



The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

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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

Sing of Mary, Pew Folder, p.97

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 A, The Song of Hannah

My heart exults in you, O God; my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance;

Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the weak are clothed in strength.

Those once full now labor for bread, those who hungered now are well fed.

The childless woman has borne sevenfold, while the mother of many is forlorn.

God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up;

gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.

God raises the poor from the dust; and lifts the needy from the ash heap

To make them sit with the rulers and inherit a place of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are God's on which the whole earth is founded.

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*

The Nicene Creed *Said in unison, all standing as able.* BCP, p. 358

The Dedication of New Prayer Benches

Book of Occasional Services

All Round the heavenly throne were twenty-four other thrones, on which were seated twenty-four elders.

Celebrant The Lord has set his throne in heaven:
People **And his kingship has dominion over all.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence*
O Lord God Almighty, you disclosed in a vision the elders seated around your throne: Accept these prayer benches for the use of those called to minister in your earthly sanctuary, and grant that those who serve you here may do so with reverence and love, to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Re-Dedication and Consecration of the St. Mary's Memorial Garden

Book of Occasional Services and Enriching our Worship

While processing outside say, all say:

All

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Celebrant

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

God of the living and of the dead, renew the face of the ground by your life-giving Spirit; grant that all who rest here may be renewed in the joy of your eternal presence, through Jesus Christ, who is resurrection and life. **Amen.**

Hymn

Holy Ground, 1st verse, Pew Folder p.47

Holy Ground

Words and music by Christopher Beatty

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1. This is ho - ly ground;
ho - ly hands;

We're stand-ing on holy - ground,
He's giv - en us ho - ly hands. For the Lord is pre-sent and
He works through these hands and

10 where He is is ho - ly. This is ho - ly ground; We're stand-ing on
so these hands are ho - ly. These are ho - ly hands; He's giv - en us

15 ho - ly ground. For the Lord is pres-ent and where He is is ho - ly.
ho - ly hands; He works through these hands and so these hands are ho - ly.

20 1. 2. These are

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Prayer for the Consecration of Holy Ground

Celebrant God of time and eternity, whose hands have shaped the universe in love and who makes all ground holy: Bless this ground to be for us a place of sacred memory where the bodies of those we love are laid in hope of your resurrecting call and in confidence of your unfailing love and mercy shown to us in Jesus Christ the risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please remain outside.

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; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; St. John's, Saginaw - Curt, Rector; Pam, Assistant Priest, St. John's, Grand Haven – Jared, 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 Alicia, Joe, Barrett, Alex, Derek, Matt, Dell, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Elizabeth, Joy and Linda. 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: Heather & Lonnie & Family, Renee, Dennis, Sloane, Hazel, Declan, Brenton, Erika, Pat, Taylor and Twins, Lori, Jamie, Pete & Nancy; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Tamara, Marty & Rachel, Beth, Marvin, Andrew, Betty, Autumn, Kim, Diane, Nogah, Jim. For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sebastian, 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 return to the sanctuary.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman, Pew Folder, P.39*

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 *said in unison*

BCP p. 364

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.

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 to the altar to receive communion. We ask that you sanitize your hands. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. The wine is available from the common cup. For intinction, the Eucharistic minister will intinct the wafer for you, then place it back in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the priest know you need one when you come forward.

Communion Hymn

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, Hymnal #81

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

Hail, Holy Queen, Pew Folder, p.38

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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