



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

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, #400, v1,2,6,7**

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.

Song of Praise *For the Fruit of All Creation, 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 **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 78:1-7**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able.*

Hymnal, #397

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After the Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily

The Rev. Radha Kaminski

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

All **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

Form III

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; For Michael, our
Presiding Bishop; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal
Covenant; Transfiguration, Indian River; St. Paul's, Gladwin – Frank,
Sr. Warden, Trinity, Niles – Kathy, Sr. Warden; for all bishops and
other ministers. 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, and Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jessica,
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. *Silence*
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Fred, our mayor;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Beth, Painter Family, Nan, Sally, Larry & Nancy, Jeffrey, Rodger & Judy; For St. Mary's circle of prayer: Sharon & Family, Ron & Judy, Erin, Dorothea, Lonnie & Heather, Mike & Connie, Virginia, Renee; 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.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

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 each other in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

Pledge Ingathering and Blessing

prayer written by The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, from the UTO Book of Prayers

All are invited to come forward to place our pledges of time, talent, and treasure on the altar.

Celebrant Most Loving God, we place on this altar of love these pledges of our very lives. These little pieces of paper represent many things, our time, our gratefulness for this place called St. Andrew's. They represent our dreams, our hopes, our vision of the future, our life together as a people committed to following you and sharing you with others. May our lives lived outside these walls reflect that vision. May our gifts, these and others, not be viewed as leverage with you, but rather as gifts of thankfulness for all that we have been given. We pray for the continuing mission of St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, and the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant, that they may continue to be a place of comfort and guidance to all people and a place where all are welcome no matter who they are or where they are on their journey of faith. And now we ask your blessing on these cards, all they represent, and especially the pledge we have made to you through them and with our lives. **Amen.**

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 A, BCP p. 361

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.**

The celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response all sing:

The Sanctus

Hymnal, #S-129

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 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign. The people respond
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-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.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal, #339

Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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, #398

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's altar flowers are given by Anne & Bob Stanton to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

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