

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 3, 2022 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 4, 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
Sunday

Jim Sarconi
Sue Adams

Ushers

Saturday

Mary Gentzle
Pat Kearns

Sunday

Mike McCampbell
Tom Gibson

Greeters

Ed and Toni Strong
Joan Lazarus

Acolytes

Kathy Crevier

Barbara Evans

Altar Guild

Ruth Ann Turley, Heather Williamson, Joyce Gebhardt, Linda Freund, Linda Smith, and Sue Baker.

Camera Operator

Ryan Smith-Landwehr

Nursery

Diana Honorat

Flower Team

Debbie Corey
Sharon Lapierre

Sunday School

Nancy, Tracy, Paul and Matt.

**** 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.

Voluntary

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist
(We Pray Now to the Holy Ghost)
Sam Eash, Organist

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Hymn in Procession

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymn 616

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Healey Willan, S-91

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Word of God

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

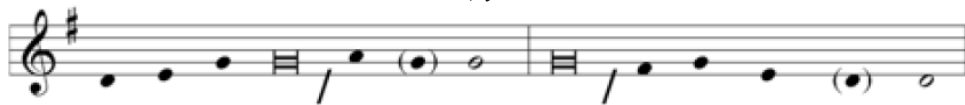
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

The Psalm

Deus, judicium

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



- 1 Give the King your justice, O / God,*
and your righteousness / to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously*
and the / poor with justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people,*
and the little / hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,*
from one generation / to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field,*
like showers that / water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of / Israel,*
who a/lone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever!*
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Please stand as you are able

Gradual Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn 67

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

Page 358, BCP

Please stand, or kneel as able.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

Page 388 BCP

Response: Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Confession of Sin

Page 360, BCP

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory 5pm Voluntary
10am Anthem

Variation on Psalm 42 (Comfort Ye)
Behold, the Days Are Coming
St. Monica’s Choir

David Johnson
Paul Bouman

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn	Traditional Doxology	Hymn 380, vs. 3
The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 361, 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	Robert Powell, S–129
Memorial Acclamation	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.	Page 363, BCP
Great Amen	Amen	Page 363, BCP
The Lord’s Prayer		Hymn S–119

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem	Lamb of God	David Heard, 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.		

During Communion	Prepare the Way, O Zion	Hymn 65
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Communion Anthem	10:00am	Comfort Ye, My People	Arr. Mark Schweizer
		St. Monica’s Choir	

Post Communion Hymn	O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines	Hymn 597
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Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer		Page 365, BCP
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The Blessing

Response:	Amen.
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Hymn in Procession	Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding	Hymn 59
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The Dismissal

People	Thanks be to God.
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Voluntary	Voluntary on Winchester New	C. S. Lang
		(Based on Hymn 76 – On Jordan’s Bank)

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.