



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.*

Hymnal, #208, v1-3

Opening Sentence

Officiant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

All Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover

All Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm: Psalm 23

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At the end of the Psalms all say

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Lessons

All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

After the reading:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

Canticle H, A Song of Hosea

All Come, let us return to our God, *
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,
On the third day restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *
whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower, *
like spring rains that water the earth.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

After the reading:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Third Reading

John 10:11-18

After the reading:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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.

All **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 **God 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

Officiant Help us, O God our Savior;

People Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Officiant Look upon your congregation;

People Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Officiant Declare your glory among the nations;

People And your wonders among all peoples.

Officiant Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People Never forget the lives of your poor.

Officiant Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Officiant Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

People So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

The officiant prays the collect of the day, found in the bulletin insert.

A Collect of Creation for Earth Day

Holy God, your mercy is over all your works, and in the web of life each creature has its role and place. We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, lichen and whale; we honor you for whirlwind and lava, tide and topsoil, cliff and marsh. Give us hearts and minds eager to care for your planet, humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones, justice to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants, and love not limited by our ignorance. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who unifies what is far off and what is near, and in whom, by grace and the working of your Holy Spirit, all things hold together. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Prayers

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The Prayers of the People

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Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world; For our President, Joe,
for our governor, Gretchen, for our mayor, Fred;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya,
our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal
Covenant; St. Matthew, Saginaw - Mary Jo, Priest, Church of the
Epiphany, South Haven – Jim, Interim 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 Barrett, Alex, Matt, Anne Marie, Abraham,
John, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Rachel, Cathy, Kathryn, Kris,
Johnathan, Theresa. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing
for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Mary, Deb, Laura, Jennifer,
Christi, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the
diocese. For all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Greg, Lorraine & Bob, Bill, Melissa & Scott, Lisa, Hunter, Bobby Jo & Harold, Beth, Bob & Sandra, Nicole; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Fred, Lynne, Leon, Carolyn, Erin, Larry & Therese, Connie & Mike, Jenn, Luke, DeeDee, Shanna, Sue, Larry, Zack, Pam; 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, Owen, Wesley;
And all those that we name at this time. *Silence*
Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*
The People may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, espeically Sharyn, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*
The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

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 or #51
For an Anniversary	BCP 431, first prayer
Travelers	BCP 831, #53

Closing Hymn

Hymnal, #663

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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