



First Sunday After the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
January 9, 2022

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: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #119

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

All **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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

All sit as able.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Acts 8:14-17

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #121

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 people kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

- Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;
- People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
- Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our
governor; Fred, our mayor.
- People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
- People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of
trouble;
- People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**
- Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
- People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who
seek the Truth.**
- Intercessor We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince,
our Bishop Provisional-elect, the Standing
Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan;
Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector;
our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant;

St. Mark's, Atlanta – Joe, Senior Warden
Holy Trinity, Wyoming – Mike, Priest

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 Alicia, Joe, Natalie, Alex, Derek, Rebecca, Matt, Joanna, Kurt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Joy, Trish, Mark, Jim, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese.

And for bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Ryan, Jim, Wahl & Rees Family, Beth, Bob & Beth, Pauline, Torry, Tom & Family, Sharon, Ann, Carley, Doug, Marty, Rachel, Beth, Dave, Gary, Carolyn;

For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Barbaranne, Lori, Deliah, Renee, Linda, Val, Lee, Leah, Ben & Shea;

For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Eli, Jon, Richard, Tony;

And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*
Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this
life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have
a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Officiant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in
your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things done and left undone; and so
uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and
glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. 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 Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

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 the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we encourage a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

A stationary offertory plate may be found at the back of the sanctuary.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, pg. 361

All stand as able.

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant continues with the proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

The people stand or kneel as able.

The celebrant continues.

Celebrant **Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:**

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues.

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.

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.

All are welcome at God's table.

Please come to the bottom of the steps to receive communion. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest for one when you come up.

Communion Hymn

Bulletin Insert

Longing for the Light

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

All stand as able.

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #436 v1-3

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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