



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

WELCOME

to 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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Cadillac
strives 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 I

Opening Sentence

Officiant Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

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.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **O come, let us adore him.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **O come, let us adore him.**

Psalm 19 *Please say in unison*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

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.

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

A Song of Creation

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle

A Song of Praise

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; ***
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Third Reading

John 2:13-22

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Third Canticle

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

The Homily

The Rev. Radhajyoti Kaminski

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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 A

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;
People Thy 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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Hope

God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; Hope - St. John's, Oscoda - Pete, Sr. Warden; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; and for the covenant among the Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches in northern Lower Michigan and for our brothers and sisters of the Lutheran and Roman Catholic congregations, and their bishops; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained, especially Dell, Derek, Kurt, Joanna, Joe, Jim, Mark, and Trish.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our president; Gretchen, our Governor; Carla, Mayor of Cadillac; Tom, Mayor of Big Rapids; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer, especially Linda, Mackale, Susie, Todd, Mitch, Marv, Jeanette, Tony, Donna, Eli, Zach, Lori, Bill, Delilah, Jen, Dawn, Paisley, Anita T., Jim T., Diana, Carol, Bud and Cindy, Dana, Jackie, Mike, Chris, Elna, Venita, Christine, Norma, Dennis, JayaRadhe (Jai-Rod-ey);

those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer, especially Doug, Kevin, and Kim; Bill; Marga; Doug, Jodi; Chris; Mary; Wesley; Brook; Michael; Krystal, Mekail, and Karleigh; Melissa, Justin, and Matthew; Eileen; Sharon; Sharyn; Jim; Tina; Kevin; Mark and Kim; Alex and Carolyn; Jan; Matt; Schuyler "Pete;" Sherry; Helen; Bleu; Julia and family; Mary and family; Julie and family; Howie; Whayne and Dana; Kristopher; the Beattie family; Kevin; Jim and Mary; Chuck; Judy; Lilah, Aishah, Yusuf, and family; Phil and Ann; Troy; Berniece; Maurissa; Carol; Suzy; Beth; Jerry; Jack; Julane; Nancy; Kason; Scott; Jens; Rivka; Marlene; Tammy; Derrek and Ruth;

and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for our family and friends in the armed forces, especially Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, and Kim.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Barbara Valmassei, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the
power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Announcements

St. Mary's Vestry meeting will be today at 11:30 AM on Zoom.

Lenten Program: You are invited to our joint Lenten program on Wednesday nights in
Lent from 7:00 -8:00 pm, through March 24. We gather on Zoom. The Zoom link is the
same as the link for services and is posted on the parish websites. Each week we will pray
Compline (a night prayer) and have conversation about Living Compass' book *Living Well
Through Lent 2021: Listening with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. You are
welcome to join us whether or not you are reading the book.

Invitation to Contribute to Triduum Service: The Revs. Jodi Baron (Manistee and Beulah), Jim Perra (Traverse City), and Radha are creating a collaborative pre-recorded Triduum service for the Northern Region. We will use these online services for our celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. More information about how we will gather for Holy Week and Easter will come soon.

You are invited to contribute photos and videos to help us create these services!

We need:

- **Photos and videos of foot washing or hand washing.** You are welcome to stage a footwashing in your home, or wash your own feet or hands, or even wash the paws of a furry friend. Photos of past services at our churches are also welcome.
- **Photos and videos of kids ringing bells.** These will be used at the Great Alleluia during the Easter Vigil. Please have lights turned on for the photo or video.

All photos and videos need to be uploaded to the Google Drive folder (link is in The Ark) or emailed to Mtr. Radha at rector.cmec@gmail.com by March 15.

If you have an announcement you would like printed in the bulletin, please email it to rector.cmec@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE: March 8 – March 14		
Monday	Noon-2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's DME Open
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Noon-2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's DME Open
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE		
	Today	Next Sunday, March 14
Service	10:15 am	10:15 am
Lector	Mike Paulin	Betty Stolarek
Intercessor	Janie Shepherd-Worthington	Pat Foster
Music	Quiet Service	Quiet Service
LECTIONARY Next Week		
Fourth Sunday in Lent		
1 st Lesson Numbers 21:4-9 Response: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22		
2 nd Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 Gospel: John 3:14-21		
St Mary's Monthly Worship Format		
Our services take place on Zoom at 10:15 am each Sunday.		
1 st and 2 nd Sunday – Morning Prayer		
3 rd Sunday – Holy Eucharist with distribution of communion in the parking lot at St. Mary's		
4 th Sunday – Holy Eucharist with distribution of communion in the parking lot at St. Andrew's		
5 th Sunday – Morning Prayer		

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