



**The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday**

May 30, 2021

WELCOME

to 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.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 **Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ***
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; ***
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 **The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; ***
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; ***
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 **The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ***
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Radhajyoti Kaminski

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

God loved the world so much that God gave the Christ for our salvation. As beloved children of God, let us pray, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts: *the whole earth is full of your glory.*"

Triune God, you have adopted us as your children and made us joint heirs with Christ: may your church share in Christ's suffering and glory, his death and new life.

Silence

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of your glory.

Triune God, in Jesus you came into the world not to condemn but to save: may the lonely and condemned experience the depth of your limitless love.

Silence

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of your glory.

Triune God, we have been born of water, carried on the wind, and made of dust: give us eyes to see our connectedness to all you have created.

Silence

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of your glory.

Triune God, you have blessed us with this sacred community we call [name of church]: Give us a vision for the future. Send us into the world to share the love we experience in this place.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of your glory.

Triune God, you are a God of healing: We name in your presence all those who are sick and hurting, the struggling and needy who are known to us.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of your glory.

Triune God, you offer us eternal life through Jesus: we pray for our dead. Bring us at last, with all those who have died, to see you in your one and eternal glory.

Silence

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of your glory.

Diocesan Circle of Prayer:

- Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector
- Camp Chickagami - For staff, volunteers and campers attending this season
- St. Steven's, Plainwell – Pauline Keiser, Senior Warden
- Our Central MI Episcopal Covenant
- We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained, especially Dell, Derek, Kurt, Joanna, Joe, Jim, Mark, and Trish.
- For the covenant among the Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches in northern Lower Michigan and for our brothers and sisters of the Lutheran and Roman Catholic congregations, and their bishops.

St. Mary's Circle of Prayer

Linda, Mackale, Susie, Todd, Mitch, Marv, Jeanette, Tony, Donna, Eli, Zach, Lori, Bill, Delilah, Jen, Dawn, Paisley, Anita T., Jim T., Diana, Carol, Bud and Cindy, Dana, Reggie, Mike, Chris, Elna, Venita, Christine, Dennis, JayaRadhe (Jai-Rod-ey), Pat, Jenny and family; Dale

St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Doug, Kevin, and Kim; Bill; Marga; Doug, Jodi; Chris; Mary; Wesley; Brook; Michael; Krystal, Mekail, and Karleigh; Melissa, Justin, and Matthew; Eileen; Sharon; Sharyn; Jim; Tina; Kevin; Mark and Kim; Alex and Carolyn; Jan; Matt; Schuyler "Pete;" Sherry; Helen; Bleu; Julia and family; Mary and family; Julie and family; Howie; Wayne and Dana; Kristopher; the Beattie family; Kevin; Jim and Mary; Chuck; Judy; Lillah, Aishah, Yusuf, and family; Phil and Ann; Troy; Berniece; Maurissa; Carol; Suzy; Beth; Jerry; Jack; Julane; Nancy; Kason; Scott; Jens; Rivka; Marlene; Tammy; Derrek and Ruth; Betty, Donna

Our Family and Friends in the Armed Forces

Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim

Celebrant Enfolding God, Trinity of love, you are our source, our goal, our life: may we be born again in you no more to live alone and unconnected, but sharing in the Spirit's breath and carried to your heart; through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. **Amen.**

Prayer for Memorial Day – Collect for Heroic Service

All O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for our Services as a Covenant

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of our Covenant and the ways in which this season of Zoom services has enriched our communities; now bless and preserve us at this time of transition into separate services in our sanctuaries. Guide us in the continued use of your gifts. Give us sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, ways to remain connected to one another as a covenant, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling us. By your Holy Spirit be present in our pilgrimage, that we may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ.
You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to travel from wherever you are to your church to receive communion. When you arrive, please enter the sanctuary and sit in one of the seats marked with a cross. Masks are required in the church buildings.

St. Mary's distribution of communion will begin at 11:15 am.

St. Andrew's distribution of communion will begin at 12:30 pm.

A brief liturgy for re-entering the sanctuary will follow the reception of communion. The order of service for this liturgy will be available in the sanctuary.

Announcements

We are returning to in-person worship at both St. Andrew's and St. Mary's on June 6! We will be continuing our original pattern of having Eucharist and Morning Prayer on alternate weeks. On June 6 Mtr. Radha will be at St. Mary's for a service of Holy Eucharist and Isabel Kempton will lead Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's.

The worship schedule is:

St. Mary's

1st and 3rd Sundays – Holy Eucharist
2nd and 4th Sundays – Morning Prayer

St. Andrew's

1st and 3rd Sundays – Morning Prayer
2nd and 4th Sundays – Holy Eucharist

Coffee hour can return! We are permitted to eat together again, but we are still unable to serve food at the church. Each household is required to bring their own food and may not share it with other households. Communal drinks are permitted to be served from enclosed containers. Our coffee hour leaders will be organizing the schedule of coffee hour hosts.

More information about all of our current Covid policies and guidelines may be found in The Ark (the weekly e-newsletter).

Graveside service for Lucille Bulson: Lucille will be interred at the Lincoln Township Cemetery on June 19 at 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend the graveside service. RSVP's are not required.

St. Mary's Vestry Meeting: Sunday, June 6, right after the service

If you have an announcement you would like printed in the bulletin, please email it to rector.cmec@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE: May 31 – June 6

Monday	Noon-2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's DME Open
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Noon-2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's DME Open
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	In-person services at both churches.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	Today	Next Sunday, June 6
Service	10:15 am	10:15 am
Lector	Jim Pals	TBA
Intercessor	Coleen Dice	TBA
Music	Quiet Service	TBA

LECTIONARY Next Week

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) **Response:** Psalm 138

2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 **Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

Covenant Monthly Worship Format

Our services take place at 10:15 am each Sunday.

St. Mary's

1st and 3rd Sundays – Holy Eucharist

2nd and 4th Sundays – Morning Prayer

St. Andrew's

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2nd and 4th Sundays – Holy Eucharist

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