

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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLY EUCHARIST II

Saturday 5:00 pm December 30, 2023

Sunday 10:00 am, December 31, 2023

Rector

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

Lectors This Week

5 pm Kathy Crevier

10 am Cindy Gault

Ushers This Week

5 pm Donna Janosec-Luzzi and Ann Hoffman

10 am Jeff Gault and Ashan Nabbie

Greeters This Week

Thresa Miller

Joan Lazarus

Acolytes This Week

Beau Crevier

Linda Flores-Rumpf

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

Ashan Nabbie

Flower Guild Team

Sharon Lapierre and Debbie Corev

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

Voluntary 5:00 pm
10:00 am

The Babe of Bethlehem
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Franklin Ritter
Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Hymn in Procession

The First Nowell
(Stanzas 1 - 3)

Hymn 109

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 God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm

5pm Spoken
10am Chanted

Laudate Dominum

Psalm 147



- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our / God!*
- how pleasant it is to / honor / him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Je/rusalem;*
- he gathers the / exiles of / Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken / hearted*
- and / binds up / their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the / stars*
- and calls them / all by / their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in / power;*
 there is no limit / to his / wisdom.
 6 The LORD lifts up the / lowly,*
 but casts the / wicked / to the ground.
 7 Sing to the LORD with / thanksgiving;*
 make music to our / God up/on the harp.
 8 He covers the heavens with / clouds*
 and prepares / rain for / the earth;
 9 He makes grass to grow upon the / mountains*
 and green / plants to / serve mankind.
 10 He provides food for / flocks and herds*
 and for the young / ravens / when they cry.
 11 He is not impressed by the might of a / horse;*
 he has no pleasure in the / strength of / a man;
 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who / fear him,*
 in those who await his / gracious / favor.]
 13 Worship the LORD, O Je/rusalem;*
 Praise your / God, O / Zion.
 14 For he has strengthened the bars of / your gates;*
 he has blessed your / children with/in you.
 15 He has established peace on your / borders;*
 he satisfies you / with the / finest wheat.
 16 He sends out his command to the / earth,*
 and his word runs / very / swiftly.
 17 He gives / snow like wool;*
 he scatters / hoarfrost like / ashes.
 18 He scatters his hail like / bread crumbs;*
 who can / stand a/gainst his cold?
 19 He sends forth his word and / melts them;*
 he blows with his wind, / and the / waters flow.
 20 He declares his word to / Jacob,*
 his statutes and his / judgments to / Israel.
 21 He has not done so to any other / nation;*
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. / Halle/lujah.

The Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. The Rev. Stephen Girth

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

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 5:00 pm
 10:00 am

Angels We Have Heard on High
Dans Une Douce Joie
[In sweet joy (Good Christian friends, rejoice!)]

Hymn 96
Marcel Dupré

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

The Doxology
(Stanzas 3)

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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

William Matthias, S-165

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	5:00 pm
	10:00 am

<i>Christmas Lullaby</i>
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>

Donald Calender
Hymn 96

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymn 107

The Dismissal

<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.
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Voluntary	5:00 pm
	10:00 am

<i>Jubilate Amen</i>
<i>On This Day Earth Shall Ring</i>

Chester Nordman
Robert J. Powell

*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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