



The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

WELCOME

to St. Mary'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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #119

As With Gladness Men of Old

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all
 desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
 perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
 Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

said in unison

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

All sit as able.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
 the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a
place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my
own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Reader A reading from the letter of Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

Gospel Hymn

Pew Folder, pg. 107

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Pew Folder, pg. 44

I Love You, Lord

Homily

Mtr. Radha Kaminski

The Nicene Creed

All stand 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 people kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor The Lord God is both sun and shield; God will give grace and glory. In the house of our God, let us pray, “Lord God of hosts, **hear our prayer.**”

We give thanks for your Church, O God. Bless it with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. May we be made happy in the knowledge of the hope to which we are called.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional-elect, the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

St John’s, Alma – Doug, Sr. Warden

St. James, Albion – Jocelyn, Sr. 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 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, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Lord God of hosts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We give thanks for this nation, O God. Give to our leaders a spirit of wisdom. Deliver them from selfish ambition and give all the people a heart for your children, especially those little ones living in poverty or exile.

We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence*

Lord God of hosts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We give thanks for your creation, O God. Where there is desolation, bring forth springs of clean water. Where your creatures are without a place, may they find their refuge in you. *Silence*

Lord God of hosts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We give thanks for this city, O God. Set us on a straight path where we shall not stumble. Bring new life to languishing areas. *Silence*

Lord God of hosts;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks for all those in our lives, O God. We pray especially for those who know weeping and tears. Turn their mourning into joy, comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Barbaranne, Lori, Deliah, Renee, Linda, Val, Lee, Leah, Ben and Shea.

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Ryan, Jim, Wahl & Rees Family, Beth, Bob & Beth, Pauline, Torry, Tom & Family, Sharon, Ann Carley, Doug, Marty, Rachel, Beth, Dave, Gary;

For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Eli

And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Lord God of hosts;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks for the saints at rest, O God. Gather them into your great heavenly company. May they enjoy forever the riches of your glorious inheritance. *Silence*

Lord god of hosts;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and ever living God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy that rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we encourage a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The celebrant says the offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #128

We Three Kings

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, pg. 361

All stand as able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant continues with the proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel as able.

The celebrant continues.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The celebrant continues.

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

All **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.

Celebrant **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 down the center aisle to the front of the altar to receive communion. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest for one when you come forward.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #124

What Star is This

Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the common wealth of heaven. Amen.**

The Blessing

All stand as able.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal #135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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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