



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Opening Sentence

Officiant Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Confession of Sin

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

Officiant and 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, * the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, * so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 98 *Please say in unison*

**1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.**

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

**3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

**5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

**6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

**7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

**9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

The Song of Moses

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle

A Song to the Lamb

Splendor and honor and kingly power *

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, *

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, *

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, * and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, * for ever and for evermore.

Third Reading

John 15:9-17

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Third Canticle

The Song of the Redeemed

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor, through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Hope

Officiant O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord has done marvelous things. So let us boldly pray, saying, “We lift up our voices to you: *Holy Spirit, fall upon us.*”

Loving Parent, you have chosen us to be members of your Church: help us to obey what you command; help us to love one another as you love us.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations: we pray you judge the people of the world according to your righteousness, not according to our ignorance or folly.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out with joy before you: open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends: bless the first responders who consistently risk their health and lives for friends and strangers.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, you always remember your mercy and faithfulness to your people: we ask you, in Jesus’ name, to heal and comfort those for whom we pray at this time.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Loving Parent, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: may we, with those who have died, abide in your love forever.

Silence

We lift up our voices to you:

Holy Spirit, fall upon us.

Diocesan Circle of Prayer:

- For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector
- St. Paul's, Flint – Dan Scheid, Rector
- St. John's Church, Sturgis – James Lively, 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; Wayne 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

Our Family and Friends in the Armed Forces

Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

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

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

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

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 16
Service	10:15 am	10:15 am
Lector	Isabel Kempton	Nancy Foster
Intercessor	Jerry Hoekwater	Pat Foster
Music	Quiet Service	Quiet Service
LECTIONARY Next Week		
Seventh Sunday of Easter		
1st Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Response: Psalm 1		
2nd Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 Gospel: John 17:6-19		
St Mary's Monthly Worship Format		
Our services take place on Zoom at 10:15 am each Sunday.		
1 st and 2 nd Sunday - Morning Prayer		
3 rd Sunday - Holy Eucharist with distribution of communion in the parking lot at St. Mary's		
4 th Sunday - Holy Eucharist with distribution of communion in the parking lot at St. Andrew's		
5 th Sunday - Morning Prayer		

In case of an emergency need for Pastoral Care call: Mtr. Radha Kaminski 352-727-8927.
Or Diane Wilson 231-846-1518 or Jerry Hoekwater 231-775-5580.

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan

5347 Clyde Park Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
(616) 319-2006 | www.edwm.org

The Rt. Rev. Gladstone (Skip) Adams
Consultant to the Standing Committees
sadams@edwm.org

The Rev. Canon Anne Hallmark
Canon Missioner for the Northern Region
ahallmark@edwm.org

**Central Michigan
Episcopal Covenant**

Member Churches:
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

www.cmecovenant.org

The Rev. Radhajyoti Kaminski
Rector
rector.cmec@gmail.com
(352) 727-8927

Tara Lee
Covenant Administrator

Dawn Paulin, Treasurer
stmarycadtreas@gmail.com

Leadership Council
Nancy Foster (Facilitator), 2024
Mark Lauzon, 2024
Isabel Kempton (Secretary), 2023
Jim Pals, 2023
Jim Hunt, 2022
Anne Stanton, 2022

**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church**

323 S. State St.
Big Rapids, MI 49307
standrewsbr@gmail.com
(231) 796-5473

www.standrewsbr.com

The Rev. Robert Garrels
Director of Music
boogiebob40@hotmail.com

Isabel Kempton, Senior Warden
isabelkempton@gmail.com

Betty Stolarek, Junior Warden
bettystolarek@gmail.com

Bob Stanton, Treasurer
robstant@netonecom.net

St. Andrew's Vestry
Coleen Dice, 2024
Betty Stolarek, 2024
Beth Hamelund, 2023
Chris Lisuzzo, 2023
Isabel Kempton, 2022
Dianne Lauzon, 2022

**St. Mary's
Episcopal Church**

815 Lincoln St.
Cadillac, MI 49601
stmaryscadillac@gmail.com
(231) 775-9641

www.stmaryscadillac.org

Diane Wilson, Senior Warden
dewilson8980@gmail.com

Jim Williams, Junior Warden
j.williamsanton@att.net

Dawn Paulin, Treasurer
stmarycadtreas@gmail.com

St. Mary's Vestry
Diane Wilson, 2024
Ross Maxwell, 2024
Jim Williams, 2023
Linda Mochmar, 2023
Jim Hunt, 2022
Karen Peters, 2022