



# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 26, 2021

**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

*All hymns may be found in the bulletin inserts.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand as able.*

#### Processional Hymn

**Bulletin Insert LBW #381 v.1-3**  
*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

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

All **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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

*All sit as able.*

### **First Reading**

**Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

Reader       A reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to

Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

## Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## Second Reading

## James 5:13-20

Reader                      A reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one

another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Reader**            **The Word of the Lord.**

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

*All stand as able.*

**Gospel Hymn**

**Bulletin Insert**

*As the Deer*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 9:38-50**

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to



**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 people kneel or stand as able.*

**The Prayers of the People**

**Form IV**

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your  
Name may be united in your truth, live together in  
your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip,  
our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of

Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; Grace, Standish - Deborah Schoenborn, Sr. Warden St. Francis of Assisi, Shelbyville – Mike Wood, 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 Alicia, Joe, Natalie, Alex, Derek, Catherine, Rebecca, Matt, Dell, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim, Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Tom, our mayor. *Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Tammy, Betty, Eileen, Donna, Kevin, Kris, Bob and Beth, Suzanne, Ryan, Judy, Dennis, Rosemary, Beth, Doug, Marty & Rachel, Patsy, Michelle, Richard;

For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer:  
Dennis, Dale, Jim, Barbara, Hannah, George, Barb, Linnea, Val, Katie, Eli, Lorie & Deliah, Renee, Mike, Ruth, Erika, Pat, Lois, Tom, Mike, John, Erika, Penney, Keith, Mike;

For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Eli, Jon, Richard, Tony; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy  
**People Hear our prayer.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

**All 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** *All stand as able.*

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we encourage a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.*

## **The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Offertory**

**Celebrant** 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*

*A stationary offertory plate may be found at the back of the sanctuary.*

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP, pg. 361**

*All stand as able.*

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     It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The celebrant continues with the proper preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.**

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

*The celebrant continues.*

Celebrant     Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All            Christ has died.  
                  Christ is risen.  
                  Christ will come again.**

*The celebrant continues.*

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     Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People        Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Invitation**

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.

*All are welcome at God's table.*

*Please come to the bottom of the steps to receive communion. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest for one when you come up.*

**Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 1982, #439**

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*All stand or kneel as able.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** 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**

*All stand as able.*

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

## **Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal 1982, #551**

## **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant**    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Today's altar flowers were given this morning by Nan Peete to the  
Glory of God.*

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