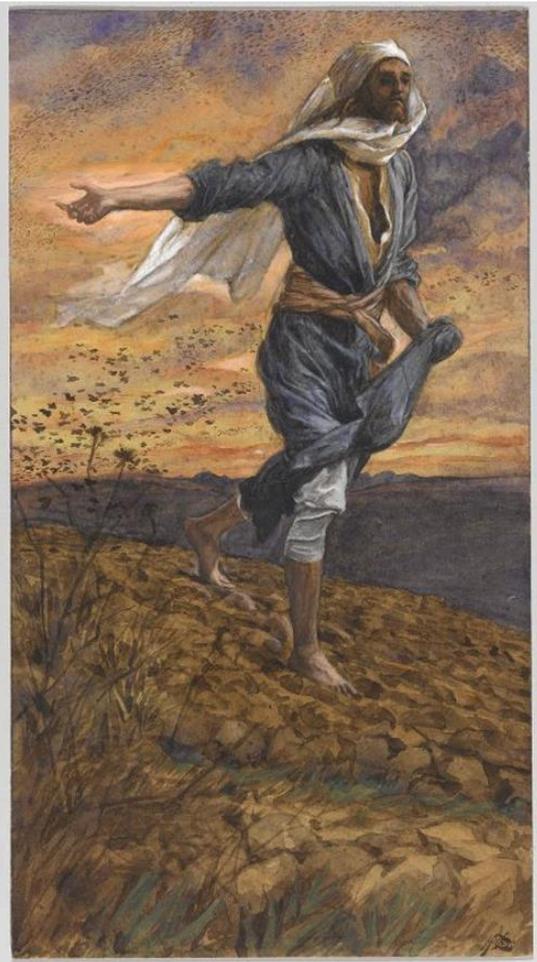


Parish of Mississippi Lake

Christ Church Ashton, St John's Innisville,
St James Franktown, and St James Carleton Place,
with St Bede's Nolan's Corners

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



Officiant: Sylvia Giles, St James Carleton Place
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Mary Ellen Berry
Reader: Sheila James, St James Carleton Place
Prayers: Tom Gardiner, St John's Innisville
Musician: Ian Guenette, St James Carleton Place
Online Host: The Reverend Rosemary Parker

**All are invited to join us for the Service on Zoom!
Join around 8:45 AM, and leave your microphone muted.
Use Meeting ID: 826 6477 8167 or use the link in the *Staying Connected* email we sent on Friday. Also, remember to have your Candle and Prayer Space ready for worship!**

Prelude

We are live-streaming today from the traditional territory of the Algonquin people. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace. For those who maybe be watching this from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.

The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Preparation for Worship

Everyone is invited to light their candles at this time.

God, our light and salvation, in your name, we light these candles.
May they remind us of the beauty and truth of your love.
And may our hearts be open to the light of Christ,
and the movement of the Spirit.

God, in your mercy, let there be light.

Act of Praise: You Are Salt for the Earth (CP 502)

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
Grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people
Bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 25: 19-34

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am

famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119: 105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgements.

I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgements.

My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen.

Gradual: Adoremus Te Jesu Christe (CP 338, sung 3 times)

Adoremus te Jesu Christe, alleluia, alleluia!
Et laudemus te Jesu Christe, et laudemus te, alleluia!

English:

Let us praise your name, God our Saviour, Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise and bless your name, God our Saviour,
praise and bless your name, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the

word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Musical Meditation

Intercessions and Prayers

Leader: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation, with the words **"For your mercy is great"**.

God of life, send your Word to dwell in our hearts. Give the people of your Church compassionate wisdom to carry your Word to those who long for hope and peace. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Bishop William Cliff, the clergy, and people of the Diocese of Brandon. In our Diocese we pray for the Staff of our Diocese Office: The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, The Venerable Linda Hill, The Revd. Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs, Sanjay Grover, Carol Sinclair, Jane Scanlon, Heidi Pizzuto, Joyce Couvrette, Lilian Asiimwe, Heidi Fawcett, Bill Gilbert, Michael McCaugherty, Kiran T Otto, Sandra Purdy, and Glenn Lockwood. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Send your Spirit to hover over the earth and the seas. Enrich the soil and purify the water that will make the seeds of the earth flourish. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Send your peace to reign over the nations. Orchestrate creative and fervent dialogue between nations that otherwise struggle to co-exist. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Send your grace amid despair. Scatter your goodness among those who suffer with pain and illness. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Send your wisdom to a confused world. Ignite the flame of learning and understanding in all people that the gifts you give can develop and be used. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Send the promise of life to those who live in fear of death. Plant in us the hope of the saints who have gone before us in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body.
Let us pursue all that makes for peace, and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Now, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

As we begin our week,
Give us your peace.
As we pause this morning,
Give us your peace.
As we do the work you have given us to do,
Give us your peace.
For all places of need in this world,
Give us your peace.
In trusting you, O God, to care for your children,
Give us your peace.
As we seek wholeness,
Give us your peace.
As we reflect on your presence,
Let us be peace for others.

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (CP 425)

All can snuff their candle during the hymn, to mark the end of worship.

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Postlude

Coffee Hour - Join us on Zoom using this Meeting ID: (826 6477 8167)
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