



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**The Baptism of our Lord**  
**January 8, 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.

## MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

### Opening Sentence

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

BCP, p. 76

### 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.**

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.**

## The Venite

**All** 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 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. Text 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 11, The Third Song of Isaiah**

**All** 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.

**Second Reading**

**Acts 10:34-43**

*After the reading:*

**Reader**        **The Word of the Lord.**

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

**Second 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.

**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 Vows**        *All stand as able.*

**Officiant**        Let us reaffirm our renunciation of evil and renew our commitment to Jesus Christ.

**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 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

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

## The Prayers of the People

## *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "In the house of the Lord, all are crying, '**Glory!**'"

Lord, give your Church the blessing of peace. Give us the power to testify about our Son, Jesus. Give us your Spirit that we may live fully into your righteous calling. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St. Paul's, Saginaw - Judy, Rector, Holy Trinity, Wyoming - Mike, Rector, Church of the Nativity, Boyne City - Kathryn, 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 Joe, Barrett, Alex, Matt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jennifer, Justin, Jessica, Julianne, Beckett, Rachel, John, Linda, Cathy, Dell, Theresa. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*  
In the house of the Lord all are crying,

**People** **Glory!**

Intercessor Lord, give this nation the blessing of peace. Make our hearts understand that you show no partiality, but know that in every nation you accept anyone who dose what is right. 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*  
In the house of the Lord all are crying,

**People** **Glory!**

Intercessor Lord, give your creation the blessing of peace. You make yourself known to us in your works. You created the heavens and stretched them out; you spread out the earth and what comes from it. You are upon the mighty waters. Give us the words to witness to your all-encompassing prence. *Silence*  
In the house of the Lord all are crying,

**People** **Glory!**

Intercessor Lord, give this region the blessing of peace. May we not grow faint until your justice has been established in our hearts and lives. *Silence*  
In the house of the Lord all are crying,

**People** **Glory!**

Intercessor Lord, give to our friends and family the blessing of peace. Bring your light to those that sit in darkness. In their places of hurt, pain and death, declare new things and spring forth new life. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Heather & Lonnie & Family, Jamie, Kyle, Sherry, Lorie, Reggie, Linda, Anne & Steve, Cindy, Larry, Lisa, Lorie, Deliala, Norm, Jerry; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Jeanne, Nan, Ollie, Sharyn, Susie, Marty, Rachel, & Doug, Jill, Shelley, Raymond & Carolyn, Carlson Family, Barbara;

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*  
In the house of the Lord all are crying,

**People**            **Glory!**

Intercessor    Lord, give to those who have died, especially Bob, the blessing of everlasting peace. May those who ate and drank of the body and blood of Christ in this life feast forever in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*  
In the house of the Lord all are crying,

**People**            **Glory!**

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

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.**

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

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.

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