

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Love, Give"

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Saturday 5:00pm April 27, 2024

Sunday 10:00am April 28, 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*

**Processional Hymn**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Hymn 207**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*Please be seated*

**The First Lesson**

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his

mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**The Psalm**

5pm Spoken  
 10am Chanted

*Deus, Deus meus*

Psalm 22:24-30



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;\*  
 I will perform my vows in the presence of / those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
 and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him:\*
- “May your heart / live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD;\*
- and all the families of the nations shall / bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD;\*
- he rules o/ver the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;\*
- all who go down to the dust / fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;\*
- they shall be known as the / LORD’s for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn\*  
 the saving / deeds that he has done.

**Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister

whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

### Gradual Hymn

*In Christ there Is No East or West*

Hymn 529

### The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

**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.

*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.

*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

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Hymn 178

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Presentation

*The Doxology: 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 Lord*

Proulx, 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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**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. **AMEN.**

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

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*Alleluia! Christ Our Passover* – David Hurd

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**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*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.*

#### 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

*The Day of Resurrection!*

Hymn 210

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### Postlude

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

## 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

5pm Frank Dowd  
10am Sue Adams

### Greeters This Week

5pm Nancy Moritz  
10am x

### Altar Guild

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

### Ushers This Week

5pm Brenda Walsh  
Ann Hoffman  
10am Matt Devlin  
Betty Devlin

### Acolytes This Week

5pm Beau Crevier  
10am Betsy Smith

### Flower Guild Team

Debbie Corey  
Sharon Lapierre

### Camera Team

Tom Cotè  
Matt Devlin  
Ashan Nabbie  
Jim Sarconi

### Guest Organists

5pm Susan Beauregard  
10am Gordon Brown

### Vestry Members

Ed Strong - Sr. Warden      Ryan Smith-Landwehr - Jr. Warden      Heather Williamson - Secretary  
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