

# 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 SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 10:00 am

### Rector

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

### Assisting Priest

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

### Lectors This Week

5 pm Nancy Snethen  
10 am Sue Adams

### Greeters This Week

JoAnn Sarconi  
Linda Flores-Rumpf

### Ushers This Week

5 pm Mary Gentzle and Linda Duffy  
10 am Betty Devlin and Sharon Lapierre

### Acolytes This Week

Kathy Crevier  
Debbie Corey

### Members of the Altar Guild

Lorraine Ciano, Linda Duffy, Linda Freund, Mary Gentzle, Sandra 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.*

<b>Voluntary</b>	5pm	<i>Pastorale</i>	L. Bottazzo
	10am	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	Wilbur Held

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

<b>Hymn in Procession</b>	<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	<b>Hymn 76</b>
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## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<b>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.</b>

## Collect for Purity

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.**

**Kyrie Eleison**      Lord, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**      Lord I have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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.**

## The Word of God

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks

himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

**Canticle 15**    5pm Spoken  
                    10am Chanted

*Song of Mary*

Luke 1:46-55  
*with Gloria Patri*



- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my / Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his / lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me / blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and / holy is his Name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who / fear him \*  
in every / generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his / arm, \*  
he has scattered the / proud in their conceit.
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their / thrones, \*  
and has lifted / up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with / good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent /away empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant / Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his pro/mise of mercy,
- 8 The promise he made to our / fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his chil/dren for ever.
- 9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy / Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for / ever. Amen.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn 66

## The Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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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**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*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Silence*

## Concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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     5pm  
                  10am

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us  
*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*  
St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Hymn 61  
Bruce Neswick

Please stand as you are able.

## Offertory Hymn

*The Doxology*  
stanzas 3 only

Hymn 380

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 Lord*

F. Schubert, S-130

*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.

## Communion

5pm

*Prayer*

J. Carlton Drew

10am

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

Hymn 61

*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*

## The Blessing

Response: *Amen.*

## Hymn in Procession

*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!*

Hymn 437

## The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit  
People Thanks be to God.

## Voluntary

5pm

*The Glorious Kingdom*

Roger C. Wilson

10am

*While By My Sheep (Joy, Joy, Joy!)*

Don Hustad

*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.*

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