

NATIVITY OF

OUR LORD



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 at the back of 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE – EVENING SERVICE

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

Saturday, December 24, 2022 9:00 pm

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Ruth Ann Turley, Heather Williamson,

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Linda Smith, and Sue Baker

GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

Rachel Cox, Violin

Cathy Pflieger, Violin

Vivian Aiello, Viola

Gabriel Chalick, Trumpet

Celine Schauer, Violin

Lisa Hallinan, Violin

Osei Allen, Cello

Antonio Castillo, Trumpet

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

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

Voluntary

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
(Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming)

Johannes Brahms

Please stand as able.

Carol

Once in Royal David's City

Christian Worship; Hymn 343
Author: Cecil Frances Alexander



- Choir: 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- All: 3 And through all his wondrous child- He would honor and obey, love,
and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay,
Christian children, all must be mild, obedient, good as he.
- 4 For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew, he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feelth for our sadness. And he shareth in our gladness.
- 5 And our eyes, at last, shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.
- 6 Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, we shall see him; but in Heaven,
set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Please be seated and remain seated for the singing of the Carols.

Anthem

Comfort Ye, My People
(text found in Book of Common Prayer, page 67)

Arr. Robert Lehman

Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymn 81

Canticle

Magnificat in A Major
Song of Mary
(text found in Book of Common Prayer, page 65)

Michael Praetorius

Carol

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Hymn 94

Anthem

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, Behold, Thy King Cometh
*The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness,
and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;
and in that day the light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!*

Healey Willan

Carol

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Hymn 92

Anthem

Mary's Cradle Song
Soprano and Alto Choir Section Leaders

Max Reger

Please stand as able.

Carol in Procession

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn 90

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Pastorale from **Christmas Concerto**

Arcangelo Corelli

Please stand, as able.

Hymn in Procession

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 83

(Stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 6)

Opening Acclamation

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 in the Highest

Robert Powell, S - 280

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.*

Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please Be Seated

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness~on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 96



1

Sing to the LORD a / new song;*

Sing to the LORD, / all the whole earth.

- 2 Sing to the LORD and / bless his Name;*
proclaim the good news of his salva/tion from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the / nations*
and his wonders a/mong all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised.
he is more to be / feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols;*
but it is the LORD who / made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the / peoples;*
ascribe to the LORD ho/nor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his / Name;*
bring offerings and / come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness;*
let the whole earth trem/ble before him.
- 10 Tell it among the nations: "The / LORD is King!"*
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peo/ples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is / in it;*
let the field be joyful and / all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD / when he comes,*
when he / comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with / righteousness*
and the / peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Please stand, as able.

Gradual Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Celebrant	The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see~ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped

in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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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Please stand, or kneel as able.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Response: Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

During the Offering

When Christ Was Born of Mary Free
St. Monica's Choir

Harold Friedell

Offertory Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymn 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today; He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss;

Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

Page 372, BCP

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.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

R. Proulx, S - 125

Memorial Acclamation

We Praise You

McNeil Robinson, Hymn S-141

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Great Amen

Amen

McNeil Robinson, Hymn S-147

Amen, Amen, Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn S-119

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

David Hurd, S - 154

*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 Voluntary *Pastorale Symphony ("Pifa") from Messiah* G. F. Handel

Communion Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Bruce Neswick
Sung by St. Monica's Choir

Communion Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* Hymn 96

Please stand or kneel

Post Communion Prayer Page 365, BCP

During the Lighting of the Candles

Silent Night, Holy Night Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus Lord at thy birth.

The Blessing

Celebrant	May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favor.
<i>People</i>	Amen.
Celebrant	And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
<i>People</i>	Amen.

Hymn in Procession *Joy to the World!* Hymn 100

At this time, please exextinguish your candles.

The Dismissal

Celebrant	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Wie Schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Johann Pachelbel
(How Bright Appears the Morning Star)

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

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