

Welcome

*to St. Mary's Episcopal Church
a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant*

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026



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.

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.

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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE I

The officiant opens with a sentence of scripture for the season.

BCP, p. 38

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able.*

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall forth thy praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon & Venite

All The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

The Psalm: Psalm 29

Bulletin Insert

At the end of the Psalms all say

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

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

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

After the reading:

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

Canticle 2, A Song of Praise

All Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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

Second Canticle

Canticle K, A Song of Our Adoption

All We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
in glory everlasting.

Third Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Reflection *The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily, or reading of a text.*

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises *All stand as able.*

Officiant Dear people of God: through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us now, as we remember Christ's own baptism, renew the promises of Holy Baptism.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

With God's help, I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

With God's help, I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

With God's help, I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

With God's help, I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.

With God's help, I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

Officiant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers *The people stand or kneel as able.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Peace *All stand as able.*
Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Suffrages A

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People **And grant us thy salvation.**
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;
People **Thy saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day *The officiant prays the collect, found in the bulletin insert.*

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

In the silence after each bidding, you are invited to add your prayers, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Heavenly Father, in gratitude for the message of love you sent to us in the word made flesh, Jesus, your Son, we offer you the longings of our hearts as we say, “Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

We pray for your church, for all who find you there, for those who love you and for those who long to love you more. Give us a spirit of invitation, and the courage to find new ways to be good news to all your people. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne our Assisting Bishop; Radha, our Rector; Beck, our Deacon; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; the Bishop Search & Transition Committees; St. Paul’s, Corunna – Carol, Senior Warden; Trinity, Niles – Kathy, Senior Warden. 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, Laurie, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Cathy, 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*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the nation and for all who govern. We pray for our future and the future of all nations and peoples, that we may be united in the desire for peace and life for everyone. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Donald, our president; Gretchen our governor; David, our mayor-elect. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the world and its needs, for the state of our oceans and soil; the survival of your creatures and the safety of all people and that those who are able will work diligently for liberation and sustenance. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the needs of the communities we call home and our neighbors, for those we know and those who are strangers to us. We give you thanks for our adoption, which makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who are ill or injured, and for those who are depressed and anxious, that they may know the comfort of your healing love and the joy of each new day. Especially we ask healing for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Lacey & Zoe, Gail & Family, Jenny, Greg & Karen, Lee, Dr. Art, Bunce, Demetrius, Noreen, Keith & Sherry, Rick, Jace, Cat, Patti, Noreen, Willow & Baby; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Merrelyn, Denita, Mary, Chuck, Jim, Kris, Marga & Barbara, Rachel & Marty, Doug; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Wesley, Owen, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess, Javyd (Jay-vid), Alex; And for all those we name at this time.
Silence Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the dying, especially Eddie, for those who labor to leave this world, that their departing may be peaceful and fearless. We pray also for those who weep this day and those who mourn the dead.
Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Officiant Offering you these prayers and praises we acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Uphold us this day and every day and to bless our endeavors as we strive to bring about your kingdom vision for this world. We ask all this in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving *Said in unison* **BCP p. 58**

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

For a Birthday	Pew Card
For an Anniversary	BCP 431, first prayer
Travelers	BCP 831, #53

The Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21



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