

St. John's Episcopal Church – Old Town Saginaw, MI  
Evening Devotions  
September 12, 2021 | 6pm

**The Angelus: A Memorial of the Incarnation**

The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,  
*and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.  
*Be it unto me according to thy word.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

The Word was made flesh  
*And dwelt among us.*

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Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;  
*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Lesson*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." *Mark 8:27-38*

### *Reflection*

#### *Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others*

In the St. John's family, we pray for Dan, Dennis, Ron, Anna, Sam, Virginia, Emma, Ferris, William, Karen, Bill, Al & Jane, Sharon, Ted, and all our ministries: the Vestry, the altar guild, buildings and grounds, our children's, youth, and family ministries, the choir, the Shared Ministries Development Team, the finance team, for Al, Amy, Kevin, Rev. Pam, and Fr. Curt.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Estella Garber, Norm Wika, and Todd Barshaw.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, especially.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and Skip our Assisting Bishop.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember today the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Alban's, Bay City - Nancy Mayhew, Priest-in-Charge and St. John's, Fremont - Kris Carpenter, Senior Warden.

Locally we pray for our fellow Episcopalians at St. Matthew's and St. Paul's, as well as our partners with Interfaith Saginaw.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A LITANY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*When one has access to a church or chapel where the Sacrament is reserved, it is a good thing to make a point of stopping from time to time to pray in the presence of the Sacrament. God's presence fills the whole earth, and Jesus' promise to be with us always transcends even the grace of the Sacraments, but most of us find that a focus on the Blessed Sacrament may be a helpful reminder. Time spent in contemplation of the Presence will leave one more ready to recognize the hand of God in all places and the image of God in all people. Intercessory prayer, in particular, takes on a special light as we pray for the dispersed Body of Christ in his Church in the immediate presence of the concentrated Body of Christ in the Sacrament.*

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.

***O Christ, graciously hear us.***

God the Father,

***have mercy on us.***

God the Son,

***have mercy on us.***

God the Holy Spirit,

***have mercy on us.***

Holy Trinity, One God,

***have mercy on us.***

Blessed Jesus, Word of God Incarnate,

***I worship you.***

Blessed Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,

***I worship you.***

Jesus, whom the heavens cannot contain, yet present on the Altar,

***I worship you.***

Jesus, adored by the heavenly hosts, yet ready to hear our prayers,

***I worship you.***

Jesus, veiling your glory that we may come close to you,  
*I worship you.*

Jesus, both priest and sacrifice,  
*I worship you.*

Living Bread, that whoever eats will live forever,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, manna in the wilderness,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, broken bread that feeds the multitude,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, bread that comes down out of heaven,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, bread that gives life to the world,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, the good shepherd, who laid down your life for your sheep,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, giving your own Body and Blood to be our food,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

Jesus, revealed in the breaking of the bread,  
*evermore give us this bread.*

From measuring your omnipotence and grace by our weak understanding,  
*save us and help us.*

From doubts, distractions, and irreverence,  
*save us and help us.*

From unworthy and unfruitful receiving,  
*save us and help us.*

From hardness of heart and ingratitude,  
*save us and help us.*

From all lack of charity and refusing to welcome others as you have welcomed us,  
*save us and help us.*

Hear us, Lord, and grant that we may know your presence,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may acknowledge our dependence on you,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may seek to know and do your will,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may recognize and give thanks for every blessing you give us,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may come to you in repentance for the wrongs we have done,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may approach this ineffable mystery in perfect charity with all,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may be made ready to lead a new life,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may walk in the way of your commandments,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That receiving this great gift we may grow in gratitude and trust,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That the wounded may find healing, the despondent, hope, and the fearful, courage,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That we may see your image in one another,  
*hear us, Lord.*

That as we adore you here, we may hereafter be ready to stand in your presence,  
*hear us, Lord.*

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
*have mercy on us.*

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
*have mercy on us.*

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
*grant us your peace.*

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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