The Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

WELCOME

to St. Andrew'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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *All stand as able.* **Hymnal, #505 v1-3**

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

Song of Praise *Pass it on*, **Bulletin Insert**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *The celebrant prays the collect of the day.*

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

First Reading **Acts 2:1-21**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

Second Reading **Romans 8:14-17**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able.* *Spirit of Gentleness,* **Bulletin Insert**

The Holy Gospel **John 14:8-17, 25-27**

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily **The Rev. Alan James**

The Nicene Creed *Said in unison, all standing as able.*

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: was incarnated of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 ***Hear Our Prayer***

Intercessor On this day we give thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit that moves through our lives and leads us further along the way of Christ. Hear and answer the prayers of your people as we say, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer."**

Grant us a spirit of reverence for your glory and bless your church that it may always follow you into the world without fear to share your good News. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St. John's, Sand Point - Doug, Senior Warden; St. Paul's, Elk Rapids – Derek, Priest-in-Charge; Plainsong Farm's Episcopal Service Corps Fellows: Erin Taylor, Luke Delaney & Ru Perry-Mize.

We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our diocese preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Abraham, Laurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our diocese preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lodge the spirit of justice in our hearts and in the hearts of all who hold authority over others in this world, that we may all strive for a more perfect human society. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Donald, our president; Gretchen our governor; Fred, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant us a spirit of commitment that we might give ourselves wholly to Christ's invitation to walk his way and continue his mission of healing and reconciliation. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor Grow in us a spirit of wisdom that we might be effective stewards of your creation, ensuring the abundance and diversity of the natural world for generations to come. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayers**

Intercessor May the spirit of merciful generosity be ours to embolden and encourage us to respond to the needs of our neighbors and to build a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayers**

Intercessor Send your healing spirit to tall who suffer or are in distress. Especially we pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Sally & J-Lynn, Marty & Rachel, Doug & Jodi, Nan, Mary; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Delcine, Jared, Sue, Fred, Diane, Lacey, Nick, Dale, Mary & Jeff, Katie, Jan, Art; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Owen, Wesley, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor And we ask that your spirit of forgiveness and love be extended to all who have died, that they and we may someday rise in your new kingdom. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Glorious, loving, and creating God; you have never abandoned us and have always offered the lighted path out of our own darkness. Hear and respond to our prayers and may your Holy Spirit blow mightily in our own lives. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Ingathering of the Easter Essentials Hygiene Closet Drive

All donations are placed at the front of the church.

Celebrant Christ be with you.

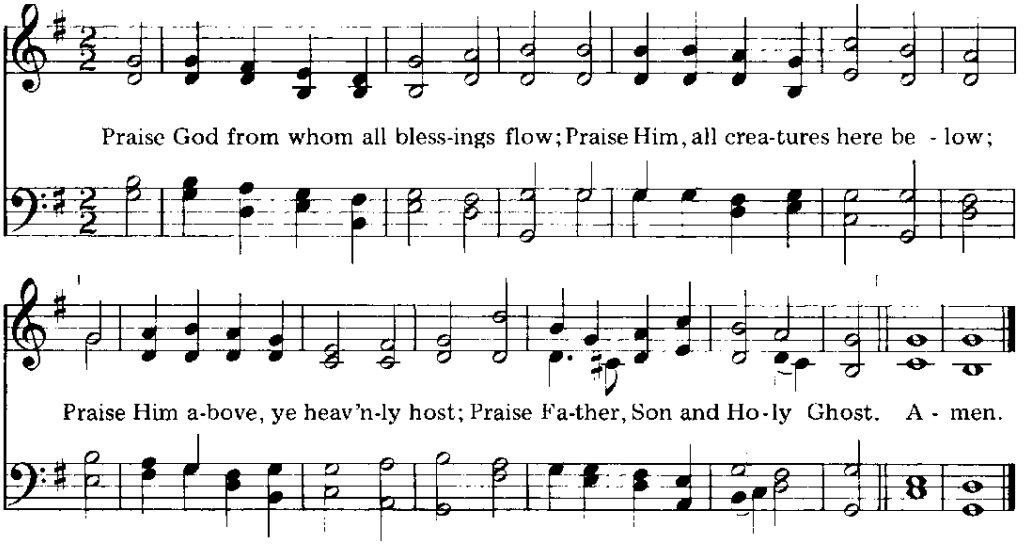
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts of hygiene and cleaning supplies through the outreach of the Ausable Inclusion Center. Bless Ausable Inclusion Center ministry developer Deacon Beckett Leclaire. Keep us ever mindful of the needs of our own communities. Guide us as we help to create a world of love, respect, and dignity for all your children. All this we ask through him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The celebrant says the offertory sentence.

While the offertory plates are brought to the altar, all sing:

The Doxology



TEXT: Thomas Ken
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter,* 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

OLD HUNDREDTH
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The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer 3, EOW**

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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

The Sanctus **Hymnal, #S-128**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."
And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Andrew and Mary and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then all sing:

The Fraction **Hymnal, #S-154**

The Invitation *The celebrant says the invitation.*

All are welcome at God's table.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. Return to your pew by the side aisle. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD - You can either,		
	CONSUME	Hold out your hands and then eat the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	GLUTEN-FREE	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	BLESSING	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE - You can either,		
	DRINK	Hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	INTINCT	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	NOT RECEIVE	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.
	NON-ALCHOLIC	If you require non-alcoholic wine, clasp your hands. After drinking, hand the cup back.

Communion Hymn **Hymnal, #513**

Prayer after Communion *All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing *All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn **Hymnal, #506 v1-3**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy Samuels, joyful Evangelist who lived her lifetime within her Episcopal Faith.

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