



Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn *All stand as able.* *The God of Abraham praise, Hymnal, #401*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The celebrant prays the collect for purity.

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Bulletin Insert

Celebrant The Lord 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

Genesis 15:1-12,

17-18

After the reading: **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 27

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

After the reading: Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn *All stand as able.*

Thy Word, St. Mary's Songbook, p.114

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Before the Gospel:

Celebrant Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Rev. Linnea Stifler

The Nicene Creed *Said in unison, all standing 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Lord God, you gather us to you as your children and bid us this Lent to repent and turn to you. Hear our cries for mercy and turn our hearts of stone toward you as we pray, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Give us a heart for your church, give us ears that hear your call to worship and open our minds to the power of our parish community. Make your church a place of welcome, refuge, and relentless love. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St. Jude's, Fenton - Susan, Priest-in-Charge; Grace Church, Grand Rapids – Anne, 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 dioceses 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 dioceses 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 Shed your grace on those who govern and lead in every nation, state, city, and community. Turn those who have authority away from self-interest and toward the imperative of service and mercy. *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. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Strengthen the persecuted, comfort the oppressed, inspire those who chafe against injustice and cruelty that we might bring your kingdom goals of justice and mercy into the here and now. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Restore those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Uphold the ill with your healing grace. Especially we pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer J.P., Maija, Rick, Jeremy & family, Sharon, Janet, Tammy, Renee, Delcine; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Betty, Chris, Angie, Donna, Marty, Dawn, Doug, Juanita, Tom, Merrelyn, Chuck, Craig, Kathy, Mike, Austin & Family, Aunt Jan, Rob, Blanca & Rene, Liz; 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 Give to the departed eternal rest and the joy of your kingdom's light and life. Secure the grieving in the knowledge of your unending love, and unite us at last when we dwell with you in eternal life. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers and petitions to you, secure in the knowledge of your willingness to hear us and your delight when we do so. Grant our prayers to our benefit and always to your glory. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

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 each other in the name of the Lord.*

The Lord's Prayer *said in unison*

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.

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

And now o father mindful of the love, Hymnal, #337

Prayer after Communion

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.

Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

The Blessing

All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Recessional Hymn

The glory of these forty days, Hymnal, #143

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The LORD
is my LIGHT
& my SALVATION
So why should I
be afraid?
Psalm 27:1



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