



## **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 15, 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, #587

*Our father, by whose Name*

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.**

## **Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; \*

holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

**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**

**1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14**

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God,

you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

**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**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

Reader        A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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**

**John 6:51-58**

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Reader        The word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

**Third Canticle**

**The Song of Mary**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
**He has mercy on those who fear him \***  
in every generation.  
**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \***  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \***  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
**The promise he made to our fathers, \***  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
**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.**

**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 And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People Let your people sing with joy.**

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

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

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

**People Your 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 your Holy Spirit.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Officiant Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# Hymn at the Prayer

# Bread of Life from Heaven, V 1-3, 5

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv-en, we

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -

4 Take in the light that will nev - er dim, taste the  
 5 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 6 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.  
 hearts on the food that en - dures.  
 self for the life of the world.  
 life that is strong - er than death.  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word.  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;

Eat, all of you, and be sat - is - fied; in Christ's  
 Come, learn the true and the liv - ing way, that the  
 Come to the one who is food for you, that your  
 Live in the one who will come and then  
 Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly One of God, raise you  
 trust his re - turn and, with ev - 'ry breath, and be -  
 praise the

*Refrain*

pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 full - ness of life may be yours.  
 hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 up at the last with the blest.  
 lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 one in whom you are re - born.

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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;

Standing Committees and Diocesan Councils of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan  
All Saints Church, Saugatuck - Jay Emerson  
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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 govenor; 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: Tammy, Derrek and Ruth, Betty, Eileen, Donna, Kevin, Kris, Bob and Beth, Suzanne, Ryan, Judy, Dennis, Rosemary, Beth;

For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Dennis, Dale, Jim, Barbara, Hannah, Barb, George, Mike, and Linnea, Val, Katie, Eli, Lori & Deliah, Renee, Mike, Ruth, Erika, Pat, Lois;

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, #599**

*Lift every voice and sing*

*Today's altar flowers were given this morning by Nan Peete to the Glory of God and thanksgiving for the birth of my August 9<sup>th</sup> and for my birthday August 19<sup>th</sup>.*

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