

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Give, Love"

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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST II

Saturday 5:00 pm January 27, 2024

Sunday 10:00 am, January 28, 2024

### Rector

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

### Director of Music

Dr. David Gomez

### Lectors This Week

5 pm Charles Kalwinsky  
10 am Sue Adams

### Ushers This Week

5 pm Wayne Medeiros and Linda Duffy  
10 am Betty and Matt Devlin

### Greeters This Week

Nancy Moritz  
Heather Williamson

### Acolytes This Week

Toni Strong  
Betsy Smith

### Members of the Altar Guild

Lorraine Ciano, Linda Duffy, Linda Freund, Mary Gentzle, Sandy Kilmon, Donna Janosec-Luzzi, Stacey McCurdy, Theresa Miller, JoAnn Sarconi, Charles Shaw, Lisa Shaw, Ruthann Turley, Heather Williamson

### Camera Operator

Jim Sarconi

### Flower Guild Team

Sharon Lapierre and Debbie Corey

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

*Service begins with the Voluntary and the lighting of the candles.  
Please use this time for silent prayer and meditation.*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

Hymn in Procession

*Spread, O spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Hymn 530

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria

*Glory to God*

William Matthias, Hymn S-278

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Psalm

5pm Spoken

*Confitebor tibi*

Psalm 111

10am Chanted



1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my / whole heart\*

in the assembly of the upright, in the / congre / gation.

2 Great are the deeds of the / LORD!\*

they are studied by / all who de/light in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and / splendor,\*

and his righteousness en/dures for / ever.

- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re/membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and / full of com/passion.
- 5 He gives food to those who /fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful / of his / covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of / his works\*  
in giving them the / lands of the / nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice;\*  
all his com/mandments / are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and / ever,\*  
because they are done in / truth and / equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for / ever;\*  
holy and / awesome / is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the be ginning of / wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise en/dures for / ever.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Thou Art the Way, To Thee Alone*

Hymn 457

## Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing

him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

*Please stand as you are able*

## The Nicene Creed

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**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 or kneel as you are able.*

## The Prayers of the People

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

### **Concluding Collect**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence may be observed.*

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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.

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Offertory**

*The Doxology*  
( Stanzas 3 )

**Hymn 380**

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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 and Benedictus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

William Matthias, S-128

**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:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Franz Schubert, S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*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

*From Glory to Gglory Advancing*

Hymn 326

*Please stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.*

Hymn in Procession

*Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

Hymn 371

The Dismissal

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

## What is St. Monica's about?

As an Episcopal Church, we believe the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 855)

## Within this framework, St. Monica's maintains a culture where ...

- **We warmly welcome all.** We affirm the dignity of all humanity through a warm and friendly welcome.
- **We connect with the community.** We support ministries with our talents, finances, and passions.
- **We cultivate a culture that welcomes children and youth,** affirming them in their baptismal identity and that they are children of God with gifts to offer to the church.
- **Music plays a vital role in our worship and outreach to the community.**
- **Through prayer, friendship, and community, God's Spirit heals us.**
- **Fun is a high value** in our community and is woven throughout our congregational life.
- **We open ourselves to the Spirit.** We have a long history of trying new ventures and ministries. Within the framework of our Episcopal values, we are open to change.

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