



First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 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

Forty days and forty nights, Hymnal, #150

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

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

Genesis 9:8-17

After the reading: **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

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.107*

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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.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 Brothers and sisters, Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God. Let us pray to the God of our salvation, saying, “Show us your ways, O God, **and teach us your paths.**”

You, O God, have saved us through the cleansing waters of baptism. And you have called us to minister in the name of your Son. Send us out today to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Trinity, West Branch - Luke, Sr. Warden, St. John’s, Mt. Pleasant – Diane, 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, Jess, 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* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

Intercessor Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Righteous God. Deliver the vulnerable from those who would seek to exploit them. Work through us to bring about a just and peaceful world. *Silence* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

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* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

Intercessor Almighty God, you have made a covenant of peace with every living creature that is on the earth. Make us mindful of those creatures with whom we share this planet. May we live in this world with greater respect for everything around us. *Silence* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

Intercessor O Lord, defend those who are assailed by any variety of temptation. Give them strength in their weakness. Let none who look to you be put to shame. *Silence* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

Intercessor Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. In your mercy, send your healing grace to those in need. Heal the brokenhearted and care for the wounded. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Josh & Lindsey, Nancy & Pat, Sally, Madi, Larry, Ron & Barb, Shanna, Charlene, DeeDee, Anita & Jim, Teri, Larry, Ron, Shelly, JP, Zack, Fred, Lynne, Leon, Carolyn, Erin, Larry & Therese, Connie & Mike, Jenn, Luke; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Rob, Jessica, Krystal, Kevin, Kathy, Sharyn, Howie, Stacey & Sally, Judy, Greg, Lorraine & Bob, 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, Owen, Wesley; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

Intercessor Jesus Christ, all authorities and powers are subject to you, even the power of death. We pray for those who have died, even as we look in hope to the day of resurrection. *Silence* Show us your ways, O God;

People **And teach us your path.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*
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.*

Offertory Hymn *When peace like a river, Insert*

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) **St. Mary's Songbook, 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;




People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

Sweet hour of prayer, Bulletin insert

Prayer after Communion

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

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

Recessional Hymn *The glory of these forty days, **Hymnal, #143***

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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