



The First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 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

Officiant Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel, in body or in spirit, in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.**

Antiphon

All **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.**

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!

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Second Canticle

Canticle L, A Song of Christ's Humility, EOW

All Though in the form of God,
 Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
 and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself
 and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him
 and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Third Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

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 Apostles' Creed *Said in unison, 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

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

A Collect for Fridays

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Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us pray to the source of our sustenance, saying “God, our hiding place, **preserve us from trouble.**”

Great God, you have called your people to worship and serve you alone. Instill in us such a singleness of heart that we might perfectly trust you to meet our needs. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Grace, Lapeer - Sarah, Priest-in-Charge Emmanuel, Petoskey – Kay, 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 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*

God, our hiding place,
People **Preserve us from trouble.**

Intercessor Great God, we live among many temptations. Free the people of this nation, and this world, from all sinful desires that draw us from the love of God. *Silence*

God, our hiding place,
People **Preserve us from trouble.**

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*

God, our hiding place,
People **Preserve us from trouble.**

Intercessor Great Creator, you have surrounded us with blessings; you provide enough to meet our needs. And yet, we strive and scheme for more, always more. Have mercy on us. *Silence*

God, our hiding place,
People **Preserve us from trouble.**

Intercessor O Lord, we pray for those bound by addiction, those for whom temptation is a constant threat. Set the captives free. Satisfy their cravings with abundant grace. *Silence*

God, our hiding place,
People **Preserve us from trouble.**

Intercessor Be with the sick and suffering, Great Healer. Be for them a hiding place; preserve them from trouble; surround them with shouts of deliverance. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Norm, Jerry, Ken, Kyle, Madi, Lori, Delalia, Cindy, Don, Barb, Larry, Lonnie & Heather, Dorothea, Erin; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Jill, Shelley, Raymond & Carolyn, Carlson Family, Barbara, Nogah, Coleen, Kyler, Marty & Rachel, Doug, Beth, Sarah, Paula, Sally, Julane, Jack, Sharon, Richard, Richard; 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*

God, our hiding place,

People Preserve us from trouble.

Intercessor Through the righteousness of Jesus our Christ, give new and abundant life to all. Justify the dying and the dead. Keep them in your strong hands for ever. *Silence*

God, our hiding place,

People Preserve us from trouble.

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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