



WELCOME TO
St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist Rite II

**December 25, 2020
10:00 AM**

**St. Monica's Episcopal Church
7070 Immokalee Road
Naples, FL 34119
(239) 591 - 4550**

Prelude

Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep
Carol Hedman, Cantor/Soloist

Besançon Carol

Welcome and Announcements

The people stand as the Hymn begins.

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

Hymn 83

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

Celebrant 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 love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest – Robert Powell
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

S-280

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.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

Hymn 87

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with

the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Edward Gibbons

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

After Each petition, people respond, "Lord Have Mercy"

Reader: *With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying
"Lord, have mercy."*

I ask your prayers for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop, Fr. Eddie our Priest; for this gathering; and for all minister and people. Pray for the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. For our President Donald, Ron our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, for all those recently elected to public office & for all in authority. We also pray for all those who are serving in our Armed Forces, especially Katie Coston, Noah Evans, Sal Filardi Jr., Dane Grauer, Devin Harrity, Emma McHenry, Kate McHenry, Schaeffer McHenry-Grauer, Troy Nelson, Tristan Pate, James Pyles, Doug Ross, Drew Scullard, Daniel Williams, Peter Witte. Pray for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for this city of Naples, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Dylan Grant Lee, Mary Jane Skrobacz, the Inforzino family, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays John Matts, Ruth Kalwinsky, Pat Smith, Ruth Macdonald, Lois Lama, Christina Rober, Susan Rober, Jane Lyon. We also give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Sue and Philip Baker. We pray that our guests today know the joy of life in Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Barbara Starbird let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Monica, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

During the Offering *The Snow Lay On the Ground* Hymn 110
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

The people stand.

Offertory Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymn 107

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today; He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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.**

Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord – Richard Proulx
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

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.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Memorial Acclamation

We Praise you - McNeil Robinson
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

S-141

**We praise you and, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues:

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Monica all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

Amen - McNeil Robinson
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers
Amen, Amen, Amen!

S-147

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover – David Hurd
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

S-154

**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 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 Solo

This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)
Carol Hedman, Soloist

Donald Fraser

Communion Hymn

Angels We Have Heard On High
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

Hymn 96

The people stand.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn

Joy to the World
Sung by the Cantor and Choristers

Hymn 100

Voluntary

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

Arr. Wilbur Held