



# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## October 3, 2021

**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.

## MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #616, v1-4

Opening Sentence

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Confession of Sin

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

*All kneel as able. 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.**

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.**

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. Alleluia.**

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

All            **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:**

**Come let us adore him.**

## The Psalm

## Psalm 26

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

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

**The Lessons**

*All sit as able.*

**First Reading**

**Job 1:1; 2:1-10**

Reader        A reading from the book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still

persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader            The word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

## First Canticle      A Song of Creation, Part I: The Cosmic Order

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \***

**O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \***

**all winds and fire and heat.**

**Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \***

**drops of dew and flakes of snow.**

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \***

**O shining light and enfolding dark.**

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Reader

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in

bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader            The word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Canticle

### A Song of Creation, Part II: The Earth and its Creatures

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,**  
**and all that grows upon the earth, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \***  
**O whales and all that move in the waters.**

**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \***  
**and all you flocks and herds.**

**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

### **Third Reading**

**Mark 10:2-16**

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does

not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Reader**            The word of the Lord.

**People**            Thanks be to God.

### **Third Canticle**

#### **A Song of Creation, Part III: The People of God**

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Reflection**            *The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily,  
or reading of a devotional text, story, or poem.*

## 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, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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 A

Officiant	Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People	<b>And grant us your salvation.</b>
Officiant	Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People	<b>Let your people sing with joy.</b>
Officiant	Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People	<b>For only in you can we live in safety.</b>
Officiant	Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People	<b>And guide us in the way of justice and truth.</b>
Officiant	Let your way be known upon earth;
People	<b>Your saving health among all nations.</b>
Officiant	Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People	<b>Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.</b>
Officiant	Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People	<b>And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.</b>

## The Collect of the Day

Officiant      Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn at the Prayer**

**Bulletin Insert**

*Create in Me*

**The Prayers of the People**

**Form IV**

Intercessor    Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

St. John's, Sandusky - Darlene McClelland, Sr.  
Warden

St. Paul's, Muskegon – Eileen Stoffan, 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 Alicia, Joe, Natalie, Alex, Derek, Catherine, Rebecca, Matt, Dell, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim, Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Tom, our mayor.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Kevin, Kris, Bob and Beth, Suzanne, Ryan, Judy, Dennis, Rosemary, Beth, Doug, Marty & Rachel, Patsy, Michelle, Richard, Eileen;

For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Val, Katie, Eli, Lorie & Deliah, Renee, Mike, Ruth, Erika, Pat, Lois, Tom, Mike, John, Erika, Penney, Keith, Mike, George, Barb;

For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Eli, Jon, Richard, Tony;

And for all those we name at this time.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**All 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

For an Anniversary

BCP, 431, first prayer

### Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

**People Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Closing Hymn**

**Hymnal 1982, #615**

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