

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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

Immortal, invisible God only wise, Hymnal, #423

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

1 Samuel 1:4-20

After the reading:

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, [15-18], 19-25

After the reading:

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

All stand as able.

Thy Word, St. Mary's Songbook, p.114

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

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, St. Mary's Songbook, p.52

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 Following the example of Hannah, let us pour out our souls as an offering to the Lord, praying, “My heart exults in you, O God: **for you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.**”

Holy One, you have placed your law in our hearts; you remember our sins no more; you have washed us clean with the pure waters of baptism: may we provoke one another to love and good deeds. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St. Alban’s, Bay City - Nancy, Priest-in-Charge; St. Mark’s, Paw Paw – Nancy, Sr. Warden St. Philip’s, Grand Rapids – Zachariah, 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 Abraham, John, aurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*
My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you raise the poor from the dust; you make the hungry fat with spoil: give us faith to trust in your faithfulness; give us faith to trust you with our possessions, our loved ones, and our lives. *Silence*
My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, centuries of war and famine have exhausted the planet and the people. Change our hearts; renew our planet; give us peace.

Silence

My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you break the bow of the mighty and you strengthen the feeble. You weigh the actions of the arrogant and you strengthen those in positions of authority: guide all who govern and hold authority in our land, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor, and all our local leaders. *Silence*

My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you lift up the needy: hear the prayers of the troubled and the anxious—comfort especially those who long to bear children and cannot. We pray for those in the St. Mary’s circle of prayer: J.P., Jerry, Janet, Erin, Jimmy, Keith, Ken, Jerry & Karlene, Kelsay, Heather, Joey; For those in the St. Andrew’s circle of prayer: Nan, Logan, Greg, Elizabeth, Mark, Eileen, Brand Family, Betty, Kilmartin Family, Donna, Marty, Rachel, Gordon, Katsi, Kris, Bob, Bill, Janie, Bill; 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, Wesley, Owen; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you are the God of Life: may we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray for those who have died, especially Drew, Belle, & Larry. *Silence*

My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Celebrant Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. **Amen.**

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.

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 each other in the name of the Lord.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

The people are invited to come forward with their pledges of time, talent, and treasure and place them on the altar.

Offertory Hymn

The celebrant prays over the pledges:

Celebrant Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, the promises of our members for giving in the year to come. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbors, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless these intentions, pledges, and promises of our wealth, works, and wisdom for the needs of our church. **Amen.**

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 B, BCP p. 367

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)

St. Mary's Songbook, p.88

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, according to his command, O Father,
**All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory:**

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,		
	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

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.

Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God, Hymnal, #397

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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