

Welcome

*to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant*

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026**



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.

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.

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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE I

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.*

Hymnal, #362

The officiant opens with a sentence of scripture for the season.

BCP, p. 38

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able.*

Officiant Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall forth thy praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon & Venite

All **The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
 and the strength of the hills is his also.
 The sea is his, and he made it, * and his hands prepared the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is the Lord our God, *
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
 and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.**

The Psalm: Psalm 40:1-12

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At the end of the Psalm all say

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons *All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.*

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

After the reading: Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

Canticle 2, A Song of Praise

**All Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.
 Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.
 Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.
 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
 and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.
 Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

After the reading: Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

Second Canticle

Canticle K, A Song of Our Adoption

**All We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of
the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
 the Father, of an infinite majesty thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to
be born of a Virgin. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.**

Third Reading

John 1:29-42

After the reading: Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily, or reading of a text.

The Apostles' Creed

Said by all, standing as able.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;

People **Thy saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day *The officiant prays the collect, found in the bulletin insert.*

Hymn at the Prayers

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The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Intercessor God of strength and resoluteness, you have sought to make yourself known to us and to show us your loving care. Hear our collective hopes and prayers as we say, “Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**” Encourage the truth speakers and prophets of your church, that we might see the Christ in our midst. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne our Assisting Bishop; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; the Bishop Search & Transition Committees; St. John’s, Alma - Doug, Senior Warden; Church of the Nativity, Boyne City – Kathryn, 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, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Cathy, 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 Be with the leaders of our nation, Hold them accountable to their commitments to liberty, peace, and unity. *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 Donald, our president; Gretchen our governor; Fred, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant us the wisdom, strength, and perseverance to make difficult decisions for the welfare of creation. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heal those in pain or illness. Bring joy to the sorrowful, hope to the forlorn. Grant a path to your promise to all who have lost their way. . Especially we pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: : Len & Roxanne, Marty & Rachel, Doug, William, Marga & Barbara, Kris, Kathy, Merrelyn, Denita, Mary, Chuck, Jim; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Lacey & Zoe, Gail & Family, Jenny, Greg & Karen, Noreen, Keith & Sherry, Rick, Jace, Cat, Patti, Willow & baby; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Owen, Wesley, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess, Javyd (Jay-vid), Alex; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide us as we seek to become icons of Christ and builders of the kingdom of God in all places our lives take us. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring peace to the dying and comfort to those who grieve. Grant us all a new life in your eternal presence. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Officiant Your Son lived and died as one of us that we might know the surest path to the live we were created for. Let the light of his love shine in our lives, dispelling all darkness and leading us ever forward into our glory. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving *Said in unison* **BCP p. 58**
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world

by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

For a Birthday	BCP 830, #50 or #51
For an Anniversary	BCP 431, first prayer
Travelers	BCP 831, #53

Closing Hymn

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The Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*



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