



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 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. 78

### 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.**

### Antiphon

All **The earth is the Lord's for he made it: 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!

**The Psalm:Psalm 149**

**Bulletin Insert**

**The Lessons**      *All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.*

**First Reading**

**Exodus 12:1-14**

*After the reading:*

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      Thanks be to God.

All   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.

*After the reading:*

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

Second Canticle

Canticle 12, A Song of Creation: Part 2 &3

All    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 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.**

### **Third Reading**

**Matthew 18:15-2**

*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.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

### *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor Our Lord Jesus has promised that, when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray saying, “We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**”

O Lord, you take pleasure in your people: May your Church be a community of honesty and humility. Help us to love each other--- especially when love is a challenge. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; Transfiguration, Indian River, St. Paul’s, Bad Axe – Mary, Sr. Warden, St. John’s, Fremont – Kris, Sr. 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 Barrett, Alex, Matt, and 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*



We are gathered in your name;

**People**      **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor    O lord, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by natural disaster and war. *Silence*

We are gathered in your name;

**People**      **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor    O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow on the vine and wheat to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate this festive day. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty. *Silence*

We are gathered in your name;

**People**      **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor    O Lord, your Law is summarized, " Love your neighbor as yourself." Help us to our neighbors so that we might do now wrong by anyone. *Silence*

We are gathered in your name;

**People**      **Accept our prayers.**

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*

We are gathered in your name;

**People**      **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor    O Lord, may all those who now lament see the day when they shall sing to you a new song---a song of joy and praise. May those who weep, dance for joy. May the anxious rest on their beds in peace. And

may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Ron & Judy, Alice, Jennifer, Brian, Madi, Larry, Erin, Dorothea, Candy & Jim, Lonnie & Heather, Mike & Connie; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Beth, Karen & Mark, Christi, Liz, Sharyn, Painter Family, Nan, Sally, Larry & Nancy, Kim; 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; And for all those we name at this time.

*Silence*

We are gathered in your name;

**People** **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor O Lord, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection.

May all who have died rest in your peace. *Silence*

We are gathered in your name;

**People** **Accept our prayers.**

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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