



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn

All stand as able.

Jesus Shall Reign, Hymnal, #544

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

Song of Praise

Said in unison.

Enriching Our Worship, Cantic 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 God be with you.

People **And also with you**

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

The Lessons

All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

After the reading: Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

After the reading: Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Before the Gospel

All stand as able.

Thy Word, Pew Folder, p.107

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of our Savior 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, Pew Folder, p.44

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 incarnated 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

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying, "We are yours; **be glorified in us.**"

Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen and establish us and always for your glory. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant.

St. Elizabeth's, Higgins Lake – Mary, Grace Church, Ludington – Mick, Rector, For William, Chancellor of the Eastern and Western Dioceses. 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*

We our yours;

People **Be glorified in us.**

Intercessor Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor. *Silence*

We our yours;

People **Be glorified in us.**

Intercessor Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand. *Silence*

We our yours;

People **Be glorified in us.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence*

We our yours;

People Be glorified in us.

Intercessor Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy. *Silence*

We our yours;

People Be glorified in us.

Intercessor God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care. We pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Susan, Carlson Family, Jessica, Leigh, Steve, Melissa & Family, Sharyn, John, Brenda, Beth, Keller/Cole family, Ian, Melissa & Scott, Nan, Kris, Doug, Marty & Rachel, Marcinkiewz family, Marga & Barbara, Sally & Family, Kyler, Roxanne; For St. Mary's circle of prayer: Erin, Zack, Colleen, Eli, Fanny, Hannah & Elijah, Julie, Patty, Lee Jr., Candy, Norm, Carol, Pat, Madi, Lorie, Derek, Heather & Lonnie, Dorothea; 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, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

We our yours;

People Be glorified in us.

Intercessor Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness. *Silence*

We our yours;

People Be glorified in us.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, EOW

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 But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Pew Folder, p.88

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary and Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

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,



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

I Am the Bread of Life, Hymnal, #335

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.*

Recessional Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, Hymnal, #522*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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