



**First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2024**

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn *All stand as able.*

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 prays the collect for purity.

The Gloria

Hymnal, #S-277

The Collect of the Day

Bulletin Insert

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

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

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 147 or Psalm 147:13-21

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

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 1:1-18

Before the Gospel:

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

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 Kaminski

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Let us pray for ourselves and the world saying, “Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.”**

Heavenly Father, your love spoke the world into existence and abides with us still. Give your church the hunger to know you, the will to study you, and the heart to be your action in the world. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Trinity, Bay City - Sue, Rector; St. John the Apostle, Ionia – Jason, 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, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, 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 Lord of all nations, bless this nation and all nations this coming year with peace and abundance. May we find new ways of being together in service for the common good. *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 Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord of all light, make this a season of good news for all those in the world who are persecuted and bereaved. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord who is constant, grant healing to those who suffer from anxiety and depression, from disease and illness and from all manner of things that affect our body, mind, and spirit. We pray especially for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Erin, Jimmy, Keith, Ken, Jerry & Karlene, Kelsay, Heather, Joey, Bruce, Sue, Gavin, Delcine; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Eileen, Brand Family, Betty, Donna, Marty, Rachel, Gordon, Katsi, Kris, Bob, Bill, Janie, Bill, Scott & Laura, Harry & Melissa, Chris, Jerry, Helen & Raymond Jr., Raymond Sr., The Miller family, Angie, Dawn, Doug; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Owen, Wesley, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Eli, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord deliver all the dying into the comfort of your eternal kingdom, where suffering is gone and where love and restoration are found.

Silence Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant In thanksgiving to you for the love with which you have formed the world, its creatures and us your people; we end our prayers with the hope of living this life in deep awareness of you, O Father; you, O Son and you, Most Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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 each other in the name of the Lord.*

The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign, ending with,

Celebrant Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer *said in unison*

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 and we will encircle you.

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 *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, please 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

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.**

Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

The Blessing

All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The 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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