



The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

August 13, 2023

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: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

O worship the king, Hymnal, #388

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

Song of Praise

Said in unison.

Canticle D, A Song of the Wilderness

**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing,

with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *All sit as able.*

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-11

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-9

- 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.

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able.*

Thy Word, Pew Folder, p.107

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

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

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

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

Hymn after the Gospel

I Love you Lord, Pew Folder, p.44

Homily

The Rev. Beckett LeClaire

Director of Holy Hikes Great Lakes & Bi-Diocesan Youth Missioner

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 Dedication of the Kawai Keyboard

Book of Occasional Services

All They sing to the tambourine and the lyre, and rejoice to the sound of the pipes.

Celebrant Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:

People Praise him with lyre and harp.

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence*

O Lord, before whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: Accept this organ for the worship of your temple, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions for the Christian People

Intercessor God our Savior works revolutions in the earth and turns the world upside down. Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord and rejoice in our God, praying to the holy and mighty one, saying:

People Lord, have mercy.

For the God-fearing, that God look with favor on them from generation to generation. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; Transfiguration, Indian River; Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan, All Saints Church, Saugatuck - Jay, 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 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.

Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For justice in all the earth, that with a mighty arm God scatter the proud, cast down the haughty, and lift up the lowly. We pray for all in authority in our nation and the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Carla, our mayor.

Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the hungry, that they may be fed, Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that they may be filled with good things,
Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the just distribution of the wealth of the world, that none go hungry while others are surfeited,
Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Ron & Judy, Alice, Mike & Connie, Jennifer, Brian, Madi, Larry; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Roxanne, Sarah, Julane, George, Kyler Ruppert Family, Karen & Mark, Juan & Stacey, Christi, Liz, Sharyn, Nan. 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; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence.*
Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all the people of God, that with blessed Mary, the virgin mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, we rejoice as children and heirs of God, redeemed by Christ her son,
Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant Mighty one, whose power does not reside in fleshless lonely purity, whose word in enwombed at the heart of creation: we praise you for Mary, whose hospitable Yes made a place for love; whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble; whose prayer is heard because she is one of us; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin

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 the grace of 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

Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn *Lead us heavenly Father, Hymnal, #559*

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 2

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Pew Folder, p.87

The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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

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 and we will encircle you.

Celebrant 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 consume 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

Grasp 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

Precious Lord take my hand, Pew Folder, p.83

Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

The Blessing

All stand as able.

Celebrant God the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**
Christ who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**
The Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Christ for the world we sing, Hymnal, #539

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

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