

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 - EVENING SERVICE

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24, 2021
9:00 PM

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The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

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Matt Devlin and Tom Coté

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

GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

Rachel Cox, Violin

Celine Schauer, Violin

Cathy Pflieger, Violin

Vivian Aiello, Viola

Antonella Ciapo, Cello

Antonio Castillo, Trumpet

Service begins with the lighting of the candles and the organ voluntary.

Please use this time for silent prayer and meditation.

Voluntary

Pastorale from Christmas Concerto

Arcangelo Corelli

Please stand, as able.

Carol

Once in Royal David's City

Christian Worship; Hymn 343

Author: Cecil Frances Alexander



Choir: 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

All: 3 And through all his wondrous child- He would honor and obey, love, and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay, Christian children, all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

4 For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew, he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feeleth for our sadness. And he shareth in our gladness.

5 And our eyes, at last, shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, we shall see him; but in Heaven, set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Please be seated and remain seated for the signing of the Carols and after the Announcements.

Anthem

The Lord at First Did Adam Make

Trad. English Carol

Arr. Robert Lehman

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the Scriptures say. And then in Eden's paradise, he placed him to dwell, that he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

Refrain: Now let all Christians all begin their evil ways to shun, and let them glad and merry be, for Christmas is begun.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he to mankind bore: his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore. And then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall, he said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all.

Refrain

And now the tide is night at hand in which our Savior came; let us rejoice and merry be in keeping of the same. Let's feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave; then, when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have.

Refrain

Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymn 81

Anthem

And the Glory of the Lord from the oratorio *Messiah*

Georg Friedrich Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

Carol

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Hymn 94

Anthem	<i>In the Bleak Mid-Winter</i>	Arr. Harold Darke, Hymn 112
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Hymn 78
Carol in Procession	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Hymn 90

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary	<i>In dulci jubilo</i> Antonio Castillo, Trumpet	Johann Sebastian Bach
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Please stand, as able.

Hymn in Procession	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)	Hymn 83
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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.*

Gloria	<i>Glory to God in the Highest</i>	Robert Powell, S - 280
	Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,	
	Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.	
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:		
	Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.	
	For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,	
	Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, <i>Amen.</i>	

Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please Be Seated

The Word of God

The First Reading	Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7
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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm

Cantate Domino

Psalm 96



- 1 Sing to the LORD a' nœw 'song;*
sing to the LORD,' all the' whöle' earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;*
proclaim the good news of his sal' vation from' day to'day.
- 3 Declare his glory a'mong the' nations*
and his' wonders a'mong all' peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be' praised.
he is more to be' feared than' all' gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, 'they are but idols;*
but it is the' LORD who' made the' heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag'nificence of his' presence!*
Oh, the power and the' splendor of his' sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you' families of the' peoples;*
ascribe to the' LÖRD' honor and' power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor' due his' Name;*
bring offerings and' come in' to his' courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;*
let the' whole earth' tremble be' fore him.
- 10 Tell it among the nations: "The' LORD is 'King!"*
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will' judge the' peoples with' equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and' all that is' in it;*
let the field be joyful and' all that' is there' in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the' LORD when he' comes,*
when he' comes to' judge the' earth.
- 13 He will judge the' world with' righteousness*
and the' peoples' with his' truth.

The Second Reading

Titus 2 : 11 – 14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Gradual Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

The Gospel

Luke 2 : 1 – 20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for

her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see~ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

Please stand, as 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.**

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

Christ is Born!

Jack Hawes

St. Monica's Choir

Offertory Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymn 107

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.**

Please stand, as able.

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.

Please stand, knee, or sit reverently.

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 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 - 147

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

Communion Anthem

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Communion Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 96

Please stand, knee, or sit reverently

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everlasting 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

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

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession

Joy to the World!

Hymn 100

Voluntary

Joy to the World!

Georg Friedrich Handel

Arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

and John Head

Antonio Castillo, Trumpet

*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 Thanksgiving for our many blessings.
The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky In Loving Memory of Sylvia and Jim Robertshaw, James Robertshaw, Jr.
Bob Des Jardin In Loving Memory of my wife.
John and Marilynn Dessauer In 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 Thanksgiving for our St. Monica's friends.
Linda Duffy In Thanksgiving for my blessings.
Fr. Jonathan and Barbara Evans In Thanksgiving for the St. Monica's Parish.
Luca and Vittoria Evans In Thanksgiving for Beatrice Bryan.
Scott McCurdy and family In 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 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 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 and Charla In Thanksgiving for The McHenry Family.
Julie Moore In Thanksgiving for my sons, daughter-n-law and grandchildren.
Linda and Richard Pilc In 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 Thanksgiving for all the years shared with Bill.
Fred and Lynn Swendeman In Thanksgiving for all our blessings.
Ian and Amy Thompson In Thanksgiving for our family, near and far.
Pat Thwaits In Loving Memory of George Taylor.
Tammi Pittaro and John Trave In Loving Memory of our parents and grandparents.
John and Heidi Varsames In Loving Memory of Lotte and Charles Quatt and Lillian Varsames.
Alan and Carol Yarusevich In Thanksgiving for family and friends.