

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Give, Love"

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## EASTER SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am  
March 31, 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.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Voluntary

*Please stand as you are able*

### Processional Hymn

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*  
Stanzas 1 through 4 with Refrains

Hymn 212

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### Gloria

*Glory to God in the Highest*

William Mathias, S-278

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

### The Psalm

*Confitemini Domino*

Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good,\*  
his mercy en/dures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel / now proclaim,\*  
“His mercy en/dures for ever.”

- 14 The LORD is my strength and / my song,\*  
and he has become / my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and / victory\*  
in the tents / of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has / triumphed!\*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the / LORD has triumphed! ”
- 17 I shall not die, but / live,\*  
and declare the / works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me / sorely;\*  
but he did not hand me / over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of / righteousness;\*  
I will enter them; I will offer / thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the / LORD;\*  
he who is right/eous may enter”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you / answered me\*  
and have become / my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re/jected\*  
has become / the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s / doing,\*  
and it is mar/velous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has /acted;\*  
we will rejoice / and be glad in it.

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

*Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

**Hymn 208**

Refrain - Vs. 1, 2, 3 - Refrain

## The Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples

and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

## Flowering of the Cross

*He Is Risen, He Is Risen!*

Hymn 180

*Please stand as you are able*

## The Nicene Creed

Page 358, BCP

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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence            *The People may add their own petitions*  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

## Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Offertory Hymn

*Your Name We Bless, O Risen Lord*  
( stanzas 4 and 5 )

Hymn 205

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 361

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

S-125

**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.**

*Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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:

## Memorial Acclamation

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**Therefore according to his command, O Father, We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Monica and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

## Great Amen

*Amen*

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**Amen, Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer

Chanted by All

S-149

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Merbecke, S-157

*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

*Alleluia! Christ our Passover*

S-155

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Page 365, BCP

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## The Blessing

**Response: *Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

*Awake, Arise*

Hymn 212

The Dismissal

Celebrant  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

## What is St. Monica's about?

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## Within this framework, St. Monica's maintains a culture where ...

- **We warmly welcome all.** We affirm the dignity of all humanity through a warm and friendly welcome.
- **We connect with the community.** We support ministries with our talents, finances, and passions.
- **We cultivate a culture that welcomes children and youth,** affirming them in their baptismal identity and that they are children of God with gifts to offer to the church.
- **Music plays a vital role in our worship and outreach to the community.**
- **Through prayer, friendship, and community, God's Spirit heals us.**
- **Fun is a high value** in our community and is woven throughout our congregational life.

**We open ourselves to the Spirit.** We have a long history of trying new ventures and ministries. Within the framework of our Episcopal values, we are open to change.

### Lectors This Week

8am  
10am Sue Adams

### Greeters This Week

8am Stacey McCurdy  
10am Heather Williamson

### Altar Guild

Lorraine Ciano  
Linda Duffy  
Linda Freund  
Mary Gentzle  
Sandy Kilmon  
Donna Janosec-Luzzi  
Stacey McCurdy  
Theresa Miller  
JoAnn Sarconi  
Charles Shaw  
Lisa Shaw  
Ruthann Turley  
Heather Williamson

### Ushers This Week

8am Scott McCurdy  
10am Greg Smith-Landwehr  
Ashan Nabbie

### Acolytes This Week

8am Barbara Evans  
10am Debbie Corey

### Camera Operator

10am Tom Cotè

### Flower Guild Team

Sharon Lapierre  
Debbie Corey

### Guest Organist

Gordon Brown

### Soloist

Megan DuRocher

### Vestry Members

Scott McCurdy - Sr. Warden    Ryan Smith-Landwehr - Jr. Warden    Heather Williamson - Secretary  
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