

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

Where we "Pray, Love, Give"

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

#### PROPER 10

Saturday 5:00pm July 11, 2026

Sunday 10:00am July 12, 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

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able*

## Processional Hymn

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

**Hymn 48**

## 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.**

## Trisagion

*( Repeat x3 )*

*Holy God*

**S-102**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

## Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

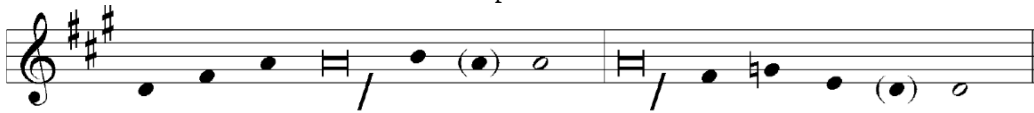
## The Word of God

### The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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



- 105 Your word is a lantern / to my feet\*  
and a / light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am de/termined\*  
to keep your / righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply / troubled;\*  
preserve my life, O LORD, ac/cording to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my / lips,\*  
and teach / me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my / hand,\*  
yet I do / not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a / trap for me,\*  
but I have not strayed from / your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for / ever;\*  
truly, they are the / joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your / statutes\*  
for ev/er and to the end.

**Second Reading**

Romans 8: 1–11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**Gradual Hymn***Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word***Hymn 440****The Gospel**

Matthew 13:1–9,18–23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up

quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Sylvia 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**

Form VI

*Silence*

Reader	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Reader	For all people in their daily life and work;
<b>People</b>	<b>For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.</b>
Reader	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<b>People</b>	<b>For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.</b>
Reader	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<b>People</b>	<b>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</b>
Reader	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<b>People</b>	<b>For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.</b>
Reader	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
<b>People</b>	<b>For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.</b>

Reader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sylvia, our priest; Ken, our deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

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.

*The Celebrant continues:*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

**Hymn S-125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are 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.**

*Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues:*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



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

*My Flesh Is Food Indeed*

Hymn S-169

Cantor: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Cantor: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

*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

*O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

Hymn 632

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

Clergy 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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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

*Spread, O Spread thou mighty word*

Hymn 530

#### The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

### What is St. Monica's about?

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*)

### 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 Jim Sarconi  
10am Betsy Smith

#### GREETERS THIS WEEK

5pm Theresa Miller  
10am Sandy Kilmon

#### 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 Mary Gentzle  
Linda Duffy  
10am Janet Perna

#### ACOLYTES THIS WEEK

5pm Beau Crevier  
10am Liam Freigang

#### CAMERA TEAM

Tom Cotè  
Matt Devlin  
Ashan Nabbie  
Jim Sarconi  
Kyle Williamson

#### FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS

Debbie Corey  
Sharon Lapierre

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