

St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Love, Give"

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

Saturday 5:00pm May 16, 2026

Sunday 10:00am May 17, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn

Hail Thee, Festival Day!
(Ascension)

Hymn 216

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Gloria *Glory to God in the Highest* S-278

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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated

The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

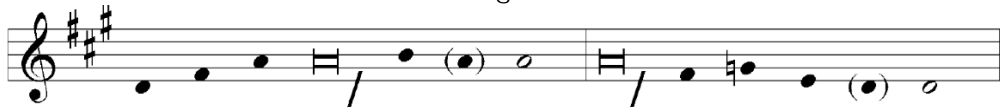
Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm

Exsurgat Deus

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be / scattered;*
let those who hate him / flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives / it away;*
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the / presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice be/fore God;*
let them also be mer/ry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the / heavens;*
YAHWEH is his Name, re/joyce before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of / widows,*
God in his holy / habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into / freedom;*
but the rebels shall live / in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your / people,*
when you marched / through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of / Sinai,*
at the presence of God, the / God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in/heritance;*
you refreshed the land when / it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their / home in it;*
in your goodness, O God, you have made pro/vision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the / earth;*
sing / praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient / heavens;*
he sends forth his / voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to / God;*
his majesty is over Israel; his / strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy /places!*
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
/ Blesséd be God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever.

Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn

O Love of God, How Strong & True

Hymn 455

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

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.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Reader	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
<i>People</i>	That we all may be one.
Reader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<i>People</i>	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Reader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People</i>	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Reader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<i>People</i>	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Reader	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People</i>	That our works may find favor in your sight.
Reader	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
<i>People</i>	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Reader	Give to the departed eternal rest.
<i>People</i>	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Reader	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<i>People</i>	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Reader	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Eternal God, continue to grace your people with the will to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we discern your presence in all challenges we face, for we have been redeemed by your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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-129

**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 Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only

and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

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

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S-155

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 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.

Please stand as you are able.

Communion

See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

Hymn 215

Post Communion Prayer

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.*

Recessional Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hymn 214

The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

LECTORS THIS WEEK

5pm Kathy Crevier
10am Ruthann Turley

USHERS THIS WEEK

5pm Ann Hoffman
Brenda Walsh
10am Scott McCurdy
Tom Cotè

FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS

Debbie Corey
Sharon Lapierre

GREETERS THIS WEEK

5pm JoAnn Sarconi
10am

ACOLYTES THIS WEEK

5pm Kathy Crevier
10am Donna Cotè

CAMERA TEAM

Tom Cotè
Matt Devlin
Ashan Nabbie
Jim Sarconi
Kyle Williamson

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Sandy Kilmon
Stacey McCurdy
Theresa Miller
JoAnn Sarconi
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