



Easter Sunday

April 9, 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: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn *All stand as able.* *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Hymnal, #207*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Song of Praise *Said in unison.* **Enriching Our Worship, Canticle M**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory
so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *All sit as able.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *

the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

All stand as able.

Halle, Halle, Halle, Pew Folder, p.42

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Mtr. Radha Kaminski

Invitation to the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, “Risen Christ, **to you we give undying praise.**”

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go. *Silence*

Risen Christ

People To you we give undying praise.

Intercessor 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, Sandusky -Darlene, Sr. Warden, St. Timothy's, Richland – Joel, 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 Joe, Barrett, Alex, Matt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jennifer, Justin, Jessica, Julianne, Beckett, Rachel, John, Linda, Cathy, Dell, Theresa. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*
Risen Christ

People **To you we give undying praise.**

Intercessor Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of your world. *Silence*
Risen Christ

People **To you we give undying praise.**

Intercessor Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. From the death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth. *Silence*
Risen Christ

People **To you we give undying praise.**

Intercessor Resurrected One, bring our neighbors from sadness to joy. Where they live in darkness, brighten their lives with a day of splendor and give to all that peace that passes human knowing. *Silence*
Risen Christ

People **To you we give undying praise.**

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*

Risen Christ

People To you we give undying praise.

Intercessor Triumphant Lord, gladden the faces of all who are sad and fearful-hearted. May they rejoice in your victory over sin and pain—even as they share in your glorious triumph. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Kyle, Madi, Lori, Delalia, Cindy, Don, Barb, Lonnie & Heather, Dorothea, Erin, Zack, Colleen, Eli, Fanny, Hannah & Elijah, Julie; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Coleen, Kyler, Marty & Rachel, Doug, Beth, Sarah, Paula, Sally, Julane, Jack, Sharon, Richard, Susan, Carlson Family, Jessica, Phyllis, Leigh, Steve, Patty, Lee Jr., Candy, Norm; our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Eli, Jess; And for all those we name at this time.

Silence

Risen Christ

People To you we give undying praise.

Intercessor Risen Christ, you have opened heaven's gate. You have freed us from the power of sin and death. Through your resurrection, you give us the promise of resurrection to a holier state. Bless the dying and the dead.

Silence

Risen Christ

People To you we give undying praise.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord, Hymnal, #178*

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 A, BCP p. 361

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 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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 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. 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,		
	<i>Consume</i>	Hold out your hands and then consume the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	<i>Gluten-Free</i>	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	<i>Blessing</i>	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE – You can either,		
	<i>Drink</i>	Grasp the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	<i>Intinct</i>	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	<i>Not Receive</i>	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.

Communion Hymn

Now the Green Blade Riseth, Hymnal, #204

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.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright, Hymnal, #193

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and

In memory of Michael Stifler- Linnea Stifler

In gratitude for Sam & Louie Stifler, Kota & Ann Narumi-Stifler, & Bo Ossim – Linnea Stifler

In memory of Lucy Hoekwater – Dale Hoekwater

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In memory of Albert & Doris Knuth – Charlene Knuth

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In memory of Wayne & Alice, Sue, Bob, Eric & Ruth, David – Pals Family



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