



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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, #437

Tell out, my soul

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

All sit as able.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

Reader A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in

crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily

Sarah Swart

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 Friends, draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. With open and humble hearts, let us pray, saying, “We have asked wrongly before, O Lord; **may this request be righteous.**”

Give to your Church, O God, wisdom from above. Let us be known as people of peace, gentleness, and mercy.

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

St. Matthew, Saginaw – Mary Jo Hudson, Priest-in-Charge

The Coppage Gordon School for Ministry

St. Luke’s, Kalamazoo – Randall Warren, 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, 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, Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese.

Silence

Intercessor We have asked wrongly before, O Lord;

People May this request be righteous.

Intercessor Lover of souls, we pray for all women and girls around the world. May those who have been oppressed and ignored walk with strength and dignity. We thank you, O God, for women.

Silence

Intercessor We have asked wrongly before, O Lord;

People May this request be righteous.

Intercessor O God, we pray for this earth, our island home. May we not be anxious about earthly things, but give us hope that you are refreshing the resources that we have exploited and misused.

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

Silence

Intercessor We have asked wrongly before, O Lord;

People **May this request be righteous.**

Intercessor Heavenly Father, your son was betrayed, arrested, and killed: be with all captives and prisoners. Fill us with your mercy and wisdom. May our lives show forth the way of the righteous.

Silence

Intercessor We have asked wrongly before, O Lord;

People **May this request be righteous.**

Intercessor Holy God, we ask you to strengthen and heal our ailing loved ones. Bring forth in them good fruit and prosper all that they do in Jesus' name.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer:
Dennis, Dale, Jim, Barbara, Hannah, George, Barb,
Linnea, Val, Katie, Eli, Lorie & Deliah, Renee, Mike,
Ruth, Erika, Pat, Lois, Tom, Mike, John, Erika,
Penney, Keith, Mike;

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer:
Tammy, Derrek and Ruth, Betty, Eileen, Donna,
Kevin, Kris, Bob and Beth, Suzanne, Ryan, Judy,
Dennis, Rosemary, Beth, Doug, Marty & Rachel,
Patsy, Michelle, Richard;

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

Intercessor We have asked wrongly before, O Lord;

People May this request be righteous.

Intercessor Lord, we pray for those who have died. We thank you for those who have showed us faith and wisdom. May we, following the example of our forebears, hold fast to those things that shall endure.

Silence

Intercessor We have asked wrongly before, O Lord;

People May this request be righteous.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The celebrant says the offertory sentence.

At this time the offering plate is stationed at the rear of the sanctuary.

Offertory Hymn

Pew Folder, #99

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:

Sanctus

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #207

F Gm/F F B \flat /F F C
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 F C/E Dm F7/C B \flat F C/E
 might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -
 Dm Gm C7 Fsus F Dm Am/C B \flat F/A
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes
 Gm7 F/A B \flat C7 F F7/C
 in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the
 B \flat F C/E Dm Gm C7 B \flat /F F
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS: Sanctus

MUSIC: Trad. American Melody, Arr. by Jack Schrader

♩ An effective rendition of this song is to sing unison, softly, the first time, with a single guitar strum on each chord; then, to repeat in parts with additional accompaniment.

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LAND OF REST
C.M.

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.

At the distribution of communion, everyone will go down the side aisle closest to them and come up the center aisle to receive communion in front of the altar. After receiving communion, they will return to their seat using the side aisles.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #711

See ye first

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing
Recessional Hymn

All stand as able.
Hymnal 1982, #660
O Master, let me walk with thee

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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