

St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Love, Give"

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Saturday 5:00 pm January 24, 2026

Sunday 10:00 am January 25, 2026

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 The Rev. Sylvia Czarnetzky, Interim Rector or The Rev. Ken McCaslin, Deacon.

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. **

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High

Andreas Nikolaus Vetter

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

Hymn 537

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

Song of Praise 10am

Glory to You

Hymn S-236

5pm

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness arise!

Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near. Daystar, in my heart appear.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then / shall I fear?*
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then / shall I / be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one / thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the / days of / my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD*
and to seek him / in his / temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me / high up/on a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts / up my head*
above my enemies / round a/bout me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great / gladness;*
I will sing and make / music / to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call;*
have mercy on / me and / answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, / “Seek my face.”*
Your / face, LORD, / will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your / face from me,*
nor turn away your servant / in dis/pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me / not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of / my sal/vation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

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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

For Advent through Epiphany

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Reader: Blessed are you eternal God,
People: to be praised and glorified forever.

Reader: Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
People: May we all be one that the world may believe.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,
People: **that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Reader: We remember those who have died.
People: **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Reader: Remembering especially Saint Monica, we praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People: **May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: We lift before you those on our parish prayer list. Have compassion on all those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble.
People: **May they find strength in your presence.**

Reader: Look with kindness on our homes and families.
People: **Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Reader: Keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.
People: **Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

Reader: Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world
People: **Guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Reader: Strengthen all who minister in the name of Christ, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Doug, our Bishop.
People: **Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Reader: We pray in silence for our own needs and the needs of others.

Concluding Collect

Almighty and most merciful God, you gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of the Virgin Mary; grant that we, who have been made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy and Life-Giving Spirit. We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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	10am Only	<i>Locus Iste</i>	Anton Bruckner
	5pm Only	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	Hymn 304

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation

The Doxology (Stanza 3)

Hymn 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 361

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to
give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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 before he died for us, 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:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 Saint 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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymn S-164

The Invitation to Communion

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.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion Hymn

I Come With Joy

Hymn 304

***Sending Prayer* (as needed)**

Celebrant Most Gracious God, we send forth your servants bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

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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

Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word

Hymn 530

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Little Prelude in C

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Kathy Crevier
10am Cindy Gault

GREETERS THIS WEEK

5pm Ed & Toni Strong
10am Donna Cotè

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

Linda Duffy
Linda Freund
Mary Gentzle
Sandy Kilmon
Stacey McCurdy
Theresa Miller
JoAnn Sarconi
Ruthann Turley
Heather Williamson

USHERS THIS WEEK

5pm Brenda Walsh
Mary Gentzle
10am Jeff Gault
Jack Hufty

ACOLYTES THIS WEEK

5pm Toni Strong
10am Jessie Roberts

CAMERA TEAM

Tom Cotè
Matt Devlin
Ashan Nabbie
Jim Sarconi
Kyle Williamson

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