



**WELCOME TO**

# *St. Monica's Episcopal Church*

## **Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Year B**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
5:00 PM & 10:00 AM**

**St. Monica's Episcopal Church  
7070 Immokalee Road  
Naples, FL 34119  
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**Voluntary** 5:00 pm *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Arr. O. Olsson  
9:50 am *A Christmas Bell Prelude* Offered by the Handbell Choir

## Welcome and Announcements

10:00 am *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (Polish Carol) Arr. F. Gramann  
St. Monica's Handbell Choir

*The people stand as the Hymn begins.*

**Hymn** *What Star Is This with Beams So Bright* Hymn 124  
Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

## 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 S-280  
Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

**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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

**First Lesson** Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth; among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Quam dilecta!*

Psalm 84:1-8

Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*

**Second Lesson**

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Rowe

## 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 this week: Jennifer Boddicker, Edward Gibbons, Ralph Miano, Dwight Rasmussen, Sarah Rogers, Sean Shepherd, Stephen Votapek. We also give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. 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, especially for Mildred Robbins and for all the departed, 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

5:00 pm Anthem

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
St. Monica's Choir

Arr. Larry Shackley

10:00 am Voluntary

*Sans Day Carol*  
St. Monica's Handbell Choir

Arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

*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 St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

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**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 St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

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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 St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

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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 St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

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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 Hymn

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Hymn 93

*The people stand.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion (10:00 am)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## 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

*The First Nowell the Angel Did Say*  
Sung by St. Monica's Choir Ensemble

Hymn 109

## Voluntary

5:00 pm

*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

Johann Pachelbel

10:00 am

*Joy to the World!*  
Monica's Handbell Choir

Arr. Lloyd Larsen