

WELCOME TO St. Monica's Episcopal Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Year B

May 1 st	Saturday	5:00 PM
May 2 nd	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 *We Know that Christ Is Raised and Dies No More* Hymn 296
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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8 : 26 - 40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

THE RESPONSE

Deus, Deus meus

Psalm 22 : 24 - 30

Recited by All (Led by Lector)

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 4 : 7 - 21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Hymn 512

THE GOSPEL

John 15 : 1 - 8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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, especially for Anthony. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week: Ron Doiron, Yanielle Griffin, Jack Griffin, Thomas Hughes, Kenneth Marta, Dick Orndoff, Madeline Rigsby, JoAnn Sarconi, Ginger Shepherd, Betsy Smith, Fred Swendeman, Patricia Traverse, Mia Zambelli. We also give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Dick & Merrienne Orndoff. 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. 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.

CONFESSI0N & ABSOLUTI0N

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
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Hymn 205

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:

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia! Christ Our Passover
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Gerald Near, S - 155

*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

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Hymn 304

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

God Is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Hymn 379

VOLUNTARY

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