



# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 19, 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, #379

*God is love, let heaven adore him*

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 1**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of  
the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not  
wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when  
judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**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.**

**First Reading****Proverbs 31:10-31**

Reader        A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Reader

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to 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 9:30-37

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 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 Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn at the Prayer**

**Bulletin Insert**

*As the Deer*

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;

Trinity, Bay City – Sue Rich, Rector  
Plainsong Farm - Nurya Love Parish, Executive Director

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: Tammy, Derrek and Ruth, Betty, Eileen, Donna, Kevin, Kris, Bob and Beth, Suzanne, Ryan, Judy, Dennis, Rosemary, Beth, Doug, Marty & Rachel, Patsy, Michelle, Richard;

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

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, #477, v1-3**

*All praise to thee, for thou, O king divine*

*Today's altar flowers were given this morning by Margaret A. Gingrich to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Y.O. and Margaret Morris.*

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