



## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

### 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

*There's a wideness to God's mercy, Hymnal, #470*

*All stand as able.*

#### Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant prays the collect for purity.*

#### 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. *The celebrant prays the collect of the day.*

**The Lessons**      *All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.*

**First Reading**      **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*After the reading:*      Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
                                 People      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**      **Psalm 62:6-14**

**Second Reading**      **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*After the reading:*      Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
                                 People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**      *All stand as able.*      **Thy Word, Pew Folder, p.107**

**The Holy Gospel**      **Mark 1:14-20**

*Before the Gospel:*

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

**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.*

All            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 Prayers of the People

*Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor    Put your trust in God always, O people. With humble hearts let us pray to God: “Steadfast love is yours, O Lord; **show us mercy.**”

O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. Our souls in silence wait for you. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan

Episcopal Covenant. Holy Family, Midland - Debbie, Sr. Warden, St. Paul's, St. Joseph – Karen, Interim 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 Barrett, Alex, Matt, Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jessica, Julianne, Rachel, Cathy, Kathryn, Kris, Johnathan, Theresa. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Mary, Deb, Laura, Jennifer, Christi, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence* Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**People** **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, we recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Our souls in silence wait for you.

*Silence* Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**People** **Show us mercy.**

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* Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**People** **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, we lift to you the hungry and poor of our region, We ask you to be for them a strong rock and refuge. Our souls in silence wait for you.

*Silence* Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**People** **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, in you is our safety and honor. Bless those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace. Our souls in silence wait for you. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Janet, Lawson, Josh & Lindsey, Nancy & Pat, Sally,

Madi, Larry, Ron & Barb, Shanna, Charlene, DeeDee, Anita & Jim, Teri, Larry, Ron, Shelly, JP, Zack; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Elizabeth, Robert, Rob, Jessica, Krystal, Kevin, Kathy, Sharyn, Howie, Stacey & Sally, Judy; 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*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**People**      **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor      O God, even while this life is passing away, you are faithful. Receive into your heavenly kingdom the dying and the dead. Continue to bless them with your love. Our souls in silence wait for you. *Silence*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

**People**      **Show us mercy.**

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession of Sin**      *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

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.**

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Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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 Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**People 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 eat 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	Hold 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, Handout*

## Prayer after Communion

*All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

### The Blessing

*All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

*As with gladness men of old, Hymnal, #119*

## 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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