



Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #401, v1-3

Opening Sentence

Officiant Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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 body or in spirit, in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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. Alleluia.

Antiphon

All The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him

The Venite

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm: Psalm 27

Bulletin Insert

After the Psalm:

All **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

Bulletin Insert

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

First Canticle

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise

All **Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

Second Canticle

Canticle 17, The Song of Simeon

All Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
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.

Third Reading

Luke 13:31-35

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

Reflection *The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily, or reading of a text.*

The Apostles' Creed

Said by all, standing as able.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ,
 God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers *The people stand or kneel as able.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 **Show us your mercy, O Lord;**

People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant **Clothe your ministers with righteousness;**

People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant **Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;**

People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant **Lord, keep this nation under your care;**

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant **Let your way be known upon earth;**

People Your 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

Bulletin Insert

Hymn at the Prayers

Hymnal #158, v1-3

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; Fred, our mayor. *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. 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 those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Maija, Rick, Jeremy & family, Sharon, Janet, Tammy, Renee, Delcine; 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 General Thanksgiving *Said in unison*

BCP p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

For a Birthday

BCP, 830, #50

For an Anniversary

BCP, 431, first prayer

Travelers

BCP 831, #53

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #145, v1-3

Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21

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



Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes
1815 Hall St SE #200, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 319-2006 | www.edwm.org

The Rev. Nurya Parish
Canon for the Northern Collaborative
nparish@edwm.org

Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant
www.cmecovenant.org

The Rev. Radhajyoti (Radha) Kaminski,
Rector
rector.cmec@gmail.com
(352) 727-8927

Tara Lee, Covenant Administrator

Covenant Council
Pat Foster, 2028
Paul Martin, 2028
Jim Pals, 2027
Isabel Kempton, 2027
Eileen Patterson, 2026
Karen Peters, 2026
Dawn Paulin – *Treasurer*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
323 S. State St., Big Rapids, MI 49307
standrewsbr@gmail.com
(231) 598-9032
www.standrewsbr.com

The Rev. Robert Garrels
Director of Music
boogiebob40@hotmail.com

St. Andrew's Vestry
Anne Stanton – *Clerk*, 2028
Margaret Gingrich, 2028
Eileen Patterson, 2027
Paul Martin – *Junior Warden*, 2026
Jodi Gabert – *Senior Warden*, 2026
,Treasurer

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
815 Lincoln St., Cadillac, MI 49601
stmaryscadillac@gmail.com
(231) 775-9641
www.stmaryscadillac.org

St. Mary's Vestry
Mary Pals – *Junior Warden*, 2028
Nancy Foster, 2028
Jim Williams – *Senior Warden*, 2027
Diane Wilson – *Clerk*, 2027
Jerry Hoekwater, 2026
Dawn Paulin – *Treasurer*

In case of an emergency need for pastoral care call: Mtr. Radha Kaminski 352-727-8927