



First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2025

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.

MORNING PRAYER, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Opening Sentence

Officiant I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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

All **The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

The Jubilate

All Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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 43:1-7

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise

All **Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

After the reading:

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

Second Canticle

Canticle 17, The Song of Simeon

All **Lord, you now have set your servant free
 to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
 and the glory of your people Israel.
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.**

Third Reading

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

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 also with you.**

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.

Suffrages B

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

The officiant prays the collect of the day, found in the bulletin insert.

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Intercessor Raise up in your church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Trinity, Niles – Kathy, Senior Warden, Transfiguration, Indian River - 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, 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*

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the fellowship of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases. *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 Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Inspire this assembly through the inbreaking of the Spirit in our lives that our faiths may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel mission renewed. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world that we might be good stewards and develop sustainable practices so that nature's abundance might be available to all future generations.

Silence Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer

Intercessor Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the knowledge of your love to all people. Especially we pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Ken, Jerry & Karlene, Kelsay, Heather, Joey, Bruce, Lawson, Sue, Gavin, Delcine, Linda, Kathy, Mija; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Betty, Rachel, Gordon, Kris, Bob, Bill, Janie, Bill, Scott & Laura, Harry & Melissa, Jerry, Helen & Raymond Jr., Raymond Sr., The Miller family, Chris, Angie, Donna, Marty, Dawn, 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; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and, welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Officiant Hear our prayers and grant our desires as may be best for us and in ways that show forth your grace and mercy. All this we ask through our only advocate and Lord, Jesus, who is Christ and lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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