

NATIVITY OF

OUR LORD



WELCOME TO

St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist Rite II

December 24, 2020

4:30 PM & 9:00 PM

**St. Monica's Episcopal Church
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9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CHORAL PRELUDE

St. Monica's Choir, Organ and Instrumental Ensemble

Voluntary *Pastorale Symphony ("Pifa") from Messiah* Georg Friedrich Handel

Carol *Once in Royal David's City* Hymn 102

Anthem *The Lord at First Did Adam Make* Trad. English Carol
Arr. Robert Lehman

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life,
e'en as the Scriptures say. And then in Eden's paradise he placed him to dwell,
that he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

Refrain

*Now let all Christians all begin their evil ways to shun,
and let them glad and merry be, for Christmas is begun.*

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he to mankind bore: his mercy soon he did extend,
lost man for to restore. And then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall,
he said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all. *Refrain*

And now the tide is night at hand in which our Savior came; let us rejoice and merry be
in keeping of the same. Let's feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave;
then, when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have. *Refrain*

Carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Hymn 81

Anthem *Magnificat in C Major (Song of Mary)* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Carol *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night* Hymn 94

Anthem *What Star Is This with Beams So Bright?* Arr. Richard Shepherd

Cradle Song *Mary's Slumber Song* Max Reger
Alyxandra Foreman, Ariane Schoellner, Taylor Curry Stokes,
Janet Ortenzo, and Carol Hedman

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child,
while amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough: Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!

Happy is Thy laughter, holy is Thy silent rest,
lay Thy head in slumber fondly on Thy Mother's breast!
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now! Slumber now!

Carol *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Hymn 90

4:30 and 9:30 pm Service of Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Voluntary

In dulci jubilo
(4:30 pm – Gabriel Chalick, Trumpet; 9:00 pm Organ)

Johann Sebastian Bach

The people stand as the Hymn begins.

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Sung by the Choir

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 Choir

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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 96

Cantate Domino

Sung by the Choir

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

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 Choir

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.

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

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**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

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Amen, Amen, 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.

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

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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 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 Voluntary

Pastorale from Christmas Concerto
4:30 PM - Gabriel Chalick, Trumpet

Archangelo Corelli

Communion Anthem

Candlelight Carol
Sung by the Choir

John Rutter

Communion Hymn

Angels We Have Heard On High
Sung by the Choir

Hymn 96

POST - COMMUNION PRAYER & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever living 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.

Lighting of the Candles

Post Communion Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night
Sung by the Choir

Hymn 111

The Blessing

Response: Amen

The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

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

Hymn

Joy to the World
Sung by the Choir

Hymn 100

Voluntary

4:30 PM

Joy to the World
Gabriel Chalick, Trumpet

Arr. By S.Wallace & J. Head

9:00 PM

Joy to the World

Arr. Wilbur Held