

Welcome

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

**Second Sunday after Christmas
January 4, 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 II

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

The celebrant may pray the collect for purity.

The Gloria

BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

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

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 84

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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

Matthew 2:1-12

Before the Gospel:

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Hymn after the Gospel

I Love you Lord, St. Mary's Songbook, p.52

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 Creator God, you have formed us for purpose. Enter more deeply into our hearts that we might more fully know you and the role you have created us for, and accept our prayers as we say, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Empower your church to speak truth and to stand boldly against the dark powers of this world, that it might be a refuge and a place for hope. 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. Dunstan's, Davison - Sue, Priest-in-Charge; Holy Spirit, Belmont – Dan, 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 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 Embolden your people to hold to account the leaders of the world, that they might pursue policies of peace and international fellowship.

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 discerning and generous hearts that your blessings might be made known to our neighbors through our actions. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Equip us and sustain us to forestall environmental catastrophe, and to preserve the glorious abundance of creation for future generations.

Silence Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Support those who suffer and make your healing presence know to them. Especially we pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Lacey & Zoe, Gail & Family, Jenny, Greg & Karen, Demetrius, 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 Accept the dying into your loving arms and greet us also in the hour of our deaths that we might rise again in your new age. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Speak to us and guide us in our life's path so that we might be fully the people you created us to be. All we have and all we ask comes from you, O Lord who with the Son and Holy Spirit, reigns forever, One God. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

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.**

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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn

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 D, BCP p. 372

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.

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. Then says:

Celebrant And offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All We praise you, we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

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.**

The Invitation

The celebrant says the invitation.

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 *My heart sings out with joyful praise, St. Mary's Pew Folder p.69*

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 commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

The Blessing

All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord..

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.



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