

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**January 12, 2025
9:30 am Sunday
First Sunday after Epiphany
Rite II**

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are a guest today or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless
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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal 637

Welcome

Peace

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

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

Celebrant and People:

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.

Celebrant and People

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,

He who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

CHS 9(v1-2)

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Message

Fr Tom

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People (Form VI)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for _____. In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer, pray for _____ . In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for _____. For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For those in positions of authority, including our President, Joe Biden; our governor, Jim Pillen; and for the elected and appointed officials in our communities, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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 peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Scott, our own Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; for Ted and Terri, our Deacons; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray that you stay with and strengthen all those who are ill, especially, _____;
Are there others?

For those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially, those who are deployed, _____;
Are there others? We pray that you will stay with them and their families Lord, giving them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace.

For those in our community who travel, that you watch over them and keep them safe, especially, _____;
are there others?

For all those with special concerns, especially, _____; are there others?

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; and we pray that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially, _____; are there others?

We pray also for those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, _____; are there others?

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

We pray for all who have died, especially, _____: are there others? That they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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

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

Leader 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 Celebrant continues:

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.**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn
Doxology

O Love How Deep

Hymnal 448

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Prayer A*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is said

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

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 may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn

Hymnal S155

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Deck Thyself

Hymnal 339

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ Our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Going Forth Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 616

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may hone and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Birthdays:

Betty O
Patrick E
Tracy S
Maverick E
Marcia A

Anniversaries:



The Nave Presence Candle given by Joan Olander in Thanksgiving for our family.
 The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Alberta Yager in Memory of her husband Don.
 The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Nancy Baxter in Thanksgiving for the three Baxter children born in the month of January.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Jan. 12	Jan 19
VPOD		Rick H	Cindy P
Hospitality		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 3
Spirit Hub		Meals on Wheels	Vestry
Altar Bread		Carol M	Carol M
LEM's	5:00 pm	Charlotte A	Kathy B/ Toby W
	8:00 am	Doug A	Doug A
	9:30 am	Michele H Lori E	Grace W Brian C
Recycle		Marcia A	Susan H
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Kyper M Ailynn M Mya H	Isaiah JH Olivia H MacKenzie C

This Week's Highlights

Church Directory: Please stop by the Spirit Hub by Sun (26 Jan) to check your directory information. If it is correct, please initial so we know you reviewed it. If there are any changes, please enter them in the area next to your name.

Youth Bingo: Our Journeys youth invite all parish youth 10-18 to stop by the Spirit Hub and sign up for our youth bingo night (Wed., 29 Jan). This event will include dinner and several rounds of bingo with prizes.

Red Cross: The Bloodmobile will be at CHS on Sat (1 Feb) between 8am-1pm. To reserve a time to donate, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org>, enter our zip code in Find a Drive, then scroll down to Feb 1 and CHS. If you have any questions, please contact Carol McLaughlin.

Valentine's Extravaganza: Tickets are now on sale for our Annual adults only Valentine's event (Fri., 7 Feb). This event includes five rounds of great food, sampling of either alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages, and bingo with prizes. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. To purchase your tickets, please see Sharon Jones.

Church Keys: If you have a church key, please contact the church office to verify your key number and entry code. We need to update our access list for SEI.

Texting Service: If you did not receive our weekly prayer request via text message, please contact the office and make sure we have your correct mobile phone number so we can update our service. We use the texting service for various announcements such as weather cancelations and special reminders.