



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

WELCOME

to the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God
with our whole heart, mind, and soul,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Cadillac, MI

St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Cadillac
strives to live out the Great Commandment:
To love the Lord
with all our heart, soul, and mind
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.
If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home, we'd love to get to know you.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

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 of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I

do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Robert Brooks

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

Friends, happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked. Forgiven and sanctified, let us pray, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. *Show us your will.*"

Christ Jesus, your prayer for your Church is that we may be one as you and the Father are one: sanctify us in your Truth and send us into the world as witnesses to your resurrection.

Silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

O Lord, you know the way of the righteous: rescue and correct all those who walk in the ways of the wicked. Delight the hearts of your children with your perfect law.

Silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

Creator God, bless the fruit-bearing trees; bless the streams. Give us eyes to see clearly the wonders of your universe.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

Loving Jesus, you guard and protect your own: bless those who, following in your ways, protect and care for society's most vulnerable members, especially children.

Silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

King of Glory, do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us: Comfort and heal all those in peril or need.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

O God, you have given us eternal life and this life is in your Son, Jesus: may we, with those who have died, enjoy our life with you now and forever.

Silence

Lord, you know everyone's heart.

Show us your will.

Diocesan Circle of Prayer:

- Michael, our Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector.
- Trinity, Flushing –Norb, Sr. Warden
- St. David's, Lansing – David, Rector
- Grace Church, Holland – Jen, Rector
- Our Central MI Episcopal Covenant
- We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained, especially Dell, Derek, Kurt, Joanna, Joe, Jim, Mark, and Trish.
- For the covenant among the Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches in northern Lower Michigan and for our brothers and sisters of the Lutheran and Roman Catholic congregations, and their bishops.

St. Mary's Circle of Prayer

Linda, Mackale, Susie, Todd, Mitch, Marv, Jeanette, Tony, Donna, Eli, Zach, Lori, Bill, Delilah, Jen, Dawn, Paisley, Anita T., Jim T., Diana, Carol, Bud and Cindy, Dana, Reggie, Mike, Chris, Elna, Venita, Christine, Dennis, JayaRadhe (Jai-Rod-ey), Pat, Jenny and family; Dale

St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Doug, Kevin, and Kim; Bill; Marga; Doug, Jodi; Chris; Mary; Wesley; Brook; Michael; Krystal, Mekail, and Karleigh; Melissa, Justin, and Matthew; Eileen; Sharon; Sharyn; Jim; Tina; Kevin; Mark and Kim; Alex and Carolyn; Jan; Matt; Schuyler "Pete;" Sherry; Helen; Bleu; Julia and family; Mary and family; Julie and family; Howie; Whyne and Dana; Kristopher; the Beattie family; Kevin; Jim and Mary; Chuck; Judy; Lilah, Aishah, Yusuf, and family; Phil and Ann; Troy; Berniece; Maurissa; Carol; Suzy; Beth; Jerry; Jack; Julane; Nancy; Kason; Scott; Jens; Rivka; Marlene; Tammy; Derrek and Ruth; Betty, Donna

Our Family and Friends in the Armed Forces

Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim

Those who have died

Audrey Leatherbury

The Confession of Sin

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

People 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All 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.**

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:

**All 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 forever. **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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young,
no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs.*

*This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ.
You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to travel from wherever you are to the church parking lot to receive communion. Communion will be brought to you in your car.

Announcements

Watch Mtr. Radha's Seminary Commencement: Mtr. Radha will participate in the commencement exercises at Seminary of the Southwest on Wednesday, May 19 at 11 am Eastern time. The ceremony will be livestreamed on the Seminary of the Southwest Facebook page and website. Links are in the most recent edition of The Ark.

Pentecost next week: Our service of Holy Eucharist for Pentecost will be on Zoom, from St. Andrew's at 10:15 am. Communion will be distributed in the parking lot at noon. Bob and Alex will lead us in festal music. We will read the lesson from Acts in unison over Zoom, unmuted! You are encouraged to read the lesson in any language.

If you have an announcement you would like printed in the bulletin, please email it to rector.cmec@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE: April 26 -May 2

Monday	Noon-2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's DME Open
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Noon-2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's DME Open
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer on Zoom

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	Today	Next Sunday, May 23
Service	10:15 am	10:15 am
Lector	Nancy Foster	Mark Lauzon
Intercessor	Pat Foster	Chris Lissuzo
Music	Quiet Service	Quiet Service

LECTIONARY Next Week

Pentecost

1st Lesson Ezekial 37:1-14 **Response:** Psalm 104:25-35, 37

2nd Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 **Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Covenant Monthly Worship Format

Our services take place on Zoom at 10:15 am each Sunday.

1st and 2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday - Holy Eucharist with distribution of communion in the parking lot at St. Mary's

4th Sunday - Holy Eucharist with distribution of communion in the parking lot at St. Andrew's

5th Sunday - Morning Prayer

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