



# The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

August 18, 2024

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to a Joint Service of 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.

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we'd love to get to know you.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Hymn

*For the beauty of the earth*

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
For the beaut - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
For the joy of earth and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter pa - rent, child,  
For the church which ev - er more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
of - fer - ring up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Christ our God, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grate - ful praise

Words: Folliot Sanford Pierpoint (1835-1917) Music: Dix Conrad Kocher (1786-1825)

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

**BCP, p. 355**

**Celebrant** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**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.**

**Song of Praise** *Said in unison.*

**Canticle 12, A Song of Creation**

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,**

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, drops of dew and flakes of snow.**

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, O shining light and enfolding dark.**

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *All sit as able.*

## **First Reading**

**Isaiah 61:10-11**

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 34:1-9**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

## Second Reading

**Galatians 4:4-7**

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**      *All stand as able.*

**Hymnal 1982, #277**

*To the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Sing of Mary meek and lowly,  
Virgin-mother pure and mild,  
Sing of God's own Son most holy,  
Who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother,  
God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,  
In the home at Nazareth.  
Toil and labor cannot weary  
Love enduring unto death.  
Constant was the love he gave her,  
Though he went forth from her side,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,  
Till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
Glory to the Three in One.  
From the heart of blessed Mary,  
From all saints the song ascends,  
And the Church the strain reechoes  
Unto earth's remotest ends.

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Hymn after the Gospel

*I Love you, Lord*

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The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "I Love you, Lord". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff starts with a box containing the number 52. Above the first staff are chord markings: E, A, E, and A. The lyrics under the first staff are: "I love you, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and I lift my voice \_\_\_\_\_ to wor-". The second staff starts with a box containing the number 5. Above the second staff are chord markings: B7, E, and A. The lyrics under the second staff are: "ship you. O my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ re - joice! \_\_\_\_\_ Take joy, my King, \_\_\_\_\_ in what you". The third staff starts with a box containing the number 11. Above the third staff are chord markings: E, A, B7, C, and E. The lyrics under the third staff are: "hear. \_\_\_\_\_ May it be a sweet, sweet \_\_\_\_\_ sound in your ear. \_\_\_\_\_".

I love you, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and I lift my voice \_\_\_\_\_ to wor-

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ship you. O my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ re - joice! \_\_\_\_\_ Take joy, my King, \_\_\_\_\_ in what you

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hear. \_\_\_\_\_ May it be a sweet, sweet \_\_\_\_\_ sound in your ear. \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Nicene Creed**                    *Said in unison, all standing as able.*

**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**

*Intercessions for the Christian People*

**Intercessor**    God our Savior works revolutions in the earth and turns the world upside down. Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord and rejoice in our God, praying to the holy and mighty one, saying:

**People**            **Lord, have mercy.**



Intercessor For the God-fearing, that God look with favor on them from generation to generation. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our Canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; St. Andrew's, Gaylord - Pam, Priest-in-Charge; St. Paul's, Elk Rapids – Derek, Priest-in-Charge; We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Abraham, John, Jonathan, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Barrett, Matt, Kris, Anne, Johnathon, Theresa and Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Kathryn, Jennifer, Laura, Rachel, Cathy, Deb, Paige, and Rose. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For justice in all the earth, that with a mighty arm God scatter the proud, cast down the haughty, and lift up the lowly. We pray for all in authority in our nation and the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla and Fred, our mayors. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the hungry, that they may be fed, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that they may be filled with good things, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the just distribution of the wealth of the world, that none go hungry while others are surfeited, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Laura, Cara, Erin, Jimmy, Mike, Keith, Gary, Fred; For St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Sally, Raymond & Carolyn, Krystal, Kevin, Chris, Jerry, Carolyn, Mary. For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Owen, Wesley, Eli, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all the people of God, that with blessed Mary, the virgin mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, we rejoice as children and heirs of God, redeemed by Christ her son, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Mighty one, whose power does not reside in fleshless lonely purity, whose word in enwombed at the heart of creation: we praise you for Mary, whose hospitable Yes made a place for love; whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble; whose prayer is heard because she is one of us; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child.  
**Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God *Silence may be kept.*

**All** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Peace** *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you. *The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

## The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Sentence** O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

## Offertory Hymn

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A - men.

TEXT: Thomas Ken  
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

OLD HUNDREDTH  
L.M.

*After all the gifts are brought to the altar, all say in unison:*

**All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**All**            **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant    Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**All**            **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant    And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All**            **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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*




**Celebrant** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.





**The Invitation** *The celebrant says the invitation.*

*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.*

*Please come forward to the altar to receive communion or a blessing.*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD - You can either,		
	CONSUME	Hold out your hands and then eat the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	GLUTEN-FREE	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	BLESSING	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE - You can either,		
	DRINK	Hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	INTINCT	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	NOT RECEIVE	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.
	NON-ALCOHOLIC	If you require non-alcoholic wine, clasp your hands. After drinking, hand the cup back.

# Communion Hymn

*I come with joy*, Hymnal 1982, #304

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## Prayer after Communion

*All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

*All stand as able.*

Celebrant God the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

Christ who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# Recessional Hymn

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

Peter Scholtes

1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord. We are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand. We will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side. We will  
 4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, From — whom all things come; And all  
 5. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord. We are

one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all  
 walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll  
 work with each oth - er, We will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's  
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly — Son; And all praise to the  
 one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. Chorus: And they'll  
 spread the news that God is in our land.  
 dig - ni - ty and save — each one's pride.  
 Spir - it, who makes — us — one.  
 u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.

know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know — we are

Chris - tians by our love. —————

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.

*The altar flowers are given by Margaret A. Gingrich to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband Arthur Gingrich.*

**Please join us for a picnic and fellowship after the service!**



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