

Welcome

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

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 4, 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 II

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.*

Hymnal, #119,v1-3

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

BCP, p. 78

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 & Jubilate

All **Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us,

and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm: Psalm 84

Bulletin Insert

At the end of the Psalms 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

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

First Canticle

Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah

**All Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
 ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
 by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
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.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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

Second Canticle

Canticle K, A Song of Our Adoption

All Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ,
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of your will,
to the praise of your glorious grace,
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of your grace which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,
the mystery of your will,
according to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to gather together all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Third Reading

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 or Luke 2:41-52 or Matthew 2:1-12

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 also with you.**

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 B

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

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

Hymn at the Prayers

Hymnal, #128,v1-2,5

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Intercessor Creator God, you have formed us for purpose. Enter more deeply into our hearts that we might more fully know you and the role you have created us for, and accept our prayers as we say, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Empower your church to speak truth and to stand boldly against the dark powers of this world, that it might be a refuge and a place for hope. 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. Dunstan's, Davison - Sue, Priest-in-Charge; Holy Spirit, Belmont - Dan, Rector. 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 Embolden your people to hold to account the leaders of the world, that they might pursue policies of peace and international fellowship.

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 discerning and generous hearts that your blessings might be made known to our neighbors through our actions. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Equip us and sustain us to forestall environmental catastrophe, and to preserve the glorious abundance of creation for future generations.

Silence Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Support those who suffer and make your healing presence known to them. Especially we pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer:

Merrelyn, Denita, Mary, Chuck, Jim, Kris, Marga & Barbara, Rachel & Marty, Doug; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Lacey & Zoe, Gail & Family, Jenny, Greg & Karen, Demetrius, Noreen, Keith & Sherry; 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 Accept the dying into your loving arms and greet us also in the hour of our deaths that we might rise again in your new age. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Officiant Speak to us and guide us in our life's path so that we might be fully the people you created us to be. All we have and all we ask comes from you, O Lord who with the Son and Holy Spirit, reigns forever, One God. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving *Said in unison* **BCP p. 101**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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

Hymnal, #93

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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