



## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

### **January 28, 2024**

**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 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 **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.**

**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 has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

## **The Jubilate**

**All    Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
         serve the Lord with gladness  
         and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
         he himself has made us, and we are his;  
         we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
         give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
         and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **The Psalm: 111**

**Bulletin Insert**

*After the Psalm:*

**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**

**Bulletin Insert**

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

After the reading:	Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
	People	Thanks be to God.

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Cantic 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.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

After the reading:	Reader	The Word of the Lord.
	People	Thanks be to God.

**All** Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
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.

**Third Reading**

**Mark 1:21-28**

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 by all, standing as able.*

**All**       I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 B**

Officiant      Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People      Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant      Day by day we bless you;

**People      We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant      Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People      Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant      Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People      For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant      In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People      And we shall never hope in vain.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

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

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying: "You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord; **hear our prayer.**"

O Lord, you have made the Church a family through the waters of baptism: let us not sin against each other but instead build each other up in love. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop, 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 Barrett, Alex, Matt, Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jessica, Julianne, Rachel, Cathy, Kathryn, Kris, Johnathan, Theresa. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Mary, Deb, Laura, Jennifer, Christi, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*  
You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor O Lord, the works of your hands are faithfulness and justice: may the nations of the world be ruled by truth and equity. Give us a vision for peace. *Silence*  
You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** 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*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** O Lord, all things are from you and exist for you: give us ears to heed the words spoken on behalf of our planet; and give us the will to be faithful stewards. *Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** O Lord, you sent your son to set us free from the unclean spirits that harass your people: set us free from the violence in our land, especially gun violence. In your compassion, cast out hatred and anger. *Silence*

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** O Lord, you know those who love you: show all the sick and suffering your marvelous works. Fill their hearts with songs of praise. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Janet, Lawson, Josh & Lindsey, Nancy & Pat, Sally, Madi, Larry, Ron & Barb, Shanna, Charlene, DeeDee, Anita & Jim, Terri, Larry, Ron, Shelly, J.P., Zack, Fred; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Rob, Jessica, Krystal, Kevin, Kathy, Sharyn, Howie, Stacey & Sally, Judy; For 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, Wesley, Owen; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*



**People** You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor O Lord, you have redeemed your people: remember your covenant and care for your children forever, even beyond death and the grave. *Silence*

**People** You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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



Lord, you now  
have set your  
servant free  
to go in peace  
as you have  
promised, for  
these eyes  
of mine have  
seen the  
Savior, whom  
you have  
prepared for all  
the world to  
see. A Light to  
enlighten  
the nations,  
and the glory  
of your people  
Israel.

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