Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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.

MORNING PRAYER, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.* **Hymnal, #450, v1-3**

Opening Sentence

Officiant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

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.**

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 O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Antiphon

All **Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover

All **Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm: Psalm 97 **Bulletin Insert**

At the end of the Psalms all say

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

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

First Reading **Acts 16:16-34**

After the reading:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

First Canticle **Canticle H, A Song of Hosea**

All **Come, let us return to our God, ***
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,
On the third day restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *
whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower, *
like spring rains that water the earth.

Second Reading **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

After the reading:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle **Canticle Q, A Song of Christ's Goodness**

All **Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; ***
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Third Reading **John 17:20-26**

After the reading:

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

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 God 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

Officiant Help us, O God our Savior;
People **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Officiant Look upon your congregation;
People **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Officiant Declare your glory among the nations;
People **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Officiant Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Officiant Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
People **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Officiant Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
People **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collect of the Day

The officiant prays the collect of the day, found in the bulletin insert.

Hymn at the Prayers *When Love Is Found*, **Bulletin Insert**

The Prayers of the People ***Hear Our Prayer***

Intercessor God, you have never lost hope in us. Help us to live into that hope and fulfill Jesus' prayer that we may all be one in Christ. In gratitude, and anticipation of your will being made manifest in our lives, we offer our prayers as we say, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer."**

We pray for the people of God, across the world and for the church in all its wondrous diversity, that we might find common ground for continuing Christ's mission together, grounded in our common love of Christ. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Hope -

St. John's, Oscoda - Pete, Senior Warden; St. James, Pentwater – Steve, Rector; Sudanese Grace, Grand Rapids – Zachariah , Rector. 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 We pray for those in leadership in all the nations of the world. Guide them, inspire them, grant them wisdom so that there might be peace and shared prosperity across the whole human race. *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 We pray for the places we call home. Embolden us to use our gifts and energies to proclaim our hope in you through service to our neighbors. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the natural world that sustains us. Help us to be effective stewards of the environment and natural resources so that the created abundance of life may not be despoiled or destroyed. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all who suffer in soul, body, or mind. Grant them healing and release them from pain and suffering. Especially we pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Liz, Sally & J-Lynn, Marty & Rachel, Doug & Jodi, Nan ; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Tammy, Renee, Delcine, Jared, Sue, Fred, Diane, Lacey, Nick, Dale, Mary & Jeff, Katie; 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 We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory in your promised new age. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant God of love and wonder, open our eyes to your presence, reassure our hearts of your promises, embolden us for mission, and hear and answer our prayers that we might more perfectly be bearers of your love.
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	BCP 830, #50 or #51
For an Anniversary	BCP 431, first prayer
Travelers	BCP 831, #53

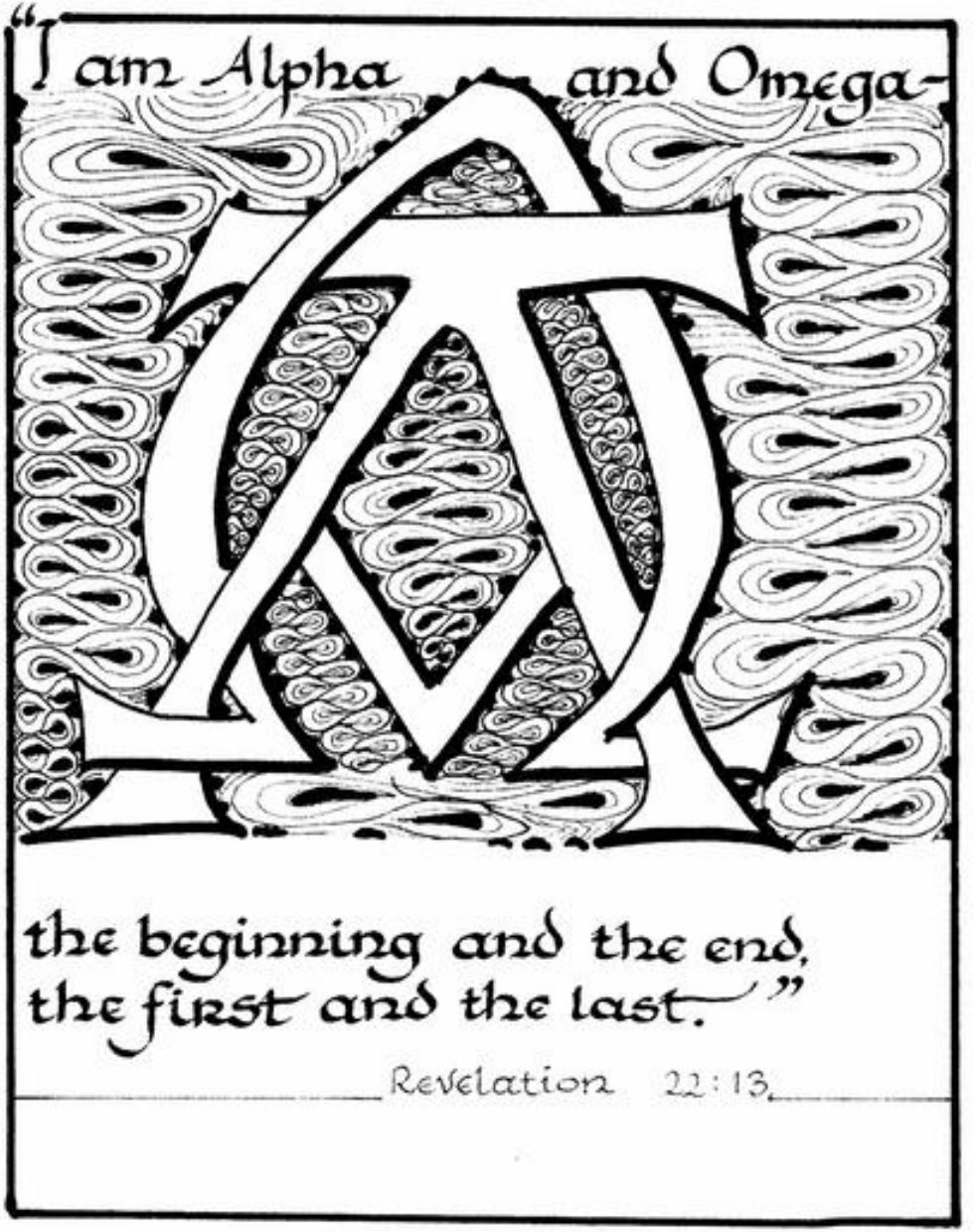
Closing Hymn **Hymnal, #460, v1-3**

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


"I am Alpha and Omega-
the beginning and the end,
the first and the last."
Revelation 22:13

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