



**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 12, 2025**

**WELCOME**

to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

a member 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.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Cadillac, MI

We strive 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**

BCP, p. 355

**Processional Hymn**

*All stand as able.*

**Hymnal, #116**

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

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

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

*The celebrant prays the collect for purity.*

**Praise Hymn**

**Bulletin Insert**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *The celebrant prays the collect of the day.*

**The Lessons**

*All sit as able. Text found in the bulletin insert.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

*After the reading:* **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 29**

**Second Reading**

**Acts 8:14-17**

*After the reading:* **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

*All stand as able.*

*Longing for the light, Bulletin Insert*

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

*Before the Gospel:*

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

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

*After the Gospel:*

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Homily**

**Mtr. Radha Kaminski**

**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 Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*All stand as able.*

**Celebrant** Dear people of God: through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us now, as we remember Christ's own baptism, renew the promises of Holy Baptism.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People** **I do.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** **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.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** **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.**

**Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

### *Hear Our Prayer*

Intercessor Glorious and Wondrous God, in thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and needs to you in prayer as we say, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Raise up in your church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Trinity, Niles – Kathy, Senior Warden, Transfiguration, Indian River - Kathy, Senior Warden. 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,

Laurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the fellowship of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Fred, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Inspire this assembly through the inbreaking of the Spirit in our lives that our faiths may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel mission renewed. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world that we might be good stewards and develop sustainable practices so that nature's abundance might be available to all future generations.

*Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer**

Intercessor Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the

knowledge of your love to all people. Especially we pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Betty, Rachel, Gordon, Kris, Bob, Bill, Janie, Bill, Scott & Laura, Harry & Melissa, Jerry, Helen & Raymond Jr., Raymond Sr., The Miller family, Chris, Angie, Donna, Marty, Dawn, Doug; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer; J.P., Ken, Jerry & Karlene, Kelsay, Heather, Joey, Bruce, Lawson, Sue, Gavin, Delcine, Linda, Kathy, Mija; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Wesley, Owen, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and, welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hear our prayers and grant our desires as may be best for us and in ways that show forth your grace and mercy. All this we ask through our only advocate and Lord, Jesus, who is Christ and lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord 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**

**The Offertory** *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

While the offertory plates are brought to the altar, all sing:

## The Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

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

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## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 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.**

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

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

Celebrant 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.

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



Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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:

## **The Sanctus**

**Hymnal, #S-125**

*The people stand or kneel as able while the celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine. Then says:*

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

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

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; 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.

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

Celebrant      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.

**People**      **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. Then all sing:*

**The Fraction**




**Hymnal, #S-164**





### **The Invitation**

Celebrant      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome at God's table.*

*Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. Return to your pew by the side aisle. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.*

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-ALCHOLIC	If you require non-alcoholic wine, clasp your hands. After drinking, hand the cup back.

**Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal, #121**

**Prayer after Communion**      *All stand or kneel as able.*

**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**

*All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

**Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal, #436. V1-3**

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

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