



## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 30, 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: RITE II**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

BCP, p. 355

**Processional Hymn**

*Be thou my vision, Hymnal, #488*

*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**      **Genesis 29:15-28**

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

**The Psalm**      **Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

**Second Reading**      **Romans 8:26-39**

*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**      **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Before the Gospel:*

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

**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**      **Theresa Williams**

## 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: 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 Sisters and brothers, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name! Let us pray to God, saying, "Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**"

God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. We pray for Michael, our Presiding

Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Trinity Church, St. Andrew's, Gaylord - Pam, Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's, Elk Rapids – Derek, Priest-in-Charge. 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, and 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. O God who has made us one in Christ, we pray for all the people of Transfiguration, Indian River. May they see the presence of your Son in one another and share the good news in the mission and ministries they share. As our dioceses discern and discover collaborative ways, we ask that you strengthen the relationships among us. Reveal Christ to us as we seek and serve your church and your world together. *Silence*  
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence. *Silence*  
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world. *Silence*

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People Intercede for us.**

Intercessor Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives. *Silence*  
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People Intercede for us.**

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*  
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of wholeness, neither hardship, nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are God who does marvelous things. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Erin, Heather & Lonnie, Dorothea, Ron & Judy, Alice, Mike & Connie, Jennifer, Brian; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Beth, Melissa & Scott, Nan, Kris, Doug, Marty & Rachel, Marcinkiewz family, Marga & Barbara, Sally & Family, Roxanne, Sarah, Julane, George, Kyler Ruppert Family, Karen & Mark, Juan & Stacey, Christi, Liz; 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*  
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died rest in your eternal love. *Silence*  
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

**People** **Intercede for us.**

*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.**

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**      *Give Thanks, Pew Folder, p.35*

*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)**      **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**      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     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**

*As The Deer, Pew Folder, p.7*

**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**

*How Can I Keep From Singing, Pew Folder, p.49*

**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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