



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.*

Hymnal, #493 v1-3

Opening Sentence

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

BCP, p. 76

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.**

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.**

Antiphon

All **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.**

The Venite

All 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!

The Psalm: Psalm 23

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
 call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
 so are my ways higher than your ways,
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
 and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
 it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.
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 5:8-14

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Second Canticle

Canticle 14, A Song of Penitence

All O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Third Reading

John 9:1-41

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 in unison, 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 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 of the day, found in the bulletin insert.

Hymn at the Prayers

Hymnal, #664

The Prayers of the People

Form V

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,
O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional;
Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan
Episcopal Covenant. Trinity, West Branch - Luke, Sr. Warden, Church
of the Epiphany, South Haven – Jim, Interim Rector, St. John’s, Mt.
Pleasant – Diane, 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 Joe, Barrett, Alex, Matt, and Anne
Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred
Order of Deacons, including: Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jennifer,
Justin, Jessica, Julianne, Beckett, Rachel, John, Linda, Cathy, Dell,
Theresa. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese.
For all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions
may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we
pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the
Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; and Fred, our mayor, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Jill, Shelley, Raymond & Carolyn, Barbara, Coleen, Kyler, Marty & Rachel, Doug, Beth, Sarah, Paula, Sally, Julane, Jack, Sharon, Richard, Susan, Carlson Family, Jessica; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Ken, Kyle, Madi, Lori, Delalia, Cindy, Don, Barb, Lonnie & Heather, Dorothea, Erin, Zack, Colleen; 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; And for all those we name at this time.
Silence We pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Andrew, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God. *Silence*

Officiant All these things we have spoken, and those which we name in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, forever and ever. **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 or #51
For an Anniversary	BCP 431, first prayer
Travelers	BCP 831, #53

Closing Hymn

Hymnal, #663 v1-3

The 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.**

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