



**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
with the Commemoration of
St. Francis of Assisi
and the Blessing of Animals**

October 3, 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: EOW

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

Processional Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful
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Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise

*The Canticle of the Creatures
St. Francis of Assisi*

**Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory,
and the honor, and all blessing.**

**To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
who is the day and through whom You give us light.**

**And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of
weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit
with colored flowers and herbs.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for
Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.**

**Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.**

**Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.**

**Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy
will, for the second death shall do them no harm.**

**Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord: Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy; 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

Job 12:7-10a

Reader A reading from the book of Job.

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 104:10-25

- 10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
11 giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
15 and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face
shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

- 16 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- 17 In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
- 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
- 19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
- 20 You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
- 21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
- 22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
- 23 People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.
- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything;

but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

Gospel Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Amy Grant, M. W. Smith

Arranged by:

Sonia Sequeira

Adagio, 69 bpm Sl. Ballad

D A D A G A D

Piano



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path

D A D A G A D

Pno.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over

to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

I Love you, Lord

Oh, I love you Lord and I lift my voice to wor - ship
you oh my soul re - joice take pride my king i - n what you hear
may it be a sweet, swe - et sound i - n your ear

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Oh, I love you Lord and I lift my voice to wor - ship you oh my soul re - joice take pride my king i - n what you hear may it be a sweet, swe - et sound i - n your ear". The score includes bar lines, clefs, and various musical notations such as notes, rests, and chords.

Homily

The Rev. Radha Kaminski

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:
was incarnate 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 people kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation, Form 1

from the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Intercessor Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, **“Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”**

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

**People Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Intercessor For all people of faith, especially 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. John’s, Sandusky - Darlene, Sr. Warden
St. Paul’s, Muskegon – Eileen, Priest-in-Charge;

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; For those in

our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim, Michelle, and Linda; with gratitude for the retired clergy of the diocese;

and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism, we pray:

People **Merciful God,**
keep your planet and people in peace.

Intercessor For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

People **Merciful God,**
keep your planet and people in peace.

Intercessor For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

People **Merciful God,**
keep your planet and people in peace.

Intercessor For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People **Merciful God,**
keep your planet and people in peace.

Intercessor For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

**People Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Intercessor For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially Joe, our president, Deb, our secretary of the interior, Michael, our EPA administrator, Gretchen, our governor, and Carla, our mayor, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

**People Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Intercessor For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

**People Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Intercessor For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, especially

For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Val, Katie, Eli, Lorie & Deliah, Renee, Mike, Ruth, Erika, Pat, Lois, Tom, Mike, John, Erika, Penney, Keith, Mike, George, Barb;

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

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 who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People

**Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Intercessor

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

People

**Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Intercessor For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, giving thanks especially for St. Francis, we pray:

**People Merciful God,
keep your planet and people in peace.**

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **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 Blessing of the Animals

Celebrant God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. They are blessed by name by the Presider, using these or other words. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prayer with those who come remembering them.

Celebrant N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

When all have been blessed the Presider prays:

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ 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

Ingathering for the United Thank Offering

Leader Each year, we celebrate the abundance of God by giving out of our resources to the United Thank Offering. This act of generosity is an act of trust and a participation in the gift of the wider church, as we give toward the innovation and growth of the church we love. UTO also supports the church by nourishing us with prayer, and we gather today's harvest out of the soil we have nourished through the prayers that God's will would be done on this earth as it is in heaven. Today, as we take up our offering for UTO, may we be reminded that this is a way we participate in being the Body of Christ, that through this we participate in God's calling to be stewards of the treasures of this world, and may we leave this place with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the riches of God lavished on this church and the broader Christian church that exists to worship God and care for God's people through ministry.

You are invited to bring up your offering for the United Thank Offering and to place it on the altar.

Celebrant Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Hymn

For the beauty of the earth
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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

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 Francis and 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.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

*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 to the front of the altar to receive communion.
If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms
over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask the
priest for one when you come up.*

Communion Hymn *Children of the heavenly Father*
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Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

All stand as able.

Celebrant Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

*Down by the riverside
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The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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