clean the pew as you leave. If you're praying from home, consider using *Prayers for National Life* in the Book of Common Prayer, starting on page 820.

Dates: Tuesdays 3:30 – 6 pm October 27, November 3, 10. Thursdays 12—1 pm October 29, November 5, 12.

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.

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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Stay connected with the Holy Spirit App! Keep up to date on upcoming events, see the latest bulletin, submit a prayer request – all that and so much more! Get a link to download the app to your smartphone by texting **HOLYSPIRITAPP** to **77977**.

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Make a prayer request online at <u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/pastoral-care/</u> or on our church app.

SIGN UP FOR OUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

You can sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, *Spirited Times*, at <u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/about-us/newsletters/</u>.

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