

# 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 10, 2022 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:00 am

### Rector

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

### Assisting Priest

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

### Organist and Choirmaster

Dr. Ronald Doiron

### Lectors

Saturday Kathy Crevier  
Sunday Ruthann Turley

### Ushers

Saturday Barbara Kleine  
Sunday Linda Duffy  
Scott McCurdy  
Tom Coté

### Greeters

Terri Tack  
Donna Coté

### Acolytes

Beau Crevier  
Linda Flores-Rumpf  
John Benson  
Nicholas Rodriguez

### Altar Guild

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

### Camera Operator

Jim Sarconi

### Nursery

Diana Honorat

### Flower Team

Debbie Corey  
Sharon Lapierre

### Sunday School

No Sunday School – Family Service in the Church

**\*\* 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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| <b>Voluntary</b> | 5pm  | Gottes Sohn ist kommen<br>(God's Son Is Coming!)       | Johann Gottfried Walther |
|                  | 10am | O Come, O Come Emmanuel<br>St. Monica's Handbell Choir | Arr. Hart Morris         |

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn in Procession** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* **Hymn 76**

## Opening Acclamation

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| Celebrant     | Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. |
| <i>People</i> | <b>His mercy endures for ever.</b>        |

## Collect for Purity

**Kyrie Eleison** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Healey Willan, S-91

## Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

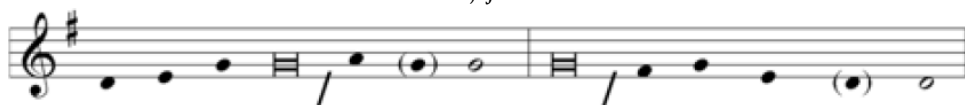
## The Word of God

**The First Lesson** Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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| Reader        | The Word of the Lord.    |
| <i>People</i> | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

**The Psalm** *Deus, judicium* Psalm 146:4-9



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| 4 | Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!*                |
|   | whose hope is / in the LORD their God;                                     |
| 5 | Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;*           |
|   | who keeps his pro/mise for ever;   |
| 6 | Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,*                           |
|   | and food to / those who hunger.  |
| 7 | The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind;* |
|   | the LORD lifts up those / who are bowed down;                              |

- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger;\*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way / of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for / ever,\*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson ( 5pm Service Only)

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gradual Hymn** 5pm  
10am

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(stanzas 1, 2 and 3)

**Hymn 68**  
**Hymn 56**

## The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

*Please stand as you are able*

## The Nicene Creed

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*Please stand, or kneel as able.*

## The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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*Response:* Hear our prayer.

## Concluding Collect

## Confession of Sin

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Peace

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

5pm Voluntary  
10am Voluntary

*Gottes Sohn ist Kommen*  
*Advent Hope*  
St. Monica's Handbell Choir

Heinrich Buttstedt  
Derek Hakes

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant

*People*

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Celebrant

*People*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Robert Powell, S–129

Memorial Acclamation

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

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Great Amen

Amen

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The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn S–119

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

David Hurd, Hymn S–161

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

10:00am

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

David Ashley White

St. Monica’s Choir

Communion Voluntary

10:00am

Savior of the Nations Come

Arr. Catherine Moglebust

St. Monica’s Handbell Choir

During Communion

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymn 65

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Response: Amen.

Hymn in Procession

Hark! The Glad Sound, The Savior Comes

Hymn 72

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

5pm Voluntary

Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel

Heathcote Statham

10am Voluntary

Advent Tidings

Michael Akers

St. Monica’s Handbell Choir

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.