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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 included with 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 AN ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATION Sunday, December 24, 2022 5:00 pm

Rector

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

Organist and Choirmaster

Dr. Ronald Doiron

Lector

Kathy Crevier

Greeter

Ann Hoffman

Ushers

Scott McCurdy

Linda Duffy

Acolyte

Beau Crevier

Altar Guild Members

Ruthann Turley

Linda Freund

Heather Williamson

Linda Smith

Joyce Gebhardt

Sue Baker

Camera Operator

Matt Devlin

Flower Team

Debbie Corey

Sharon Lapiere

Guest Instrumentalists

Antonio Castillo, Trumpet

Garbiel Chalick, Trumpet

Celine Schauer, Violin

**** Please remember to silence your electronic devices during the service. ****

*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

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Hymn in Procession

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

Hymn 83

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

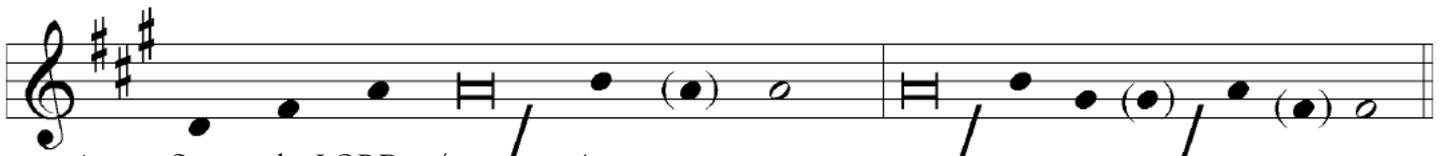
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 tramping 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.

Psalm



- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness;*
let the whole earth trem/ble before 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 peo/ples 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 therein.
- 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.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

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!"

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

A Christmas Story Retold with Song

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 prayers anew, let us pray together, me and you.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Celebrant Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Celebrant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Celebrant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Celebrant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Celebrant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Celebrant Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions, and the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

During the Offering

When Christ Was Born of Mary Free

Harold Friedell

Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymn 107

(Verses 1 & 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

Form A, Enriching Our Worship

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:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to

walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

And so, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Memorial Acclamation

We Praise You

McNeil Robinson, S - 141

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

The Celebrant continues:

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen

Amen

McNeil Robinson, S - 141

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

S - 119

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 Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Bruce Neswick

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

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favor.

People Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hymn in Procession

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

At this time, please exextinguish your candles.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Anges We Have Heard on High Traditional French Carol Arr. Sue Mitchel-Wallace
& John Head

*You 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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