

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *All stand as able.* **Hymnal, #174**

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

Song of Praise *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* **Bulletin Insert**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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 **Acts 8:26-40**

After the reading: **Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 22:24-30**

Second Reading **1 John 4:7-21**

After the reading: **Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able.* **Hymnal, #457**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-8

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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: was incarnated of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

- Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;
- People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
- Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world; For our President, Joe,
for our governor, Gretchen, for our mayor, Fred;
- People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
- People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
- People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
- Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
- People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
- Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya,
our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal
Covenant; For the staff of our parishes; Church of the Mediator,
Harbert – Darlene, Rector; St. John’s, Charlotte – Wendy, 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 Barrett,
Alex, Matt, Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jess,
Julianne, Rachel, Cathy, Kathryn, Kris, Johnathan, Theresa. We pray
also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of
Deacons, including: Mary, Deb, Laura, Jennifer, Christi, Paige. We

remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. For all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Greg, Lorraine & Bob, Bill, Melissa & Scott, Lisa, Hunter, Bobby Jo & Harold, Beth, Bob & Sandra, Nicole; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Fred, Lynne, Leon, Carolyn, Erin, Larry & Therese, Connie & Mike, Jenn, Luke, DeeDee, Shanna, Sue, Larry, Zack, Pam, J.P., Thom, Jim; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Eli, Jess, Owen, Wesley; And all those that we name at this time. *Silence*
Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*
The People may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*
The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

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 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 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

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 blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
L.M.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, EOW

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus

Hymnal, #S-128

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Andrew and Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. **AMEN.**

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-154





The Invitation

The celebrant says the invitation.

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, #662

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 while the celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal, #182, v1-3

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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