Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD **BCP, p. 355**

Processional Hymn *Tell my people I love them,* **St. Mary's Songbook, p.70**

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
The celebrant may pray the collect for purity.

The Song of Praise *Said in unison* **Enriching Our Worship, Canticle M**

All
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

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 16:16-34**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 97**

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.**

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able.* *Thy Word,* **St. Mary's Songbook, p.114**

The Holy Gospel **John 17:20-26**

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of Our Lord 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.**

Hymn after the Gospel *I Love you Lord,* **St. Mary's Songbook, p.52**

Homily **Mtr. Radha Michel-Trapaga**

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

All **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 *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; Tiyi, 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. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Tammy, Renee, Delcine, Jared, Sue, Fred, Diane, Lacey, Nick, Dale, Mary & Jeff, Katie. For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Liz, Sally & J-Lynn, Marty & Rachel, Doug & Jodi, Nan; 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.**

Celebrant 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 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.**

Prayer and Anointing for Healing *All who would like to receive prayer and anointing with oil for healing, for yourself or another, are invited to come forward.*

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn *We are an offering,* **St. Mary's Songbook, p.115**

After all the gifts are brought to the altar, all say in unison:
All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.

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:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) **Hymnal, #S-130**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

It is our tradition to gather in a circle to say the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to either stand and join hands, or remain seated and we will encircle you.

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 says:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation *The celebrant says the invitation.*

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.

Please come forward down the center aisle to in front of the altar to receive communion or a blessing. 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.

Communion Hymn *My peace,* **St. Mary's Songbook, p.70**

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

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

Recessional Hymn *How can I keep from singing,* **St. Mary's Songbook, p.49**

The Dismissal

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

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

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