The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 1, 2023

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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.* **Hymnal, #93**

Opening Sentence **BCP p. 75**

Confession of Sin **BCP p. 79**

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

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.**

All **Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Venite *said in unison* **BCP p. 82**

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 Lessons **Bulletin Insert**

First Lesson **Numbers 6:22-27**

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

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Said in unison* **BCP p. 91**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.
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.

Second Lesson **Galatians 4:4-7**

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

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon *Said in unison* **BCP p. 93**

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
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.

Third Reading **Luke 2:15-21**

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 Apostle's Creed *Said in unison, standing as able* **BCP p. 96**

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* **BCP p. 97**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *Said in unison*

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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 **Bulletin Insert**

Hymn at the Prayers **Hymnal #644**

The Prayers of the People ***Praying the Scriptures***

Intercessor Sisters and brothers, let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. With humble hearts let us say to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, **we bow our hearts at your name**."

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless your Church. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit to confess you as Lord over all we are, all we do. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St John's Saginaw - Curt, Rector; Pam, Assistant Priest, St. James, Albion – Jocelyn, 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 Joe, Barrett, Alex, Matt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jennifer, Justin, Jessica, Julianne, Beckett, Rachel, John, Linda, Cathy, Dell, Theresa. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

Intercessor Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless the people of the world. May the whole world experience your peace. *Silence* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Fred, our mayor. *Silence* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

Intercessor Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless our planet. Make us faithful stewards of all the works of your fingers. Forgive us when we fail to repsect your creature: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea. *Silence* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

Intercessor Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless our city and our region. Give us renewed hope and purpose as we begin this new year. *Silence* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

Intercessor Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless the sick and the lonely and all those in great need. Make your face to shine on them and be

gracious to them. We pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Karen, Sally, Jeanne, Nan, Ollie, Sharyn, Susie, Marty, Rachel, & Doug, Bob, Jill, Shelley, Raymond & Carolyn, Carlson Family; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Heather & Lonnie & Family, Jamie, Dahilia, Lynda, Kyle, Sherry, Lorie, Reggie, Linda, Anne & Steve, Cindy, Larry, Lisa, Lorie, Deliala, Norm, Jerry; For those in the 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* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

Intercessor Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless the dying and the dead. We praise you, that through your death on the cross, you have earned for us everlasting life. *Silence* Lord Jesus,

People **We bow our hearts at your name.**

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 *Said in unison* **BCP p. 101**

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

Birthday: BCP 830, #50, Anniversary: BCP 431, first prayer, Travelers: BCP 831, #53

Closing Hymn **Hymnal, #450 v1-3**

The Dismissal **BCP p. 102**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

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