



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

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: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #83

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
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.**

Song of Praise

Hymnal 1982, #96

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the
brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the
mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in
heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness
 has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of
 Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory
 of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

Reader A reading from the book of Hebrews.
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways
by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a
Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he
also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and
the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things
by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having
become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited
is more excellent than theirs.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Pew Folder, pg. 44

I Love You, Lord

Homily

Mtr. Radha Kaminski

The Nicene Creed

All stand 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:
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

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray,
“Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**”

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

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;

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, Catherine, Rebecca, Matt, Dell, 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, Michelle, and Linda. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Glorious Lord,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Intercessor Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.
We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence*

Glorious Lord,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Intercessor Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. *Silence*
Glorious Lord,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Intercessor Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.
Silence

Glorious Lord,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Intercessor Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.

We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer:
George, Barb, Jim, Barbaranne, Lori, Deliah, Renee,
Linda, Val, Lee, Leah, Ben & Shea;

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

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

And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

People Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Intercessor Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be
given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with
your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life
by your death and resurrection. *Silence*

People Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Celebrant 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 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 HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

Offertory Hymn **Hymnal 1982, #101**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP, pg. 367**

All stand as able.

Hymnal 1982, S 112

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:

Sanctus **Wonder Love & Praise, #858**

The people stand or kneel as able.

The celebrant continues.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All We remember his death.
 We proclaim his resurrection.
 We await his coming in glory.**

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.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982, S 164

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 down the center aisle to the front of the altar to receive communion. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest for one when you come forward.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #79

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 common wealth of heaven. Amen.**

The Blessing

All stand as able.

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and 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, #111

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**
 Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.

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