

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 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Officiant: The Reverend Canon Mary Ellen Berry
Preacher: The Reverend Rosemary Parker
Reader: Roger O'Connor, Christ Church Ashton
Prayers: Beth McKibbin, St James Carleton Place
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# 873 8802 5656 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: Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore (CP 328)

Lo, God is here! Let us adore
and own how awesome is this place;
let all within us feel God's power
and bow before the hidden face.
Redeeming Lord, your grace we prove,
serve you with awe, with reverence love.

Lo, God is here! Both day and night
united choirs of angels sing;
to God, enthroned above all height,
heaven's host their noblest praises bring;
disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,
who praise you with a stammering tongue.

Being of beings, may our praise
your courts with grateful fragrance fill;
still may we stand before your face,
still hear and do your sovereign will;
to you may all our thoughts arise,
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 28: 10-19a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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: 24-30, 36-43

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.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the

wheat into my barn." Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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" after "Hear us, O God".

Leader: Everlasting God, your mercy extends far beyond our scope of vision. Encourage your people to bear mercy to those we might tend to overlook. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Your care provides for those most in need. Make grain to sprout forth in the midst of famine, and let the earth flourish in hostile environments. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Your love breaks the thickest barriers. Breathe new life into suffering relationships, and deliver hope to those who have long ago lost any hope. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Your wholeness covers all the nations. Hear the cries of those who lack health care, and those who struggle with any illness. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Your promise is secured for all people in Christ. Turn our hearts, that all may look beyond themselves in service to one another. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, Indigenous Bishop Sid Black, the clergy, and people of the Diocese of Calgary. In our own Diocese we pray for Good Shepherd, Wakefield; Holy Trinity, Lascelles; St. Mary Magdalen, Chelsea – The Revd. Jeannie Loughrey and The Revd. Cathy Davis; For the Area Parish of Mississippi Lake: St. James, Carleton Place; St. James, Franktown; St. John's, Innisville; Christ Church, Ashton and St. Bede's, Nolan Corners – The Venerable Brian Kauk, The Rev. Rosemary Parker and The Revd. Canon Mary Ellen Berry. Hear us, O God...

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: Your life is given to all the saints. May we remember their witness to your righteousness as we walk through this life. 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 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: God of Grace and God of Glory (CP 577)

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness.
Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be.
armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Postlude

Coffee Hour - Join us on Zoom using this Meeting ID (873 8802 5656)
or the link included in Friday's *Staying Connected* email!

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