

Welcome

*to St. Mary's Episcopal Church
a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant*

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026**



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.

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.

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP, p. 323

Processional Hymn *Will you come and follow me, St. Mary's Songbook, p.123*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *The celebrant prays the collect of the day.*

The Lessons *All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.*

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

After the reading: **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

After the reading: **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able. Thy Word, St. Mary's Songbook, p.114*

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel: **Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Mtr. Radha Michel-Trapaga

The Nicene Creed *Said in unison, all standing as able.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Intercessor God of strength and resoluteness, you have sought to make yourself known to us and to show us your loving care. Hear our collective hopes and prayers as we say, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Encourage the truth speakers and prophets of your church, that we might see the Christ in our midst. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne our Assisting Bishop; Radha, our Rector; Beck, our Deacon; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; the Bishop Search & Transition Committees; St. John's, Alma - Doug, Senior Warden; Church of the Nativity, Boyne City - Kathryn, Senior Warden. 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 Abraham, Laurie, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Cathy, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Be with the leaders of our nation, Hold them accountable to their commitments to liberty, peace, and unity. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Donald, our president; Gretchen our governor; David, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant us the wisdom, strength, and perseverance to make difficult decisions for the welfare of creation. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heal those in pain or illness. Bring joy to the sorrowful, hope to the forlorn. Grant a path to your promise to all who have lost their way. Especially we pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Lacey & Zoe, Gail & Family, Jenny, Greg & Karen, Noreen, Keith & Sherry, Rick, Jace, Cat, Patti, Willow & baby; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Len & Roxanne, Marty & Rachel, Doug, William, Marga & Barbara, Kris, Kathy, Merrelyn, Denita, Mary, Chuck, Jim; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Wesley, Owen, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess, Javyd (Jay-vid), Alex; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide us as we seek to become icons of Christ and builders of the kingdom of God in all places our lives take us. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring peace to the dying and comfort to those who grieve. Grant us all a new life in your eternal presence. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Your Son lived and died as one of us that we might know the surest path to the life we were created for. Let the light of his love shine in our lives, dispelling all darkness and leading us ever forward into our glory. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *Silence may be kept.*

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit. *The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus, Bulletin Insert

After all the gifts are brought to the altar, all say in unison:

All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 p.333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is meet and right so to do.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response all sing:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Pew Folder, p.87

The people stand or kneel as able while the celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine. The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign.

The people respond **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

It is our tradition to gather in a circle to say the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to either stand and join hands, or remain seated.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then says:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.







All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

Please come forward down the center aisle to in front of the altar to receive communion or a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD - You can either,		
	CONSUME	Hold out your hands and then eat the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	GLUTEN-FREE	If you require a gluten-free wafer, clasp your hands.
	BLESSING	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE - You can either,		
	DRINK	Hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	INTINCT	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	NOT RECEIVE	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.

Communion Hymn

What wondrous love is this? Hymnal, #439

Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

The Blessing

All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Jesus call us o'er the tumult, Hymnal, #550

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.



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