



## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 27, 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, #383**

**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**

**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**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

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

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

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 124**

**Second Reading**

**Romans 12-1-8**

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

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

**Gospel Hymn**      *All stand as able.*

**Hymnal, #685**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*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**

**Mtr. 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; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Radha, our Rector;  
our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; Transfiguration, Indian  
River, St. Luke's, Roger's City - Jeri, Sr. Warden, St. Mark's, Newaygo –  
BJ, Rector; 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, Sarah, Julane, George, Tyler Ruppert Family, Karen & Mark, Christi, Liz, Sharyn, Painter Family, Nan; For St. Mary's circle of prayer: Ron & Judy, Alice, Jennifer, Brian, Madi, Larry, Erin, Dorothea, Candy & Jim, Lonnie & Heather, Mike & Connie, Kelly; 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, especially Randy & Donna, 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.*

Celebrant Loving God, Coat the year before us with miracles of your mercy and strength, and help us appreciate most of all the bedrock miracle of your presence with us in every single ordinary, sacred moment. Lead us this school year into life-giving rhythms of grace and light, where our regular routines become the framework for worship and blessing.

**Amen.**

**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.*

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

*from Illustrated Ministry*

*All students, teachers, and schoolworkers are invited to come forward with their backpack, workbag, or other symbol of their work for a blessing as the school year begins.*

*The celebrant passes out the backpack tags then says this blessing:*

Celebrant     *NAME[S]*, this school year, may you be curious and kind, gentle and strong, brave and loving.

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant     God of fresh starts and new beginnings,  
we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.  
In our backpacks, we carry blank pages,  
sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons,  
and in our hearts, we carry big feelings,  
unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.  
There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring  
— of what we might learn, who we might meet,  
and who we might become.  
God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.  
Be with us as we ride the bus.  
Be with us as we walk.  
Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.  
However we get there, and whatever we wear,  
bless this journey into something new.  
For the grown-ups going back to school,  
With-Us God, be with them too.  
Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders,  
and for all they do to help us learn and grow.  
God, our friend who's full of wonder,  
fill their hearts and bless their hands. **Amen.**

## **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 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-128**

*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-154**

### **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, #691**

**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.*

Celebrant Children, families, and all who love them,  
go out into the beautiful world that God has made!  
Go and play!  
Go and learn!  
Go and love others!  
May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself and everyone around you. May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe, healthy, and full of joy. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal, #688**

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The Altar Flowers for today are given by Nan Peete to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the Congregation during my cancer treatments.*

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