



# The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

**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.

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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, RITE II

### 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 kneel as able. 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.**

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.

**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. Alleluia.

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**All** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

and the heights of the hills are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his**

pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## The Psalm

## Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*

sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## The Lessons

*All sit as able.*

## First Reading

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

Reader A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

**Reader**            **The word of the Lord.**

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

**First Canticle**

**The Third Song of Isaiah**

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***

**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***

**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise, \***

**and his glory will appear upon you.**

**Nations will stream to your light, \***

**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

**Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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.**

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Reader        A Reading from the first book of Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would

the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader            The word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**



You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

### Third Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Reader        The word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

### Third Canticle

A Song of Praise

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.

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

**The Apostles' Creed**                      *Said by all, standing as able.*

**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. 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 A

Officiant      Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People          And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People          Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People          For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant      Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People          And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant      Let your way be known upon earth;

**People          Your 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 your Holy Spirit.**

### The Collect of the Day

Officiant Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together saying, "We bless you, Lord our God, **Amen, Amen.**"

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. *Silence*

**People** We Bless you, Lord our God.  
**Amen, Amen.**

Intercessor By the spirit of the Lord, may we, your Church, carry on the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional-elect, the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

St. Andrews by-the-Lake, Harrisville – Joe, Priest  
St. Mark's, Paw Paw – Russ, Senior 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 Alicia, Joe, Natalie, Alex, Derek, Rebecca, Matt, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese.

And for bishops and other ministers. *Silence*

We Bless you, Lord our God.

**People**

**Amen, Amen.**

Intercessor The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We praise you and we thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation.

We Bless you, Lord our God.

**People Amen, Amen.**

Intercessor We thank you, O God, for the many members that make up our body; for the gifts, the work, and the prayers we share. We ask you to bless especially our leaders, lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide by your spirit.

We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Carla, our mayor.  
*Silence*

We Bless you, Lord our God.

**People Amen, Amen.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Val, Lee, Erika, Mike, Ben and Shea, Brenton, Lisa, Heather & Lonnie & Family, Mollie & Rob & Family, Lorie, Deliah, Rene;

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer:  
Ryan, Jim, Wahl & Rees Family, Beth, Bob & Beth,  
Pauline, Torry, Tom & Family, Sharon, Ann,  
Carley, Doug, Marty, Rachel, Beth, Dave, Gary,  
Carolyn;

And for our family and friends in the armed forces  
and who are first responders: Richard, Corey,  
Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Eli; And for all  
those we name at this time. *Silence*

We Bless you, Lord our God.

**People**      **Amen, Amen.**

Intercessor    O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us  
in baptism. Whether living or dead, bless and keep  
your children forever. *Silence*

We Bless you, Lord our God.

**People**      **Amen, Amen.**

Officiant      All these things we have spoken, and those which  
we name in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the  
name of Jesus Christ our Lord who with you and  
the Holy Spirit are one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**



## The General Thanksgiving

**All** 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

### Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

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