

# 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2021 5:00 PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 2021 10:00 AM

### RECTOR

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

### ASSISTING PRIEST

The Rev. Sylvia Czarnetzky

### ORGANIST

Dr. Ronald Doiron

### GREETERS

Saturday

JoAnn Sarconi  
Gabriele Klauber

Sunday

Betty Devlin  
Sandy Kilmon

### USHERS

Saturday

Barbara Reiss  
Mary Gentzle

Sunday

Fred Swendeman  
Kyle Williamson

### LECTORS

Theresa Miller

Betsy Smith

### ALTAR GUILD

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

### CAMERA TEAM

Matt Devlin and Tom Coté

### NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Diana Honorat, Stacy McCurdy, and Suzanne Bodley

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

## Prelude

*He Shall Feed His Flock* from **Messiah**  
Janet Ortenzo, Mezzo Soprano

Georg Friedrich Handel

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

## Hymn in Procession

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn 66

## 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Word of God

*Please Be Seated*

## The First Reading

Micah 5 : 2 - 5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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



- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able*

## Gradual Hymn

*Praise We the Lord This Day*

Hymn 267

## The Gospel

Luke 1 : 39 - 56

Celebrant  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her

womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Sylvia Czarnetzky

*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 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 forever. ***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 the Lord be always with you.

***People***

**And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

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

## During the Offering

5 PM

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

Leo Sowerby

10 AM Anthem

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

Howard Helvey

St. Monica's Choir

*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 everywhere 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 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 forever. ***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.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **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 Hymn**

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Hymn 265

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

## The Dismissal

Celebrant	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

## Hymn in Procession

O Come, O Come, *Emmanuel*  
( Stanzas 1 - 4 and 8 only )

Hymn 56

## Voluntary

Noel Suisse

Louis Claude D'Aquin

*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.*

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