



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 29, 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

*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.  
*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.**

**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 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: Psalm 124

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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

*After the reading:*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## First Canticle

## A Greeting for Creation, *from A Season of Creation 2024*

**All** Greetings in the name of our God who is good: whose love endures forever.  
Greetings to you, sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:  
give to our God your thanks and praise.  
Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise.  
Greetings to you, hills and valleys, rivers and ponds, sea and rain:  
give to our God your thanks and praise.  
Greetings to you, oak and pine, hemlock and birch, tamarack and maple:  
give to our God your thanks and praise.  
Greetings to you, hawks and sparrows, cardinals and robins, bats and  
blue jays, ravens and crows: give to our God your thanks and praise.  
Greetings to you, bears and deer, chipmunks and squirrels, and beaver  
and bobcats: give to our God your thanks and praise.  
Greetings to you, people of all genders, elders and children, indigenous  
and colonists, diverse cultures of this rainbow land:  
Nurses and teachers, scientists and artists, cleaners and clerks,  
students and job-seekers, All who care, who love, and who pray,  
Who laugh and learn, who rest and who play:  
give to our God your thanks and praise. Amen.

## Second Reading

James 5:13-20

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

## Second Canticle

## Canticle J, A Song of Judith

**All** I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious,  
wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you,  
for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

**Third Reading**

**Mark 9:38-50**

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 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 My brothers and sisters, the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Believing in the power of prayer, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “God our help; **receive our prayer.**”

Give to your Church, O God, the vision to see you at work in the world. Forgive us when we try to limit or control you. May we rejoice in all good and celebrate all loving deeds. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St. John’s, Dryden - Harold, Priest-in-Charge; Emmanuel, Hastings – Georgette, 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 Abraham, John, aurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*  
God our help;

**People Receive 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*  
God our help;

**People**      **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor    O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: comfort all those around the globe who know the devastation of war the threat of annihilation. We pray for peace.  
God our help;

**People**      **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor    We thank you, O God, that you have provided us with those things that make our lives better — fire for heat, salt for seasoning. We thank you for all of the good gifts we so easily take for granted. *Silence*  
God our help;

**People**      **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor    We pray, O God, for all those with whom we share this city. Bring people together. Enable healthy relationships. Help us to be at peace with one another. *Silence*  
God our help;

**People**      **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor    Blessed God, as you command us, we pray for those in need of healing and wholeness. Turn their sorrow into gladness and their mourning into holiday. Lord, raise them up in Jesus' name. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Erin, Jimmy, Mike, Keith, Gary, Fred, Jerry, Janet; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Carolyn, Mary, Bob & Lorraine, Raymond & Carolyn, Logan, Greg, Elizabeth, Mark, Eileen, Brand Family, Betty; 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*



God our help;

**People**      **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor    Almighty God, were you not on our side, we would be without hope. But you are our salvation. Grant us entrance into your heavenly kingdom; may we become partakers of your heavenly treasure. *Silence*  
God our help;

**People**      **Receive our prayer.**

Officiant      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.**

**The General Thanksgiving**      *Said in unison*

**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     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.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*



**The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan**

1815 Hall St SE #200, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

(616) 319-2006 | [www.edwm.org](http://www.edwm.org)

**The Rt. Rev. Skip Adams**

Assisting Bishop

[sadams@edwm.org](mailto:sadams@edwm.org)

**The Rev. Nurya Parish**

Canon for the Northern Collaborative

[nparish@edwm.org](mailto:nparish@edwm.org)

---

**Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant**

[www.cmecovenant.org](http://www.cmecovenant.org)

**The Rev. Radhajyoti (Radha) Kaminski,**

Rector

[rector.cmec@gmail.com](mailto:rector.cmec@gmail.com)

(352) 727-8927

**Tara Lee**, Covenant Administrator

**Covenant Council**

Jim Pals, 2027

Isabel Kempton, 2027

Eileen Patterson, 2026

Karen Peters, 2026

Dawn Paulin - *Treasurer*, 2025

Mary Frew, 2025

---

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

323 S. State St., Big Rapids, MI 49307

[standrewsbr@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsbr@gmail.com)

(231) 598-9032

[www.standrewsbr.com](http://www.standrewsbr.com)

**The Rev. Robert Garrels**

Director of Music

[boogiebob40@hotmail.com](mailto:boogiebob40@hotmail.com)

**St. Andrew's Vestry**

Eileen Patterson, 2027

Michelle Kelenske – *Senior Warden*, 2027

Paul Martin – *Junior Warden*, 2026

Jodi Gabert – *Clerk*, 2026

Mark Lauzon, 2025

Diane Wesp, 2025

Bob Stanton – *Treasurer*

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

815 Lincoln St., Cadillac, MI 49601

[stmaryscadillac@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryscadillac@gmail.com)

(231) 775-9641

[www.stmaryscadillac.org](http://www.stmaryscadillac.org)

**St. Mary's Vestry**

Jim Williams – *Senior Warden*, 2027

Diane Wilson - *Clerk*, 2027

Jerry Hoekwater, 2026

Jim Pals, *Junior Warden*, 2025

Pat Foster, 2025

Dawn Paulin – *Treasurer*

In case of an emergency need for pastoral care call: Mtr. Radha Kaminski 352-727-8927