

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Give, Love"

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Saturday 5:00pm March 2, 2024

Sunday 10:00am March 3, 2024

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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 an Episcopal Church, we believe the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

*(Book of Common Prayer, p. 855)*

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.

**\*\* 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.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

Hymn in Procession

*We Sing the Praise of Him*

Hymn 471

Opening Acclamation

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

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

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.*

Trisagion Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us. S-100  
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.  
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,

punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

**Psalm** 5pm Spoken *Caeli enarrant* Psalm 19  
10am Chanted



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God,\*  
and the firmament shows / his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to an/other,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge to / another.
- 3 Although they have no words or / language,\*  
and their voi/ces are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into / all lands,\*  
and their message to the ends / of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun;\*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion / to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of / it again;\*  
nothing is hidden from / its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re/vives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to / the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re/joyce the heart;\*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light / to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever;\*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous al/together.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than hon/ey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en/lightened,\*  
and in keeping them there / is great reward.

- 12 Who can tell how often / he offends?\*
- cleanse me from / my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion / over me;\*
- then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of / a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your / sight,\*
- O LORD, my strength and my / redeemer.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Creator of the Earth and Skies*

**Hymn 148**

## Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Basden

*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*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

*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 Anthem

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

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:*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**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.**

Celebrant	The gifts of God for the people of God
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*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.*

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**

Rock of Ages

Hymn 685

**The Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

*Please allow this moment to be one of relection and prayer.*

<b><u>Lectors This Week</u></b>		<b><u>Greeters This Week</u></b>		<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>
5 pm	Frank Dowd	5 pm	JoAnn Sarconi	Lorraine Ciano
10 am	Ralph Turley	10 am	Sue Adams	Linda Duffy
				Linda Freund
<b><u>Ushers This Week</u></b>		<b><u>Acolytes This Week</u></b>		Mary Gentzle
5 pm	Brenda Walsh	5pm	Kathy Crevier	Sandy Kilmon
	Ann Hoffman	10 am	Betsy Smith	Donna Janosec-Luzzi
10 am	Kyle Williamson			Stacey McCurdy
	Michael McCampbell			Theresa Miller
<b><u>Camera Operator</u></b>		<b><u>Flower Guild Team</u></b>		JoAnn Sarconi
10am	Matt Devlin		Sharon Lapierre	Charles Shaw
			Debbie Corey	Lisa Shaw
<b><u>Guest Organist</u></b>		<b><u>Soloist</u></b>		Ruthann Turley
	Gordon Brown		Megan DuRocher	Heather Williamson
<b><u>Vestry Members</u></b>	Scott McCurdy - Sr. Warden    Ryan Smith-Landwehr - Jr. Warden Margaret Holt, Dick Rumpf, JoAnn Sarconi, Ed Strong, Nancy Snethen and Heather Williamson			
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