



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 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 105:1-6, 37-45

Bulletin Insert

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

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

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 20:1-16

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 Sisters and brothers, turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God's presence. Let us pray to our generous God, saying, "Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy!**"

Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of your kingdom; you have called us to labor in your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; Transfiguration, Indian River, Grace, Standish - Deborah, Sr. Warden, St. Francis of Assisi, Shelbyville – Steve, 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*

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

Intercessor Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation. Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world. *Silence*

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

Intercessor Generous God, you make the rivers run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. *Silence*

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

Intercessor Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. *Silence*

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

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*

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

Intercessor Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: 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, Juan & Stacey, Christi, Liz, Sharyn, Painter Family, Nan, Sally, Larry & Nancy, Kim, Jeffrey; 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*
Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

Intercessor Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them. *Silence*
Lead us with gladness, O God;

People **Cover us with shouts of joy!**

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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