



All Saints' Day

November 5, 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, #287, v1-3

Opening Sentence

BCP p. 78

Officiant You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 79

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. Alleluia.**

All The Lord is glorious in his saints: Come, let us adore him.

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
 let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.

- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

**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.*

First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

First Canticle

Canticle A, A Song of Wisdom

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors, a holy people and a blameless race.

**She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.**

**To the saints she gave the reward of their labors,
and led them by a marvelous way;**

She was their shelter by day and a blaze of stars by night.

She brought them across the Red Sea, she led them through mighty waters;

**But their enemies she swallowed in the waves
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.**

**And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name,
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;**

**For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute,
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.**

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle

Canticle K, A Song of Our Adoption

**Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.**

**Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ,
that we should be holy and blameless before you.**

**You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of your will,**

**To the praise of your glorious grace, that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,**

According to the riches of your grace which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ,

as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Third Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Reader A reading from Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All stand as able.

Officiant Let us reaffirm our renunciation of evil and renew our commitment to Jesus Christ.

**All 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.**

All With God's help, I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

With God's help, I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

With God's help, I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

With God's help, I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.

With God's help, I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

Officiant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

Officiant Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Prayers

Hymnal, #625, v1-3

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor Alleluia! Let us join the countless throngs who sing God's praises, praying, "We bless, O Lord; **your praise is ever in our mouths.**" God of the pilgrim Church, you love us and call us your children: give your Church a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Continue to nurture us by the example and fellowship of those saints who have journeyed before us. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Transfiguration, Indian River, Trinity, Lexington – Virginia, Sr. Warden, St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids – Molly, 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, and Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jessica, 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. *Silence*

We bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Intercessor God of all people, you love us and call us your children: In a world of violence and war, you bless the peacemakers. Make us instruments of healing and peace. *Silence*

We bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Intercessor God of creation, you love us and call us your children: you have given this earth to the meek. May our steps be gentle and leave a small footprint on our earth. As it has been handed on to us, may we carefully preserve this creation for future generations. *Silence*

We bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Intercessor God of the city, you love us and call us your children: bless the poor with good things. Visit our impoverished neighborhoods with hope, mercy, and relief. Give us hearts for the poor in our region. *Silence*

We bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence*

We bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Intercessor God of the mournful and suffering, you love us and call us your children: comfort and heal those in need. Hear them in their affliction and save them from their troubles.

We pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Beth, Christi, Liz, Sharyn, Nan, Painter Family, Sally, Larry & Nancy, Kim, Jeffrey, Rodger & Judy, Elizabeth; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Madi, Larry, Sharon & Family, Ron & Judy, Erin, Dorothea, Lonnie & Heather, Mike & Connie, Virginia, Renee, Larry & Therese; 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 bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Intercessor God of Church at rest, you love us and call us your children: we praise you for the faith and witness of all the saints. May their prayers and presence continue to strengthen us. It is with their triumphant voices that we join our own prayers and praises. Alleluia! *Silence*

We bless, O Lord;

People **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Reading of the Necrology

Anne and Bob Stanton

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, #618, v1-3

The Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen**

Officiant May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore our guide and companion in the way.

Amen.

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on our behalf, as he hears our prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen our faith and devotion, and enable us to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 44th Wedding Anniversary of Doug and Jodi Gabert.



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