



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

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

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

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!

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

The Psalm

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.
“There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

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

The Lessons

All sit as able.

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Reader A reading from the book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She

was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

First 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.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

Reader A Reading from the book of Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader **The word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle

A Song of Penitence

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *

and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

in accordance with your great mercy, *

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *

and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Third Reading

Mark 13:1-8

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the

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.

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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 Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Following the example of Hannah, let us pour out our souls as an offering to the Lord, praying, "My heart exults in you, O God; **for you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.**"

Holy One, you have placed your law in our hearts; you remember our sins no more, you have washed us clean with the pure waters of baptism: may we provoke one another to love and good deeds.

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. Francis, Grayling – Debby Anthony, Sr. Warden
Emmanuel, Hastings – Linnea Stifler, 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, Catherine, Rebecca, Matt, Dell, 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, Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Intercessor My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you raise the poor from the dust; you make the hungry fat with spoil; give us faith to trust in your faithfulness; give us faith to trust you with our possessions, our loved ones, and our lives. *Silence*

Intercessor My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, centuries of war and famine have exhausted the planet and the people. Change our hearts; renew our planet; give us peace.
Silence

Intercessor My heart exults in you, O God;
People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy one, you break the bows of the mighty and you strengthen the feeble, You weigh the actions of the arrogant and you strengthen those in position of authority: guide all who govern and hold authority in our land, especially our local leaders.

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

Intercessor My heart exults in you, O God;
People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you lift up the needy: hear the prayers of the troubled and the anxious—comfort especially those who long to bear children but cannot.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Tom, Mike, John, Erika, Penney, Keith, Mike, George, Barb, Jim, Barbaranne, Lori, Deliah, Renee, Linda, Val;

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer:
Doug, Marty & Rachel, Patsy, Michelle, Richard,
Eileen, Ryan, Jim, Wahl & Rees Family, Beth;

And for our family and friends in the armed forces
and who are first responders: Richard, Corey,
Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Eli, Richard,
Tony

And for all those we name at this time.

Silence

Intercessor My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Intercessor Holy One, you are the God of Life: may we
embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of
everlasting life, which you have given us in our
Savior Jesus Christ.

We pray for those who have died, especially Becky
Rees.

Silence

Intercessor My heart exults in you, O God;

People For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

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 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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