

# WELCOME TO St. Monica's Episcopal Church



## The Ascension: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Year B

May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	5:00 PM
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10:00 AM

*The Service begins with the Organ Voluntary. Please use this time for prayer and meditation.*

## VOLUNTARY

Dr. Ed Byrom, Guest Organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN IN PROCESSION

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Devine*

Hymn 477

Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia**

Celebrant 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

*Glory to God in the Highest*

William Mathias, S - 278

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

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. Amen.

### THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1 : 1 - 11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

## THE RESPONSE

### *Dominus regnavit*

Psalm 93

Recited by All (Led by Lector)

- 1     The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
      the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2     He has made the whole world so sure \*  
      that it cannot be moved;
- 3     Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
      you are from everlasting.
- 4     The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
      the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5     Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
      mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6     Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
      and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1 : 15 - 23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

*See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*

Hymn 215

Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 24 : 44 - 53

Celebrant     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Edward F.P. Gibbons

## 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.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Reader:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Hear our prayer."

I ask your prayers for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples,  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop, Fr. Eddie our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. For our President Joe, Ron our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, & for all in authority. We also pray for all those who are serving in our Armed Forces, especially Katie Coston, Noah Evans, Sal Filardi Jr., Dane Grauer, Devin Harrity, Emma McHenry, Kate McHenry, Schaeffer McHenry-Grauer, Troy Nelson, Tristan Pate, James Pyles, Doug Ross, Drew Scullard, Daniel Williams, & Peter Witte. Pray for justice and peace, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for this city of Naples, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jill Ducatman, Gordon Macdonald, Ian Shepherd, George Traicoff. We also give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Frank Dowd & Doug Ball, Todd & Rose Garfield. We pray that our guests today know the joy of life in Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed; especially for George Freebern. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Monica, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:

Look graciously on St. Monica's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

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 all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

## THE PEACE

All stand and the Celebrant says:

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## DURING THE OFFERING

Voluntary

Dr. Ed Byrom, Guest Organist

*Please Stand*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Your Name We Bless, O Risen Lord*

Hymn 205

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, we sing for life in us begun:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

*Here the Celebrant includes a Proper Preface*

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

William Mathias, S - 128

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

**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 or kneel as 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,

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**    *We Remember His Death from Mass in E*

Jeffrey Smith

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

**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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**GREAT AMEN**

*Amen from Mass in E*

Jeffrey Smith

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Celebrant  
*People*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant  
*People*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Alleluia! Christ Our Passover*

Gerald Near, S - 155

Sung by St. Monica's Choir

*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

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*  
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Hymn 460

*Please Stand*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (10:00 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.*

## 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

Response: *Amen.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Hymn 494

## VOLUNTARY

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