

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Love, Give"

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## LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Saturday 5:00 pm February 14, 2026

Sunday 10:00 am February 15, 2026

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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 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

*Largo*

G.F. Händel

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

Processional Hymn

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Hymn 460

## 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Word of God

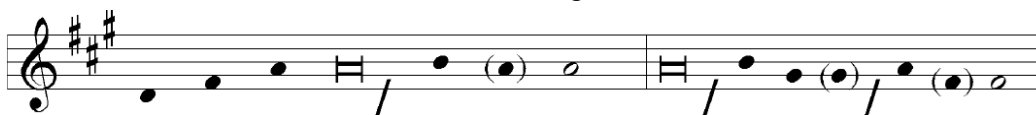
*Please be seated*

## The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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



- 1 The LORD is King; let the people / tremble;\*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; / let the / earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in / Zion;\*  
he is high a/bove all / peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and / awesome;\*  
he / is the / Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / equity;\*  
you have executed justice and righteous/ness in / Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his / footstool;\*  
he / is the / Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call up/on his Name,\*  
they called upon the LORD, / and he / answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of / cloud;\*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree / that he / gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered / them indeed;\*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them / for their / evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his / holy hill;\*  
for the LORD our God / is the / Holy One.

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## Gradual Hymn

*O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*

Hymn 137

## The Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I

am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

*People*

The Sermon

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky

*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*

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.

<b>Offertory</b>	10am Only	Give me Jesus	Spiritual/arr. Mark Patterson
	5pm Only	When Morning Gilds the Skies	<b>Hymn 427</b>

*Please stand as you are able.*

<b>Presentation</b>	The Doxology (Stanza 3)	<b>Hymn 380</b>
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

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 361

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

*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 10am Only

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Hymn 427

### *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

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

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Hymn 618

## The Dismissal

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*Toccata in A minor*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

### 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 Lorraine Ciano  
10am Donna Cotè

#### USHERS THIS WEEK

5pm Mary Gentzle  
Linda Duffy  
10am Betty Devlin  
Janet Perna

#### FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS

Debbie Corey  
Sharon Lapierre

#### GREETERS THIS WEEK

5pm JoAnn Sarconi  
10am Joan Lazarus

#### ACOLYTES THIS WEEK

5pm Toni Strong  
10am Jesse Roberts

#### CAMERA TEAM

Tom Cotè  
Matt Devlin  
Ashan Nabbie  
Jim Sarconi  
Kyle Williamson

#### ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

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