

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to Saint Monica's Episcopal Church. We rejoice that you came to our church today, and we hope that you feel at home here.

As you consider what brought you here, perhaps seeking spiritual growth, looking for community, or responding to a simple invitation, please take a moment to look at the opportunities listed in the announcements at the back of this bulletin to find ways to grow in your faith and find a place of welcome. If you have any questions about how you can take part in the community of St. Monica's or about the Episcopal Church, please feel free to contact Fr. Jonathan Evans.

Again, we are glad you are here at Saint Monica's Episcopal Church where all are welcome.

## FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2021 5:00 PM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2021 10:00AM

### RECTOR

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

### ORGANIST

Dr. Ronald Doiron

### GREETERS

Saturday	Mary Gentzle
Sunday	Len Koch
	Marilyn McIntyre

### LECTORS

Jim Sarconi
Sue Adams

### USHERS

Saturday	Barbara Kleine
	Ann Hoffman
Sunday	Bob Boyden
	Betty Devlin

### ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Crevier, Beau Crevier,
Sandra Kilmon, Stacey McCurdy,
and Susan Gibson

### CAMERA TEAM

Matt Devlin, Ray Lapierre, and Tom Coté

*Service begins with the lighting of the candles and the organ voluntary.  
Please use this time for silent prayer and meditation.*

## **Voluntary**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
(Come Now, Redeemer – Based on Hymn 55)

Johann Sebastian Bach

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Hymn in Procession**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

Hymn 59

## **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Collect for Purity**

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.*

## **Kyrie Eleison**

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us – Healey Willan*

Hymn S - 91

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

## **The Word of God**

*Please Be Seated*

## **The First Lesson**

Jeremiah 33 : 14 - 16

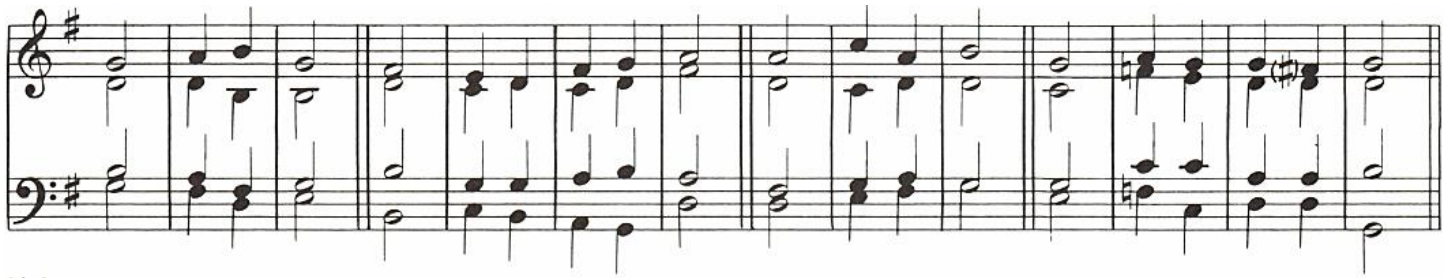
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Psalm 25 : 1 - 9



- 1 To 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.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,\*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,\*  
for they are from ever-lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right\*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3 : 9 - 13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Please stand as you are able

Gradual Hymn

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Hymn 640

The Gospel

Luke 21 : 25 - 36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
 People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

*Please stand as you are able*

## The Nicene Creed

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.*

*Please Stand, Knee, or Sit Reverently*

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

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

For this community, 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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Dabney our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

Silence

## Concluding Collects

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 and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be observed.

***All*** 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.***

Celebrant 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.***

Please stand as you are able.

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.  
***People*** And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts.

### During the Offering

5 PM Voluntary

*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*  
(Cantata 148)

Johann Sebastian Bach

10 AM Anthem

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
St. Monica's Choir

Henry Ley

Please stand as you are able.

## Offertory Hymn

People, Look East

WLP 724

( Stanzas 1 and 2 only )

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may

1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

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.

*The Celebrant continues:*

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 and Benedictus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

David Hurd, S - 124

**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 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:

***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 St. Monica 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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, the glory are yours, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## **Fraction Anthem**

*Lamb of God*

David Hurd, S - 161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion ( 10 AM )**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.***

*You are invited and encouraged to come to God's table. The communion bread is received on an outstretched palm.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **Communion Voluntary**

*Sleepers, Wake!*

Johann Sebastian Bach

( *Cantata 140* )

## **Communion Anthem ( 10 AM )**

*Behold the Days Are Coming*

Paul Bouman

St. Monica's Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**

Celebrant      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## **The Dismissal**

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

## **Hymn in Procession**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

Hymn 73

## **Voluntary**

*Sleepers, Awake! The Night is Flying*

Arr. Paul Manz

*Parishioners are invited to remain seated and listen to the final Voluntary or leave quietly to greet and converse with one another outside at the Coffee Hour.*