

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE - FAMILY SERVICE

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24, 2021

4:30 PM

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The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

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Val Ouilette
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CAMERA TEAM

Matt Devlin 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

In dulci jubilo
Antonio Castillo, Trumpet

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Hymn in Procession

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Stanzas 1 and 3)

Hymn 83

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 congregation may sit for narration and singing of:

The Pageant

Narrated by The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

Long, long ago-at the start of our story, long before the coming of Christ in His Glory,
there were many wise people, prophets of Old, who had messages from God-some told, some untold.

These people, the prophets, had a whole lot to say about the coming of Jesus-`bout His birth Christmas Day!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 56

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Then, when the world would least expect- when nobody knew whom God would select,
a young girl, so faithful, brave and mild was chosen by God to give birth to The Child.

The air was still; the stars were bright. The world was at peace, on that Holy Night.

Away in a Manger

Hymn 101

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

There in a stable, with animals all `round, with birds in the rafters and straw on the ground -
Mary had her baby, with Joseph standing by. They wrapped Him in a blanket, so He'd be warm and wouldn't cry.
They put Him in a manger, the cow's eating place, And the Love that they felt shone on each happy face!

What Child is This?

Hymn 115

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Meanwhile, in a field not too far away, 'mong the rolling green hills and the rocks brown and gray,
the trees were all resting their heads in their hands, in the still of the evening throughout all the lands.

Then, all of a sudden without any warning, the sky was ablaze just like it was morning.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn 89

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold; "Peace on earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

There were angels, LOTS of angels! There were angels all 'round- in bunches and clusters, in the air, on the ground!
They sang out the news of this glorious event. They told of Christ's birth with great Joy-and then went.
Their voices rang out over all of the earth- to spread to God's people the news of His birth!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains
in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The shepherds who watched their flocks on that night were astonished, overwhelmed, and they quivered with fright.
When the angels first came to tell them the news, they stumbled and fell and shook in their shoes!
But the angels said, "Shepherds, do not be afraid. We bring you good news of the birth of a babe.
Go see for yourselves, His home is a stable. You'll find Him asleep, a manger, His cradle.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 96

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended
knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

While the shepherds adored the babe in the manger, out in the desert three wise men faced danger.
They followed a star which would lead to the place where lay the new King of the whole human race.

We now all stand to worship Christ the new born King!

Joy to the World

Hymn 100

Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and
nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns, let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hells and pains, repeat the
sound of joy, repeat the sounding joy repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

God loves us so much that Jesus is born, And the world was changed on that Christmas morn'
We are grateful you are here and played your part. But before we depart,
Our worship continues with greetings anew, And the peace of the Lord be always with you.
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

Christ Is Born! Sing Nowell!

Jack Hawes

Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymn 107

(Verses 1 and 2)

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today; He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.**

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.**

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

R. Proulx, S - 125

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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Memorial Acclamation

We Praise You

McNeil Robinson, S - 141

*We praise you and we bless you. We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you, and we pray to you. Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues:

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Monica and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

Amen

McNeil Robinson, S - 141

Amen. Amen. 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

Christ Our Passover

David Hurd, S - 154

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

*Pastorale Symphony ("Pifa") from **Messiah***

G. F. Handel

Celine Schauer, Violin

Communion Anthem

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Communion Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn 99

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.*

Please have one adult family member hold the lighted candle.

During the Lighting of the Candles

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus Lord at thy birth.

The Blessing

People Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Hymn in Procession

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

Voluntary

Angels We Have Heard on High

Arr. Sue Mitchel-Wallace
and John Head

Traditional French Carol
Antonio Castillo, Trumpet Celine Schauer, Violin

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

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VESTRY

Matt Devlin, Tom Coté, Beth Moss, Jenny Wise,
Carol Hedman, Heidi Varsames, Don Fuggi, and Ann Hoffman.



Our Christmas Flowers and Greens are presented today by:

(in alphabetical order)

- Fred and Betty Cable In Loving Memory of our parents.
Kathy Connelly In Loving Memory of Kay McGimpsey.
Steve and Debbie Corey In Loving Memory of Ray Lapierre and our parents.
The Creviers In Loving Thanksgiving for our many blessings.
The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky In Loving Memory of Sylvia & Jim Robertshaw, James Robertshaw, Jr.
Bob Des Jardin In Loving Memory of my wife.
John and Marilyn Dessauer In Loving Thanksgiving for Twenty-nine wonderful years together.
Matt and Betty Devlin In celebration of our love for each other.
Doug Ball and Frank Dowd In Loving Thanksgiving for our St. Monica's friends.
Linda Duffy In Loving Thanksgiving for my blessings.
Fr. Jonathan and Barbara Evans In Loving Thanksgiving for the St. Monica's Parish.
Luca and Vittoria Evans In Loving Thanksgiving for Beatrice Bryan.
Scott McCurdy and family In Loving Thanksgiving for family and friends.
Beth Moss and Garry Fesler In Loving Memory of Jerry Fesler and Lucille Moss.
Linda Freund In Loving Memory of Walter and Barbara Roberts.
Linda Freund In Loving Memory of Richard A. Roberts.
Mary Gentzle In Loving Memory of her mom, Beverly Richards.
Susan and G. Thomas Gibson In Loving Memory of our parents; Hazel and Vernon Gibson
Susan and G. Thomas Gibson In Loving Memory of our parents; Catherine Howe and James Howe
Ann R. Hoffman In Loving Thanksgiving for Bill, Heather, Jenny and Angelina.
Richard and Evelyn Husen In Loving Memory of Ben and Margaret Traverse.
Richard and Evelyn Husen In Loving Memory of Richard and Evelyn Husen.
Raud Johnson To honor my fellow parishioners.
Keel and Penny Jones In Loving Memory of mike Whalen and Marty Bowne.
Sandy Kilmon In Loving Thanksgiving for family and my friends at St. Monica's.
Sharon Lapierre In Loving Memory of Ray Lapierre, Dan Mafredas and family.
Joan Lazarus In Loving Memory of Clive G Lazarus.
Chuck & Charla In Loving Thanksgiving for The McHenry Family.
Julie Moore In Loving Thanksgiving for my sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.
Linda and Richard Pilc In Loving Thanksgiving for our many blessings.
Ken Poppele In Loving Memory of Wedward and Margaret Vail.
Ken Poppele In Loving Memory of Arthur and Lillian Poppele.
Barbara and Jerry Reiss In Loving Memory of our parents and brother.
Rob and Colleen Rossomando In Loving Memory of Al, Millie Robbins, Ed, Marie Rossomando.
Jim and JoAnn Sarconi In Loving Memory of Chris and Addie Peppe.
Mary Lee Scanlon In Loving Memory of Robert Scanlon and the Yokom family.
Joan Schumacher In Loving Memory of Henry Kingman Webster III.
Betsy Smith In Loving Thanksgiving for all the years shared with Bill.
Fred and Lynn Swendeman In Loving Thanksgiving for all our blessings.
Ian and Amy Thompson In Loving Thanksgiving for our family, near and far.
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Pat Thwaites In Loving Memory of George Taylor.
Tammi Pittaro and John Trave In Loving Memory of our parents and grandparents.
John & Heidi Varsames In Loving Memory of Lotte & Charles Quatt & Lillian Varsames.
Alan and Carol Yarusevich In Loving Thanksgiving for family and friends.