



# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## August 22, 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.**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place  
of springs, \*for the early rains have covered it with pools of  
water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my  
own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

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 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43**

Reader        A reading from the first book of Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea,

O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm — when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader            The word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

**First Canticle        A Song of Creation, Part I: The Cosmic Order**

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \***  
**O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.**

**Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.**

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.**

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## **Second Reading**

## **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Reader            A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist,

and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader        The word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

## Second Canticle

### A Song of Creation, Part II: The Earth and its Creatures

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,**  
**and all that grows upon the earth, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \***  
**O whales and all that move in the waters.**

**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \***  
**and all you flocks and herds.**  
**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

### **Third Reading**

**John 6:56-69**

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was

the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Reader        The word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

### Third Canticle

#### A Song of Creation, Part III: The People of God

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him 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 Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, the scriptures implore us to pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. So let us offer to God our prayers, saying, “Regard your servant’s prayer: **hear our plea, O Lord our God.**”

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you: behold your Church, O God defend your children against the wiles of the devil. *Silence*

Intercessor Regard your servant’s prayer;  
**People hear our plea, O Lord our God.**

Intercessor O Lord, you bless with good things those who walk with integrity: behold your world, O God; may your grace and glory shine like the sun over the nations.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon

Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

St. John's, Saginaw - Curt Norman, Rector; Pam Renna, Assistant Priest

St. John's, Grand Haven – Jared Cramer, 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    Regard your servant's prayer;  
**People**        **hear our plea, O Lord our God.**

Intercessor    Mighty Creator, you make a home in your presence for even the littlest sparrow: behold the stewards of creation, O God; may we live at peace with all you have made.

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    Regard your servant's prayer;  
**People**        **hear our plea, O Lord our God.**

Intercessor Strong Lord, in your presence desolate valleys burst forth with springs of water: behold those struggling with addiction; defend and free them from the powers of their present darkness that they may walk in light and clarity all the days of their lives.

Intercessor Regard your servant's prayer;  
**People hear our plea, O Lord our God**

Intercessor Holy One of God, your words are spirit of life: behold those in need of prayer this day; restore all to wholeness and health by your powerful touch.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Dennis, Dale, Jim, Barbara, Hannah, George, Barb, Linnea, Val, Katie, Eli, Lorie & Deliah, Renee, Mike, Ruth, Erika, Pat, Lois, Tom, Mike;

For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Tammy, Derrick & Ruth, Betty, Eileen, Donna, Kevin, Kris, Bob & Beth, Suzanne, Ryan, Judy, Dennis, Rosemary, Beth, Doug, Marty & Rachel;

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 Regard your servant's prayer;  
**People** **hear our plea, O Lord our God.**

Intercessor Lord Christ, Living Bread, you offer yourself that we might live forever: in your compassion, look upon the dying and the dead. *Silence*

Intercessor Regard your servant's prayer;  
**People** **hear our plea, O Lord our God.**

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.**

### **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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